



CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS



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YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: Third Sunday of Easter (Cycle of Readings Year B; Weekday Cycle Year 2)

Saturday 13th April

Third Sunday of Easter

Mass: 17.00 (HC) Ray Garthwaite +

Sunday 14th April

Third Sunday of Easter

Mass: 09.00 (CTK) Michael Casey +

Sunday 14th April

Third Sunday of Easter

Mass: 10.30 (CTK) Mario & Carrie Sidoli

Monday 15th April

Weekday of Easter

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Tuesday 16th April

Weekday of Easter

Mass: 10.00 (CTK) Donald Henderson +

Wednesday 17th April

Weekday of Easter

Mass: 10.00 (CTK) Patrick Jacobs +

Thursday 18th April

Weekday of Easter

Mass: 09.15 (HC) Dermot Fitzpatrick +

Friday 19th April

St Alphege

Mass: 10.00 (CTK) Ann Fox

Saturday 20th April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass: 17.00 (HC) John Rebello

Sunday 21st April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass: 09.00 (CTK) Thomas & Alice O'Neill + (Anniv)

Sunday 21st April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass: 10.30 (CTK) Dermot Fitzpatrick +

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Holy Hour: Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament –Thursday 10.30-11.30

Diocesan Prayer League: Religious communities in the Diocese

Mass Book: Year B Volume 1: Page 262 (Third Sunday of Easter)

Christ the King Church is open most days for private prayer from **10am to 5pm**.

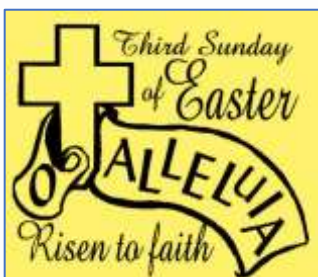
We stand as One with the

People of Ukraine



John 24:35-48

So you see how it was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.



Reflection

The Resurrection of Jesus is an event which no one witnessed. As far as we are aware, based on the Scripture teachings, no one saw what actually took place. All they were confronted with was an empty tomb. But far more important are the post Resurrection appearances of Jesus to various people like Mary Magdalene and the Apostles – people who held him dear. Today's Gospel reading recalls one such event when Jesus came and stood among them. St John tells us that "their joy was so great that they could not believe it." Recognising their distress, Jesus wanted to appear as normal as possible by eating grilled fish before their very eyes. After this, he showed them his wounds, thereby demonstrating He was real flesh and blood and not a figment of their imagination.

In a similar way, with God's grace, let us be the feet, hands, eyes and ears of Jesus, bringing the power of the Resurrection to those open to receive it. By doing this, we too become an Easter people – proud to be at the service of our Risen Lord.



Fairtrade – the next stall will be after Masses on Sunday 21st April.

Live Simply - A seed swap will be held after CTK masses on each of the Sundays in April. Please bring along any spare veg or flower seeds for donation or exchange

and, if you have none, do stop anyway to try something different in your garden!

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 13th April

Reading Rota

13th April - Jane Parker
20th April - Victoria Fowler
27th April - Hazel Vaughan



Christian Aid Week (12-18 May)

There will be a pop-up shop at the Baptist Church from Monday, 13 May to Wednesday, 15 May, 9am - 4pm (Monday only) & 9am to 2pm Tuesday and Wednesday. We will be looking for

donations of books, jigsaws, gifts, nearly new clothes, bags and accessories, usable art and craft supplies, and plants. We are also asking for donations of soup and cakes. More information from your church's Christian Aid rep, or if you have items to donate, and no rep, please contact Alison Sutton on 01453 843224.



Parish Pastoral Council AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at **Christ the King on Thursday 25 April 2024 at 7.00pm**. Reports, minutes of the last meeting and background papers are available on the [Pastoral Council web page](#) and some paper copies will be available at the meeting. Should any parishioner wish to raise an issue for the AGM then please contact the Parish Office **on or before 20 April**.



