



CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

Priest in Residence: Father Frank Waters, SDS
Deacons: Reverend Kingsley Fulbrook & Reverend Lawrence McCarthy
11 Castle Street, Thornbury, Bristol, BS35 1HA
15 Old Town, Wotton-under-Edge Gloucestershire, GL12 7DH
Telephone: 01454 412223 (Office)



Christ the King Primary School, Easton Hill Road: Headteacher: Mrs Mary Mainwaring Tel: 01454 866680
website: www.ckandholycross.org.uk
email: thornbury.christtheking@cliftondiocese.com

CLIFTON DIOCESE (a Company Limited by Guarantee registered in England and Wales under number 10462076. A registered charity number 1170168.
Registered Office: St Ambrose North Road Leigh Woods Bristol BS8 3PW Salvatorian Trustees Registered Charity No 231410

Sunday 23rd February 2025

YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle of Readings Year C; Weekday Cycle Year 1)

<u>Saturday 22nd February</u>	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 23rd February</u>	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Nicole Linehan (Sick)
<u>Sunday 23rd February</u>	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) People of Morogoro
<u>Monday 24th February</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	--- --- ---
<u>Tuesday 25th February</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	W&C: 10.00 (CTK)
<u>Wednesday 26th February</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	W&C: 10.00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 27th February</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	W&C: 09.15 (HC)
<u>Friday 28th February</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	W&C: 10.00 (CTK)
<u>Saturday 1st March</u>	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 2nd March</u>	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:00 (CTK)
<u>Sunday 2nd March</u>	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Nicholas Clarke (+)

(CTK) = CHRIST THE KING (HC) = HOLY CROSS

Holy Hour: Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament –Thursday 10.30-11.30
Diocesan Prayer League: Salisbury Parishes

Mass Book: Year C Volume 1:
Page 141 (Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Christ the King Church is open most days for private prayer from **10am to 4pm**

Today's Gospel: Luke 6:27, 27-38

Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.



Bishop Lazarus - We extend a very warm welcome back to Bishop Lazarus Msimbe SDS this weekend. Father Lazarus was Parish Priest for Christ The King and Holy Cross for a number of years until the autumn of 2016; he returns to us this weekend as the Bishop of Morogoro in Tanzania. We very much welcome his return and look forward to celebrating Masses with him at both Churches. After the 5.00pm Holy Cross Mass on Saturday, parishioners are invited to join him for tea and coffee in the Upper Room. After the 10:30 Mass on Sunday at CTK ALL parishioners are invited into the hall for a communal get together with him. Bishop Lazarus is very keen to see old friends and meet new parishioners. Tea and coffee will be available and we would ask attendees to please bring a plate of something sweet or savoury so that we can have a shared finger buffet. It will be a wonderful occasion for all of us. After all Masses this weekend there will be a retiring collection for Bishop Lazarus' intentions. Bishop Lazarus will also be celebrating Mass at CTK School on the Monday, to which Parishioners are also invited. "Karibu Nyumbani!" ("Welcome Home!").

Pope Francis – we keep our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in our prayers at this time as he continues his stay in hospital. May God be with him and be with those who are caring for him. Pope Francis is grateful for all our prayers.
"Thank you for the affection, prayer and closeness with which you accompany me in these days" (Pope Francis on social media).

Live Stream: As a reminder the Sunday 9.00am and 10.30am Masses at Christ The King are available on Live Stream for those unable to attend in person: [Live Services – Christ The King & Holy Cross](#)



The Lenten soup lunch will be on **Friday 14th March, Fast Day, at 12:30** in the lounge. Do come along for a simple lunch and a chance to hear some background to this year's lent appeal and CAFOD's wider work.

World Day of Prayer 7th March

The World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical organisation that enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all over the world. This year, the service, to be celebrated in 120 countries, has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands, with the theme 'I Made You Wonderful'. In Thornbury, the service will be held in **St. Mary's church, on Friday, 7th March at 7:30pm**. All are welcome.



Pope Francis – Monthly Prayer Intentions – Feb 2025
For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Lent Soup Lunches (Thornbury Churches Together) Instead of Lent Groups – three soup lunches will be served at St Mary's Church Hall on 9th, 16th and 23rd of March 12 for 12:30pm. **Volunteers from CTK needed for the 16th of March.**

Redundant Mass books

Some parishioners still hold copies of the older version of the Mass books. If they are no longer wanted, then please leave them in the Repository (or for Holy Cross parishioners please give them to the deacon) and we shall box them up for the missions. If you have any other religious books such as bibles or missals, then provided they are in good condition, we can send them off, too. All by the end of March, please.

