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Sunday 3rd August 2025

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

Saturday 2nd August	**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**Mass: 17:00 (HC**) Cartwright/Cox Family Intention
Sunday 3rd August	**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**Mass: 09:00 (CTK)** Mark O'Leary (Anniversary)
Sunday 3rd August	**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**Mass: 10:30 (CTK)**
Monday 4th August	Memorial of St John Mary Vianny	……
Tuesday 5th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Tim McCarthy +
Wednesday 6th August	Feast of the Transfiguration	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
Thursday 7th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:15 (HC)
Friday 8th August	Memorial of St Dominic	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
Saturday 9th August	**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**Mass: 17:00 (HC**) Helen +
Sunday 10th August	**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**Mass: 09:00 (CTK)**
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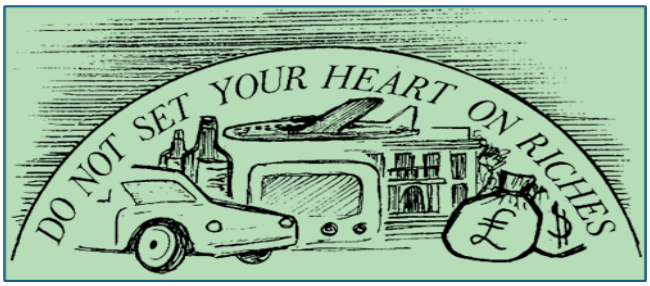
(CTK) = CHRIST THE KING (HC) = HOLY CROSS

***Live Stream**: 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*

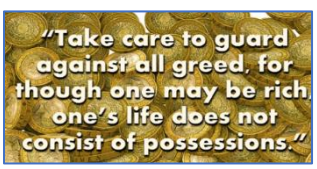
Holy Hour: Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament –Thursday 10.30-11.30
Diocesan Prayer League: St Mary, Bath

Mass Book: Year C Volume 2:
Page 117 (Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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



Luke 12:13-21
'The things you have prepared, whose will they be?'



Reflection: This weekend's Gospel begins with "*someone in the crowd*" asking Jesus to intervene in a family inheritance conflict. Fast forward to now and we know that someone, somewhere, will be involved in such a dispute that is likely to leave bitter divisions that may last a lifetime. The adage "*you can't take it with you, when you go*" calls to mind here. All of us can get caught up in the pursuit of material possessions, so much so in fact that we lose sight of what is truly important. To work hard, to strive for what is best for our families and for those who we hold dear is not at question, in fact quite the opposite. What Jesus is calling to question today is when this traps our vision to the things of this earth, to ourselves alone, and nothing more. What is more is when we set ourselves on the things of God. And we set our sights on the things of God when we come to Mass, when we take time to pray, when we do others a good turn, when we help those less fortunate than ourselves. As another saying goes, when we go to meet God and St Peter calls us home, we leave behind everything we have and take with us everything we are and have become. So, today's Gospel is a timely reminder for us, if we should need it, to take stock of our "spiritual bank balance" versus our material one. If our priorities and focus for the latter far outweigh the former, then perhaps now is the time to change; it is never too late (or too soon) for us to do so.

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 9th August

Reading Rota

2nd August – Maria Little

9th August – Nick Ackland

Welcome Rota

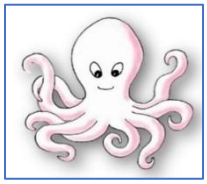
2nd August - Yvonne Baker

9th August - Meg Carter

Monthly Rosary – over the next few months, usually on the first Saturday of the month, Parishioners at Holy Cross are invited to attend the 5pm Mass a little earlier than normal. At 4.45pm we will recite the Rosary, the Church's universal prayer through which we ask Mary, the Mother of Our God, to intercede for us to Jesus, her Son, for the world and for all in need. This will begin at 4.45pm on Saturday 9th August.

