

CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS

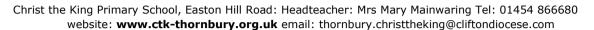
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Sunday 6th March 2022

YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: First Sunday of Lent; Cycle of Readings Year C; Weekday Cycle Year 2)

Saturday 5th March	First Sunday of Lent	Mass: 17.00 (HC)	
Sunday 6th March	First Sunday of Lent	Mass: 09.30 (CTK)	Bernard Fox
Sunday 6th March	First Sunday of Lent	Mass: 10.30 (CTK)	Tommy Dolan+(Anniv)
Monday 7th March	Weekday of Lent		
Tuesday 8th March	Weekday of Lent	Mass: 10.00 (CTK)	
Wednesday 9th March	Weekday of Lent	Mass: 10.00 (CTK)	
Thursday 10th March	Weekday of Lent	Mass: 09.15 (HC)	
Friday 11th March	Weekday of Lent	Mass: 10.00 (CTK)	Gemma Lavery+
Saturday 12th March	Second Sunday of Lent	Mass: 17.00 (HC)	
Sunday 13th March	Second Sunday of Lent	Mass: 09.30 (CTK)	Gemma Lavery+
Sunday 13th March	Second Sunday of Lent	Mass: 10.30 (CTK)	Special Intentions
	(CTK) = CHRIST THE KING	(HC) = HOLY CROSS	

Diocesan Prayer League: St Mary Bath

Mass Book: Year C Volume 1: Page 153
Preface I of Lent: The spiritual meaning of Lent: Page 70

Christ the King Church is open each day for private prayer **10am to 5pm**.

The unprovoked and murderous assault on an innocent people, reminiscent of Hitler in the nineteen-thirties and early forties, has once again brought war to the lands of Europe. The deliberate destruction of towns and cities, the sight of vulnerable men, women and children forced to flee the fighting in a mass exodus or to find some kind of safety underground while forces of evil run rampant is heart-breaking to witness.

As Putin and his henchmen continue their bombardment and reign of terror, set to become worse before it gets better, we think of Christ hanging on the Cross. Today, hanging there with him, are the People of Ukraine. Standing helplessly by at the foot of that Cross, we stand with Mary, his Mother, Mary of Magdala and Saint John. 'What can we do to help?' is the question on our lips and asked by so many – easy to ask but not so easy to answer. There are ways and it is up to us to find them.

Saint Paul reassures us that God can bring good out of every situation no matter how dire. If any good is coming out of what we are witnessing right now, it is the overwhelming tide of kindness and compassion for those whose lives are being torn apart. This is in direct contrast to the brutal callousness of the perpetrators of these crimes against humanity who will pay for their crimes in one way or another. Humanity the world over is uniting as never before in confronting aggression. Retaliating with like for like only makes matters worse. When humanity acts as one in powerful yet peaceful means, the effect is far greater than the worst of evils. Let us continue to pray for and stand as One with the People of Ukraine.

Fr George





Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent 10.30 after Mass



Confirmation 2022

If you or your child are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this summer, you are invited to attend a short meeting on Sunday 6th March 2022 at 11.30 in the parlour.

CAFOD Family Fast Day 2022

This Family Fast Day, we see families affected by the terrible war in Ukraine and we pray for everyone's safety. Around the world, war and suffering is part of daily life for children and families. This Lent, CAFOD tells the story of a family in Sierra Leone, which has also known war and suffering. Five years ago, a girl called Lombeh was born in Sierra Leone, one of the poorest countries in the world. She was tiny and she wasn't growing. Some people thought she wouldn't live. It was a difficult time in Sierra Leone, as the country

was still dealing with the Ebola virus. Her mother, Amie, was very worried. But she found out about a local clinic supported by CAFOD. There, she met Sister Anthonia, an expert in mother and child health. Sister Anthonia could see that Lombeh was very sick and was not



getting the right food to grow. So, in a small act of love, Sister Anthonia showed Amie how to make a rich, healthy sesame seed paste to feed her. Within a few weeks, Lombeh got better and began to grow. Now she is five years old, healthy and strong, and Amie teaches other new mothers to make the sesame paste, helping their babies get the food they need. But millions of other families are struggling. The climate crisis is making it harder to find healthy food around the world. And coronavirus has made things much worse for many people. For these families, a small act of love from you can reach around the world to make a big difference. Eat a simple meal this Family Fast Day on Friday 11th March and the money you save can help fight poverty and hunger. It can train parents on new ways of farming as our climate changes. And your donation can support local experts like Sister Anthonia share life-saving information.