Easter: a time for new beginnings

During this Easter season, we read extracts from the "Acts of the Apostles" in our First Reading at all Masses. The "Acts of the Apostles" tell us about the very first Christians, the Early Church of God that were witnesses to the Resurrection of Jesus. For the people

back then, this time was a time for new beginnings; a time for women and men to take stock and to recognise and realise what was truly important, and what perhaps had a lesser value. Led now by St Peter, the Apostles guided the Early Church in all aspects of Faith and Community Life. In today's First Reading, St Peter speaks up for all to "*repent and turn to God*".

We too can begin again. We too can work towards those things that are of value. Through the resurrection of Jesus, God sets out a new way of life, a new grace and power by which we can live. This Easter, as we look to a new future, we pray that we may embrace the Easter message of salvation, with all our hearts. Jesus Christ is Risen today, and every day. We rejoice and are glad. Alleluia. Alleluia!



Food Bank

The April list of requested items may be found at the back of church. Thank you for all your recent donations.

Bowling Woods

If anyone knows of the availability of a set of small bowling woods, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

Peace Vigil

There will be a silent vigil for peace in Thornbury High Street (near Tessoro Lounge) on **Saturday 20 April between 10.30 and 11.00 am**.



Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night 19.00 Friday 3rd May
Quiz Night.....19.30 Wednesday 17th April

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Noel Keane SDS, previously Parish Priest at Christ The King, who died sadly on Monday, the 8th of April at Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow. Father Noel will be received into the church at St Joseph's, Wealdstone, at 7pm on Monday 29th April, and a Requiem Mass will be celebrated at **12pm on Tuesday 30th April**. We pray for Fr Noel, his family, and the Salvatorian Community at this time.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all our Parishioners who are ill, or in hospital or housebound and in particular Len Jacobs, Les Watson and Barbara Drewitt.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace: Fr Desmond Cantwell SDS, Wilfred Bruce, William Baker, Jean Bedford, Hetty Hennessey, Tony Wilkinson, Mary Ann Boyd, John Fitzgerald Sr., Ruth Davies, Denis Moseley, Daniel McFarland, Eileen Ada Whitmore, Therese Rivalland, Gladys Huggins, Mark Chaplin, John Davidson, Maryse Hope Croucher, Kathleen Ford, Mary Harrison.

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9.00 Reader	10.30 Reader 1	Reader 2	Collectors	Music
14th April	N McCarthy	J Dennis	G Cullimore	M & J Wallis	Choir
21st April	K Byrne	A McAllister	K Parkinson	P & L Morrissey	Folk Group

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Monday 15th April: J & C Hurford
Monday 22nd & 29th April: J Brown & F Jamieson

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 14th April: M Scott
Sunday 21st April: M Stephens

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

April 14th: 9.00 M O'Leary 10.30 B Hetherton
April 21st: 9.00 K Gill 10.30 L Emm

Children's Liturgy (Little Church)

The next Children's Liturgy (Little Church) will take place during the 10.30am Mass at CTK on **Sunday 21st April**.



Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

During April 2024, the monthly prayer intention from Pope Francis is:

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. "In theory, we all agree that men and women have the same dignity as persons. But this does not play out in practice" he noted.

Video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMUs5H_pVFU

"The Eucharist: a bond of love which can never be undone."

Saturday 8 June at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol, is an opportunity to deepen our understanding and love for the Eucharist as we grow in our desire to be a people of communion, participating together as the Body of Christ so that we may be the Body of Christ to the world. Fr Michael McAndrew will lead in reflections and conversations. The day will include a time of prayerful Adoration with words, music, and silence. Refreshments will be available from 9.30am. Attendees are asked to bring a packed lunch. We will finish by 4pm.

Please see the Clifton Diocese website for further details and how to register for the day. <https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk/>.

Thank you!

A bank transfer of **£450.00** has been made this week to the Salvatorian Missions from the proceeds of the Sunday Coffee money collected during 2023 after the 10.30am Mass. Thank you!