The cleaning team needs your help!

Currently we have five cleaning teams but one of the teams is now a member short and as a result we would be grateful for help from parishioners who may be able to help us out for an hour or so every eight weeks.

We work in teams of two or three for two weeks at a time and there's a list of tasks to work from. We choose times during the week that works best for everyone, and the work is shared among team members.

To find out more, please contact me by email on judith@hurford2.uk or by mobile on 07980 605 569 or speak to me after the 9.00am Mass on a Sunday. Thank you, Judith Hurford.

Events planned in Clifton Diocese for Holy Year 2025

In line with the Holy Year theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope', a walking pilgrimage is being planned from Worcester Cathedral to Clifton Cathedral for 22nd May to 28th May. Worcester is significant as the former see of one of our diocesan patrons, St Wulstun.

The stages of the Pilgrimage are Worcester, Newent, Gloucester, Stonehouse, Dursley, Yate and Clifton.

A small number of 'perpetual pilgrims' will walk the whole route, to be joined by other pilgrims from the parishes for specific days. A Family Event at Gloucester on Saturday 12th July and a Diocesan Day on Saturday 19th July are also being planned.



Jubilee of Deacons

As part of the Jubilee Year in Rome, the Jubilee of Deacons will be held from Fri Feb 21st – Sun 23rd. Members of the Permanent Diaconate, their families and friends will be meeting from across the world in Rome for this weekend. We pray for the Deacons of our Parish, Our Diocese and around the world that they may be instruments of Christ's loving service to our world. We pray too for those who may be discerning their own call to be part of the Permanent Diaconate.

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 8th March

Reading Rota

22nd February – Victoria Fowler
 1st March – Hazel Vaughan

Lent House Groups (CTiW)

To sign up, please get in contact with group leaders direct.

Mondays 9.30am: Kate Tutty Shepherds Leaze (on 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st Mar) stmaryschurchwarden@gmail.com 844371

Tuesday Mornings: Alison & Alan Jackson Old Town (Starting 11th March) alan.jackson1942@btinternet.com

Wednesdays 2.30pm: Roger and Shirley Wyse Bearlands (Starting 5th March) rjwyse@gmail.com

Wednesdays 8.00pm: Elizabeth Woodland Wotton Baptist Church (Starting 5th March) ewoodland@outlook.com

Thursdays 11.30am: Andy Wotton Baptist Church (Starting 6th March) Andy@wottonbaptist.org.uk 01453 844726

Thursdays 7.00pm: Arlene Hillsley (6th, 13th, 27th March, 3rd & 10th April) arlene@wottonbaptist.org.uk.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all our Parishioners who are ill, in hospital or housebound and Carrie Sidoli, Peter Bradshaw, Len Crayston, Eddie Murphy and Michael Setter.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace: Anna Looney, Peggy Wilmot, Kitty Bunce, Timothy Murphy, John Arundell, David Irwin Winifred Morris, Mary Harrison, Mary Lambe, Mary Fitzpatrick, Bridie Tattersall, Mary Hetherington, Grace Kerwin, Anne Gill, Jan Stanulewicz, Bernard O'Brien.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night..... 19.30 Wednesday 5th March
 Music Nights.....20.00 Sunday 23rd February

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Readers and Collectors please note that the new Rota for the period from Feb – Jul 2025 is now available on the Parish website: [here](#)

Date	9.00 Reader	10.30 Reader 1	Reader 2	Collectors	Music
23rd Feb	N McCarthy	K Parkinson	A McAllister	P & L Morrissey	Folk Group
2nd March	B Jamieson	A Collins	M Wallis	D & N Waters	Choir

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Monday 24th Feb & 3rd March: L Godding, N Maunder, S Evans

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 23rd February: S Emm & J Wallis
 Sunday 2nd March: S & D Nicholls

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

February 23rd: 9.00 K Gill 10.30 D Nicholls
 March 2nd: 9.00 T Fernandez 10.30 M Wallis



Gospel Reflection – "Love your enemies"

(Luke 6:27) - The teaching of Jesus in this weekend's Gospel challenges us to rethink our assumptions, much of it seeming to run counter to conventional wisdom. His words seem at odds with what we might consider common sense in everyday life.

And yet, when we consider that in so many parts of our world (and in our own lives) we are making such a hash of things, looking at things differently is precisely what is needed. There is a difference between "love" and "like"; there is also a difference between not condoning what is inappropriate behaviour and actions but looking for what is good within all people, no matter how difficult and latent that may seem. We pray today for all who are looking to bring peace to the troubled parts of our world, and we ask that they and those involved be open to the grace and truth which only faith in God and in God's word can truly bring.