There are many ways to give. If you take a Fast Day envelope, please return it with your donation next Sunday or at any point in March. The envelope enables you to make a one-off donation or set up a direct debit to give regularly. And remember if you are you are a UK taxpayer you can Gift Aid your donation, which means that CAFOD get an extra 25p from the government for every pound you donate. The new Dona system in the entrance is set up to take Fast Day payments to CAFOD but please note that you will not be able to attach Gift Aid. You can also give on the CAFOD website. Thank you for all your small acts of love towards our sisters and brothers around the world. Let us keep families in Sierra Leone and in Ukraine in our prayers.

CAFOD's Lent Challenge - Walk Against Hunger



Jean has started her Lenten challenge to walk 200km, or 5km a day, to take action to support CAFOD's work helping children who

are suffering from malnutrition. If you would like to sponsor her, go to the page https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walkagainst-hunger580 or search for Jean Wallis on the Just Giving website. If you would like to take up this challenge yourself, more details may be found at: cafod.org.uk/walk, and if you'd like to walk together on 26th March, let us know on 419439.

Ukraine - CAFOD

In response to the Ukraine crisis, CAFOD has set up an urgent humanitarian appeal. Their sister organisation, Caritas Ukraine, and the Caritas agencies in neighbouring countries, are already helping people affected by the conflict. Caritas Ukraine has 19 centres across the country, and they have been responding to the conflict in eastern Ukraine since 2014. They run centres to support displaced families and provide transport to people in need. The Caritas agencies in neighbouring countries are all supporting people who have fled Ukraine. To donate to the appeal, please go to the front page of the CAFOD website: www.cafod.org.uk

Lent

Follow CAFOD's interactive Lent calendar or receive daily reflections in your inbox at https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lentprayers

200 Club

February Draw: 1st Paul Wood £200; 2nd John Quinn £40

St Mary's Church Wotton-Under-Edge

LENT LUNCH

At St Mary's Church on Friday 11th March from 12-2pm



bread, followed by tea / coffee & cake. There will also be a raffle

Proceeds will go to The Red Cross for

CTiWotton talks for Lent on Wednesday evenings. **Christians and the Climate Crisis**



Lent Lectures

Every Wednesday during Lent 7.30pm at The Baptist Church



Christians and the Climate Crisis

Rev Dr Cate Williams

Environmental Engagement Officer in Glaucester Diocese Imagining and creating a new Green future

16th March

Prof Patricia Broadfoot CBE
National Trustee CPRE and Chair CPRE Gloucestershire
Our God given home: Christians and the Countryside

23rd March Alex Avard

Tearfund Action Team How Climate change affects the world's poor and what we can do to care for them

Kevin Durrant Minister of Keynsham Baptist Church

Going Green in the Local Church

Rev Noel Sharp Methodist Minister, convenor of Bristol Methodist Synod Eco

ing the movement, changing structures, engaging with

To access the lectures, live, via Zoom please use the following: ImmediateDooks.com.udj@0019385089.vud-REIET citeTRBBEHAX.0009780JB07200

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Forthcoming Second/Retiring Collections

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: 13th March; Holy Places 15th April.

Church Cleaning Rota

Monday 7th March: Judith & Chris Hurford.

6th April

Monday 14th March & 21st March: Joan Brown & Flo Jamieson.

Monday 28th March & Monday 4th April: Maureen Gilroy & Karen Byrne.

Reading Rota 2022

Date		09.30 Mass	10.30 Mass
6th March	1st Sunday of Lent	C Hurford	J Gunthorpe
13th March	2nd Sunday of Lent	G Hunter	M Wallis
20th March	3rd Sunday of Lent	B Jamieson	G Cullimore
27th March	4th Sunday of Lent	K Byrne	Batt Family

Sunday Coffee Rota

Date			
6th March	No Coffee		
13th March	Maria Teale	Delia Rees	
20th March	Sue Emm	Jean Wallis	
27th March	Maureen Gilroy	Maureen Cullimore	

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace:

Holy Cross: Frances Heaven, Fr Mike Newman SDS.

Christ the King: Gerard Darwell, Mary Dawson, Doris Philpott, Tony Bryce, Frank Sebach, Ria Williams, Fr Mike Newman SDS.

A Lenten Challenge

