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Sunday 31st August 2025

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

Saturday 30th August

Sunday 31st August

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Monday 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September

Wednesday 3rd September

Thursday 4th September

Friday 5th September

Saturday 6th September

Sunday 7th September

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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekday in Ordinary Time

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Feast of St Gregory the Great

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) John Taaffe +

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Len Crayston +

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Mass: 10:00 (CTK) John Taaffe +

Mass: 09:15 (HC)

Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Private Intention

Mass: 17:00 (HC) Special Intention

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Sean Tehan & David Tehan +

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Special Intention

(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: Holy Family, Patchway.

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 14:1, 7-14

'Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted'



Reflection: The parable of the wedding feast in this weekend's Gospel provides an important lesson on humility and service for others. Jesus had accepted an offer to dine at the house of a prominent Pharisee and had noticed how they chose the places of honour. Jesus noticed how those present were vying for places at the table. In response, Jesus shared a parable about humility. He advised them to take a humble position and let the host decide where they should sit. Jesus provided valuable lessons about humility and the true nature of honour in the eyes of God. Jesus likewise calls us to embody humility and generosity in our actions; to serve others selflessly, without expecting recognition or reward in return. Jesus led the way to this through His own example of love, service and self-sacrifice. True humility on our part, comes from recognizing our own imperfections and weaknesses and acknowledging that our worth comes

from God rather than our own achievements or status. When we approach God with a humble heart, we open ourselves to His grace and guidance. Choosing humility may seem at odds in a world that often values success and self-promotion. But to God: "everyone who exalts themselves will be humbled, and they who humble themselves will be exalted." When we do what we can for those unable to "repay us in kind" rather than doing what we can for those who we know will repay us in return, we follow God's way. None of us can ever repay the sacrifice given to us through the Sacrifice of Jesus, the Son of God. All of us however have an opportunity to do what we can for others, where "repayment", should we need it, will be our reward in the next life rather than the present.

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 13th September

Reading Rota

30th August – Victoria Fowler
6th September – Hazel Vaughan

Welcome Rota

30th August – Jane Parker
6th September – Philippa Simpson

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 6th September



Do you wish to become a Catholic?

If anyone would like to explore what "being a Catholic" means or may be interested in discussing this further, please speak in confidence with one of the Parish Clergy after Mass or contact the Parish Office in the first instance. The "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" (RCIA) provides a programme of discernment and instruction which people may wish to follow and may lead to full introduction into the Catholic Church usually at the Easter Vigil during the Holy Week and Triduum services, culminating with Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil next year will be on Saturday 4 April, with the celebration of Easter on Sunday 5 April.

Goodbye and thank you!

Fr Eugene will be celebrating his final Masses at Holy Family Church, Patchway this weekend, 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.

Congratulations

Our prayers and best wishes go to May Czesia Matuszewska, her parents Marcin and Jenny, the Godparents and all the family after May's baptism at Christ the King Church on Sunday 24th August.

Glastonbury Pilgrimage

The Glastonbury Annual pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 7th September. The coach will leave Holy Cross Church at 11.30am and will collect at Christ the King at 12.00 Noon. The return journey from Glastonbury will be at 16.30 pm (immediately following the end of day Mass). We look forward to seeing you there.

Foodbank (CTK)

The list for September may be found at the back of church. Items requested include tinned potatoes, cooking sauces and pulses. Thank you for your contributions.

200 Club

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs O'Leary who won the August 200 club.

'Little Church'

'Little Church' returns next weekend following the summer break and will take place during CTK 10:30am Mass on Sunday 7th September.



Father George SDS +

The first anniversary of Father George's death will be on Saturday 13th September. There will be a short private service for Fr George's family only to bless the headstone now in Thornbury Cemetery this coming Thursday 4th September. The weekend services on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September will be celebrated for Father George, his family and

our two Parish churches. We continue to keep the repose of the soul of Father George and his family in our prayers.

Welcome back!

We welcome back the children, teachers and support staff at Christ the King school after their summer break. We will keep you in our prayers and look forward to seeing you again soon.

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. Please sign your name on the list at the back of church if you wish to attend. All will be welcome.

Recently Deceased

The Requiem Mass for Len Crayston will take place at St Peters Catholic Church in Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5DJ, on Friday 12th September at 10:30am. 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.

We pray too for the repose of the soul of Father Duncan Ferguson, who died peacefully on Friday 22nd August, with his family by his side. Father Duncan and his wife Beryl frequently attended Mass at Christ the King. He was present at Fr George's funeral and provided supply Priest cover for us on a number of occasions.

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 Gordon Russell, Bridget Costello, Gwen Middleton, Paul Riley, John Harrington, Ivy Finnegan, Anthony James, Franciszek Kocik, Florence Moseley, Charles Bell, Janice Nobes, Hugh Wells, Graham Jasper, Mario Rocca, David Faller, Bridget McDonald.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night19:30 Wednesday 3rd September
Music Night ... 20.00 Sunday 24th August
Friday Music Night 19:30 Friday 5th September

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9.00 Reader	10.30		Collector	Music
		Reader 1	Reader 2		
31st Aug	K Byrne	P Morrissey	M Gilroy	D & N Waters	Choir
7th Sept	G Hunter	F Beck	L Bennett	P & L Morrissey	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 31st August: S & D Nicholls
Sunday 7th September: S & D Nicholls

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

31st Aug: 9:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 M Wallis/D Nicholls
7th Sept: 9:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

w/c 1st September: A Linehan
w/c 15th September: E Novak



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**.