



# CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS

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## Sunday 24th August 2025

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

**Saturday 23rd August**

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**Monday 25th August**

**Tuesday 26th August**

**Wednesday 27th August**

**Thursday 28th August**

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**Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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**Memorial of St Monica**

**Requiem Mass Pam Smith**

**Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist**

**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Mass: 17:00 (HC)**

**Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Peter Smith +**

**Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Carron Steedman +**

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**Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Bernard Fox +**

**Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Madeline Corr +**

**Mass: 11:00 (HC)**

**Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Jono +**

**Mass: 17:00 (HC)**

**Mass: 09:00 (CTK) John Taaffe +**

**Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Len Crayston +**

**(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](#)

**Confessions:** Are available by request, before or after Mass, please ask Father Frank for a convenient time.

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

**Diocesan Prayer League: Cathedral of St Peter and Paul, Clifton Bristol**

**Mass Book: Year C Volume 2:**

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



**Luke 13:22-30**

**'People will come from east and west...'**



**Reflection:** In this weekend's Gospel, we find Jesus on His way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. He is asked by someone in the crowd: "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" A serious question and one which perhaps prompts another: "And will I be one of them?"

In response, Jesus avoids the question of numbers (such will be determined by God, the Father, alone) but He does provide an answer to the question of salvation. This is not the case of a simple formula: there is no "hidden" number. What we believe, and what Jesus promises, is that God's kingdom is open to all.

There are two conditions to this: Firstly, we need to pursue God's kingdom with every ounce of our being: "Strive to enter through the narrow door." In other words, true commitment to Christ is not an easy option, it

will not be "plain sailing." It requires from us total dedication, strengthened by God's grace and loving care. Secondly, even though we may do all that would seem required, keeping God's word and commands, we should never assume that our entry to the Kingdom is guaranteed. There is no "automatic" rite of passage. Often perhaps, as Catholic and Christian people, who may regularly attend Church and do all that is asked of us, we can too easily fall into the trap of judging others as "less worthy" than ourselves; we fall into the trap of recognizing the faults in others, whilst ignoring our own failings and weaknesses. This is not God's way, this is our own.

Jesus today calls out those who overlook others' virtues and reminds us that everyone shares the Pilgrim journey on Earth, no matter our status, religion, or background. God's kingdom is open to all, but salvation cannot be "earned" through own efforts; nor can it be "presumed" at the expense of others. It is only through Jesus, the Son of God, who is the "Way, Truth and Life", that entry can be secured.

## Holy Cross

**Coffee after Mass** - Saturday 13th September

### Reading Rota

23rd August – George Fowler

30th August – Victoria Fowler

### Welcome Rota

23rd August – Kate Barlow

30th August – Jane Parker

### 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](http://www.cafod.org.uk)



### 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.

### Goodbye and thank you!

Fr Eugene will be celebrating his final Masses at Holy Family Church, Patchway on the weekend of the 30th and 31st of August. We thank him for his much-valued support, particularly over the last 12 months, and wish him well from us all in his new appointment in Stroud. We also offer a warm welcome to Fr Saji who will be replacing him at Holy Family.

Fr. Eugene will be returning to Holy Family for a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Thursday 4th September at 7pm** followed by light refreshments in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

### Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage: Clifton Diocese

We pray for those from the Diocese who will be attending the Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage from Friday 22nd August to Friday 29th August. The Clifton Diocesan website will include pictures, Homilies and Personal Reflections daily throughout the week.

### Glastonbury Pilgrimage

The Glastonbury Annual pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 7th September. For those who have expressed an interest in attending details of possible Parish transport will follow shortly. 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 this Sunday, 24th August.

### Holy Hour

There will be no holy hour on Thursday 28th August.



### 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. There will be a special Jubilee Mass in the Side Chapel at 2.00pm followed by Afternoon Tea in the Apostles Room. After the Tea, there will be the opportunity for prayers around the Jubilee Prayer Stations inside the Cathedral, before departing around 4pm. 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.

Len Crayston's Requiem Mass will take place at St Peters Catholic Church in Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5DJ, date tbc but is likely to be on Friday 12th September. The Requiem Mass at St Peters will be live streamed. If anyone would like to attend the Requiem Mass in person and/or to send cards or flowers to the family, please contact the Parish Office for details.

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: James Bunce, Donald Billett, Stanislaus Janirz, Mgr. William Mitchell, Esther Morrissey.

### Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night .....19:30 Wednesday 3rd September  
Music Night ... ..... 20.00 Sunday 24th August

### CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9.00 Reader	10.30		Collector	Music
		Reader 1	Reader 2		
24th Aug	C Hurford	K Parkinson	A McAllister	S & D Nicholls	Folk Group
31st Aug	K Byrne	P Morrissey	M Gilroy	D & N Waters	Choir

### Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 25th Aug & 1st Sept: J Brown, F Jamieson & S De La Torre  
Mon 8th & 15th Sept: M Gilroy & K Byrne

### CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 24th August: M Gilroy & M Cullimore  
Sunday 31st August: S & D Nicholls

### Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

24th Aug: 9:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hetherton  
31st Aug: 9:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 M Wallis/D Nicholls

### 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**.