CAFOD's response to the situation in Gaza and actions we can take in support, please see the front page of the CAFOD website

A Date for Your Diary - Saturday October 18th



Octopus Drama Group would like to invite Christ the King Parishioners to a social to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D - Day. The event will take place on Saturday October 18th in the parish hall at 7.30pm. There will be entertainment, in the form of songs, poems, sketches and readings and a community singalong so you can all join in!! There will also be a light ploughman's supper and a bar. Tickets will be £5 to cover the cost of food but there will also be a bucket collection on the evening in aid of The Royal British Legion. Tickets are limited to 50, so if you would like to come along, please let Karen Gill (01454 413783) or Jenny Dennis (07592 530844) know as soon as possible. You can call us or just speak to us after Mass on Sundays. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Glastonbury Pilgrimage

This year's pilgrimage will take place on **Sunday, 7th September** and will be centred around the theme of 'Mary, Woman of Hope', aligning with the Jubilee Year's theme of "Pilgrims of Hope." Full details about the day and parking arrangements can be found on the Clifton Diocese website by clicking here.

Depending on numbers we are hoping to arrange parish transport to the pilgrimage with a pickup at Holy Cross at 11:30am and Christ the King at 12 noon. If you are interested, please add your name and contact details to the sign-up sheet at the back of church. Thank you.

Foodbank (CTK)

The items requested for August are on the list on the noticeboard and box. Thank you for your support.

The Action Arts Group presents
The RISCA Male Voice Choir

With Aaron Holmes (Baritone) and Nigel Davies (Piano)
Saturday 20th September 2025, 7.30pm at Christ the King Church, Castle Street, Thornbury.
Tickets £15 from AAGThornbury@gmail.com or 01454850933. Drinks will be available to buy. Any funds made will go to the local foodbank. For further information, the choir has a detailed and fascinating website, www.riscamalechoir.co.uk

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all our Parishioners who are ill, in hospital or housebound particularly Carrie Sidoli, Peter Bradshaw, Len Crayston, Gaynor McCarthy, Pam Smith, Tony Gaynor and Mary (Maureen) Fawcett. Michael Bishop.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: John Ward, Albert Brown, May Cairns, Nicholas Parello, Bunny Kempster, Geoff Doran, Fr Stephen Leggett SDS, Joy Canning, Barbara Boddy, Thomas Moran, Gladys Rebello, Alfred Schlichcing.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night ..... No quiz nights during August
Music Night ... . 20.00 Sunday 10th August

No music night on Friday 1st and Sunday 3rd August.

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9.00 Reader	10.30		Collector	Music
		Reader 1	Reader 2		
3rd Aug	P Wells	P McGillan	F Pollard	J & H Lewis	Folk Group
10th Aug	P O'Rourke	A Clarke	B Clarke	C & D Clarke	Folk Group

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 28th July & 4th Aug: M Scott & D Rees
Mon 11th & 18th Aug: C & J Hurford

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 3rd August: D Rees & G Brooks
Sunday 10th August: Marie Stephens

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

3rd Aug: 9:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hetherton
10th Aug: 9:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm/M Wallis

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * *once every 2 weeks*

w/c 4th August: G Bartlett

w/c 18th August: M Wallis

New Readers, Collectors and Music Rota (CTK)

Please visit the parish website by clicking here to view the new readers, collectors and music rota for the 9.00 and 10.30 Sunday Masses at CTK for the period August to end of January 2026. A paper copy is also available to view on the noticeboard in the porch. Please contact Margaret or the Parish Office if there are any problems.

Safeguarding

As a Catholic Church and in line with all churches within the Clifton Diocese, our responsibilities towards safeguarding the most vulnerable members of our Parish community at all stages of life are of upmost importance. We have recently updated the Safeguarding information held on the Parish website, which can be accessed here. Please read Bishop Bosco's statement which can be found there, which we are fully committed to at all times.

20th Anniversary of Diaconate Ordination

Pictures of the celebration are now available to view on the parish website and be clicking here.

Thornbury Churches Together

Please join us on **August 10th** in the Mundy Playing fields for a TCT Picnic from **12.30**. Bring your own food. A social event to celebrate summer in Thornbury.

Meet your friends. Make new friends. Bring your family. Bring your dogs (on leads only!)

NB Parking at the Mundy field is limited so please park in the town car parks (no charges on Sundays!)