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Sunday 16th March 2025

YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: Second Sunday of Lent (Cycle of Readings Year C; Weekday Cycle Year 1)

Saturday 15th March

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Sunday 16th March

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Bernard Fox +

Sunday 16th March

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Private Intention

Monday 17th March

Feast of St Patrick

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Tuesday 18th March

Weekday of Lent

Mass: 10.00 (CTK)

Wednesday 19th March

Solemnity of St Joseph

Mass: 10.00 (CTK) Peter Bentley + Donald Henderson +

Thursday 20th March

Weekday of Lent

Mass: 09:15 (HC)

Friday 21st March

Weekday of Lent

Mass: 10.00 (CTK) Michael Scoltock +

Saturday 22nd March

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Sunday 23rd March

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass: 09:00 (CTK)

Sunday 23rd March

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass: 10:30 (CTK)

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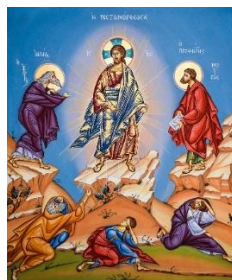
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Holy Hour: Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament –Thursday 10.30-11.30
Diocesan Prayer League: St Joseph, Stonehouse Annunciation, Woodchester

Mass Book: Year C Volume 1:

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



Today's Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered



Gospel Reflection - In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus is transfigured on the mountain. Peter, James and John are finally able to see him in his glory. It brings us joy when we see someone flourishing in life – someone who is able not just to meet their needs, but to thrive and to be filled with hope for the future. Today's gospel also reminds us to listen to the Son of God, who calls us to love one another, especially those who face such challenging situations. We think and pray for the communities to whom CAFOD's Annual Appeal this year will support; for those in the parts of our world where wars and injustice are

currently taking place, and for those nearer to home who we know are struggling to make ends meet. Together we can strive to build a world transformed, which reflects the glory of God and the natural beauty of the world that God has created for us and for those with eyes to see it.



Saints of the Week – we celebrate two special Feast days this week: with all of Ireland, we pray this Monday 17th March on the Feast of St. Patrick. On Wednesday 19th March, we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Foster Father of Jesus. Saints Patrick and Joseph, pray for us.

"May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."



CAFOD's Lent Appeal Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. If

you can make a donation, you may use the CAFOD envelope in church or the Dona machine, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call CAFOD on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. Donations may also be left in the sacristy at any time until the end of March. Thank you for any support you can give.

Big Lent Walk - Jean is once again undertaking the Big Lent Walk, walking 200km in 40 days to help CAFOD's fight against global poverty. To support her, please go to the fundraising page [here](#). Thank you.



Thornbury Churches Together

Lent Lunches - These will now take place this Sunday **March 16th** and **March 23rd** at St Mary's Church Hall. 12.00 for 12.30. Please sign up at the back of the church or message Pat on 07765 402395 so that we can judge numbers for catering. **Everyone is welcome.**



Pope Francis – Message for Lent 2025

Pope Francis, despite his stay in hospital, has issued his Lenten Message as normal, we continue to pray for him and those who are caring for him: *"This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our*

lives, in our families, in the places we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed."

Keep in our prayers

Please keep in your prayers the children from our First Holy Communion programme who made their First Forgiveness (Reconciliation) last weekend and who now continue their journey to their First Holy Communion in May. Please see the display at the back of CTK Church about them.

Please also continue to pray for the five members of our Parish family who joined others from the Diocese at the Rite of Election Service in the Cathedral last weekend and who are preparing to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday 19th of April.

Foodbank

The list of items requested for March is available at the back of church: it is similar to February's, with sauces, pulses and dog food, plus some toiletries, and noting that they have a good stock of some other items such as biscuits and chocolate. Thank you as always for your donations.

CTK School Lent fundraiser

CTK School are also supporting CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and have set themselves a challenge – to cover the distance from Thornbury to the Vatican – 1,227 miles! Quite a challenge and one which the CTK Chaplaincy Team hope will be a fun way to do just that. If you would like to donate please follow the link [here](#). Further details can be obtained from the Parish Office.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent after the 10.00am Mass and at 7.00pm in the evening, at CTK Church.

200 Club

The Feb winner of the 200 Club has generously donated their winnings to the Parish funds, for which many thanks!

Bishop Lazarus - Update

Pope Francis has appointed the Rt. Rev Stefano Musomba as Bishop of the new Diocese of Bagamoyo, which previously belonged to the Diocese of Morogoro. This is good news for Bishop Lazarus as he described to us during his recent visit. We pray for the new Bishop and keep Bishop Lazarus and the people of Tanzania in our prayers.



Lent – A season of Hope

During Lent, flowers in Church are not permitted (save for Mothering Sunday) but the Flower Team have set up a lovely scene underneath the altar at CTK for this Jubilee Year of Hope, complete with decorated stones and the desert background painted by a Parishioner some time ago. You may wish to see this, if you haven't done so already.

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 12th April

Reading Rota

15th March – Edna Parker

22nd March – Maria Little

Lent Lunches (2025)

Fridays from 12.00 until 2.00pm raising money for local and international charities.

At St Mary's on 21st March *for "Read with me"), 28th March (for "Flying for Life"), 4th April (for "Open Doors").

At the Baptist Church on 11th April (for "Christian Aid").

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, Michael Setter and Gaynor McCarthy.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Maria Ramsland who died recently. Anna's funeral service will take place at Holy Cross on **Tuesday 18th March at 1.00pm, followed by burial at Wotton Cemetery at 2.30pm.** May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace: Oliver Robins, Victor De Souza, Jeanne McLoughlin, Peter Steel, George Fitzgerald, John Moloney, Nicholas Naughton, Francis McClean, Ellen Wiltshire, Albert Simmons, Sister Edward Berkeley, Leonard Kingsman, Nicholas Clarke, Vic Bond, Bob Brooks, Maureen Plenderleith, Peter Bentley, Joan Mullen, Dermot Fitzpatrick

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night..... 20.00 Wednesday 19th March
Music Night20.00 Sunday 16th March

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9.00 Reader	10.30 Reader 1	Reader 2	Collectors	Music
16th March	P O'Rourke	P Davey	M Wallis	L & S Emm	Choir
23rd March	C Hurford	Children's	Mass	Children	Folk Group

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Monday 17th March: M Scott & D Rees
Monday 24th & 31st March: C & J Hurford

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 16th March: M Stephens
Sunday 23rd March: D Rees and G Brooks

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

March 16th: 9:00 M O'Leary 10:30 L Emm
March 23rd: 9:00 K Gill 10:30 M Wallis

Children's Liturgy ("Little Church")

The 10.30am Mass at CTK this Sunday 16th March will include a Children's Liturgy ("Little Church"). Children will also be reading at the 10.30am Mass the following week, Sunday 23rd March.

Lent Penitential Service

There will be a Lent Penitential Service at CTK Church on **Thursday 3rd April at 7.30pm.**

This will include the opportunity for individual reconciliation (confession) with a Priest as part of our Lenten preparations before Easter. All welcome.