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Sunday 17th August 2025

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

Saturday 16th August

Sunday 17th August

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Monday 18th August

Tuesday 19th August

Wednesday 20th August

Thursday 21st August

Friday 22nd August

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekday in Ordinary Time

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Memorial of St Bernard

Memorial of St Pius X

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Elinor McCorry +

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Mark Murphy

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Mass: 10:00 (CTK)

Mass: 10:00 (CTK)

Mass: 09:15 (HC)

Mass: 10:00 (CTK) In Thanksgiving

Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Peter Smith +

Mass: 10:30 (CTK)

(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 Joseph, Bridgwater & Our Lady & the English Martyrs, Burnham-on-Sea

Mass Book: Year C Volume 2:

Page 124 (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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



Luke 12:49-53

'I have not come to give peace but division.'



Reflection: On this Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we may feel quite perturbed to read in the Gospel that Jesus had come not "to give peace but division" and His purpose was "to cast fire on the earth." As always, however, we need to dig deeper and not take Christ's words too literally and at face value.

The first thing to notice is that Jesus is addressing His disciples, His closest followers. When Jesus spoke with Peter, James, John and the rest, Jesus would often do so in words which would challenge them and take them beyond their "comfort zone", in a much more direct and less diplomatic way than when Jesus would be addressing a crowd or others listening to God's words for the first time.

The essence of the Gospel for this weekend is that Jesus wanted (and still does) the world to be alive and burning in God's love. This can only be achieved through the Gift of the Holy Spirit. We often pray: "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the **fire** of your love." In other words, if God's kingdom is burning in our lives, and in the lives of others, our very being is transformed by the depth, intensity and passion of God's love. Through this, and this alone, we can enact lasting change.

And what about division? Well, perhaps this is a recognition, sadly an acknowledgement, that not everyone will be ready or willing to listen to God's word but will turn their ear away from God's message. This may be a father, a son, a mother, a daughter. In the same family (and we are all one family) there may be believers and non-believers alike. Our task as Christians, is to support those who do believe and to pray for those who may not. And to be kind, generous and loving to all equally just as Jesus, our Redeemer, taught us to be.

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 13th September

Reading Rota

16th August – Jane Parker
23rd August – George Fowler

Welcome Rota

16th August – Hazel Vaughan
23rd August – Kate Barlow

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 6th September



CAFOD's response to the situation in Gaza and actions we can take in support, please see the front page of the [CAFOD website](https://www.cafod.org/)



A Date for Your Diary - Sat October 18th

Octopus Drama Group would like to invite Christ the King Parishioners to a social to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day (and now VJ Day). The event will take place on Saturday October 18th in the parish hall at 7.30pm. 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

The Glastonbury Annual pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 7th September. If you are interested in possible Parish transport to the event, please add your name and contact details to the sign-up sheet at the back of church. The sheets will be taken down after this weekend, so now is your last chance to sign up. Thank you.

Foodbank (CTK)

The list of items requested for August may be found on the noticeboard. They include soft drinks and savoury treats. Demand has increased recently, so your support is particularly appreciated.

Fairtrade

There will be a sale after Masses at CTK next Sunday, 24th August.

The Action Arts Group presents The RISCA Male Voice Choir

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.



Pope Leo XIV Monthly Prayer Intention August 2025

For this month of August, Pope Leo XIV invites us to pray for mutual co-existence. In times of fear and division, Pope Leo asks us to pray: **"that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons."**

Please click [here](#) here to see the Pope's video for the month and the full prayer for this intention.

Parish Pilgrimage – Thursday 2nd October

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, we will be planning a Pilgrimage to Clifton Cathedral on Thursday 2nd October, which it is hoped that many Parishioners from our two churches at Holy Cross and Christ the King may wish to attend. Further details will follow next weekend.

Recently Deceased

The Requiem Mass for Pam Smith will take place at Holy Cross Church on Thursday 28th August at 11:00am. To which all Parishioners are invited. This will be followed by committal at Westerleigh Crematorium, Woodland Chapel at 1:00pm, for family only. We pray for the repose of the soul of Pam, for Graham and the rest of their family.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Len Crayston, who will be known by many Parishioners at Christ the King. At Len's request, his funeral will take place in Shoreham, West Sussex, where he last lived. Further details will follow once the funeral arrangements have been confirmed. We pray for Len's son John and all other family members.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers

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

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Winifred Prudence, Danny O'Sullivan, Nora Dowse, Alick Townsend, Mary Carmel Westhoff, Alice Warmely, Patrick Costello, Tony Rollings, Mike Sellars, Bruce Hetherton, Eileen Bond.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night No quiz nights during August
Music Night 20.00 Sunday 17th August

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

| Date | 9.00 Reader | 10.30 | | Collector | Music |
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| | | Reader 1 | Reader 2 | | |
| 17th Aug | D McNulty | G Cullimore | J Dennis | M & J Wallis | Choir |
| 24th Aug | C Hurford | K Parkinson | A McAllister | S & D Nicholls | Folk Group |

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 11th & 18th Aug: C & J Hurford
Mon 25th Aug & 1st Sept: J Brown, F Jamieson & S De La Torre

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 17th August: A Clarke & Family
Sunday 24th August: M Gilroy & M Cullimore

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

17th Aug: 9:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls
24th Aug: 9:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hetherton

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

w/c 18th August: M Wallis
w/c 1st September: A Linehan



Parish Confirmation Programme 2025

There will be an introductory meeting for all parents, guardians and candidates at Christ the King on **Sunday 14th September at 12 noon in the Parlour Room**. Please make every effort to attend. Further details of the programme will be shared with you at the meeting which will lead up to the Confirmations taking place by the Bishop on **Tuesday 21st October at 7.00pm in CTK Church**.

Saints of the week - Thursday 21st August St Pius X (1835 – 1914)

Pope Pius X was born in 1835, the second of 10 children, to a poor family in Riese, Italy. Pius X encouraged all to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis, he reduced the age by which children could make their First Holy Communion and was once quoted as saying: *"Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven."*

He will be remembered as the Eucharistic Pope, a man of simplicity and poverty, to whom many miracles have been attributed. We celebrate his Feast Day on the 21st of August. **Pope St Pius X, pray for us.**