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Sunday 7th September 2025

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

Saturday 6th September

Sunday 7th September

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Monday 8th September

Tuesday 9th September

Wednesday 10th September

Thursday 11th September

Friday 12th September

Saturday 13th September

Sunday 14th September

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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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Mass: 17:00 (HC) Special Intention

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

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Special Intention

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W&C: 10:00 (CTK)

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W&C: 09:15 (HC)

W&C: 10:00 (CTK) Terry Bossons +

W&C: 17:00 (HC) Fr George Malecki SDS +

W&C: 09:00 (CTK) Kevin Quinn +

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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](#)

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: St Bonaventure, Bishopston, 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 14:25-33

'Anyone who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple'



Reflection: Jesus in this weekend's Gospel uses exaggeration to make his point, not for the first or only time. Anyone who wants to follow Him will be asked to make sacrifices along the way. This is the calling and challenge that we all face if we wish to be counted as His disciples.

Father Frank Waters SDS - This weekend we congratulate Father Frank, our Priest in Residence, who 60 years ago on the 6th of September 1965 made his religious profession to be a Priest within the Salvatorian Order. We pray for him and thank God for the fact that he is with our two Churches at Holy Cross and Christ the King and our Primary School and is the Pastoral Shepherd of our communities. Long may this continue.



The month of September heralds in the "Season of Creation", which runs from the 1st of September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) through to the 4th of October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi). The theme for this year is "Peace with Creation." The symbol for 2025, the Garden of Peace, features a dove carrying an olive branch. Just as Noah's dove returned with a sign of renewal after the flood (Genesis 6:13), we too seek a world where peace flourishes as we reach out to each other and connect with all creation. More material can be found on the [CAFOD website](#). Let us also celebrate harvest by sharing our produce! Please bring your surplus to leave on the shelves outside church.

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 13th September

Reading Rota

6th September – Hazel Vaughan
13th September – Bella Warren

Welcome Rota

6th September – Philippa Simpson
13th September – Bella Warren

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 6th September

Churches Together in Wotton Meeting all welcome.

Monday 15th September at the Baptist Church at 7pm



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.

Family Retreat Day at Brownhill Monastery (Stroud) Saturday 27th September

A Family Retreat Day will be held at Brownhill Monastery on Saturday 28th September on the theme of "The Guardian Angels." Input will be provided from Sister Maria, with activities for children and adults, quiet time for reflection and prayer, plus outdoor fun and a chance to meet other Catholic families. Please email Philippa: flipkeen@hotmail.com for more information or if any queries.

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.

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 welcome.



The Diocesan Annual Education Mass

will be celebrated this year on Education Sunday. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bosco at SS Peter & Paul Cathedral, Bristol, at **6.00pm on Sunday 14th**

September. The singing will be led by the pupils of Downside School. Everyone is welcome to attend this special Mass, particularly teachers, pupils, governors & anyone else who is involved in our schools & colleges in any way.



Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis was born on the 3 May 1991 in London to Italian parents. Soon after his birth, the family moved to Milan in Italy. From a young age he showed a deep love for God and placed God, with a special devotion to Our Lady, at the centre of his life. He was beatified in 2020 and is

due to be canonised this Sunday 7th September 2025. Acutis died of leukaemia at the tender age of 15 in 2006. He will become the first saint of this millennial. Carlos is the patron of Youth, the Eucharist, the Internet and Information Technology since in his short life he was involved in all of these. **Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us and especially for our young people at this time.**

'Little Church' returns this weekend during the CTK 10:30am Mass on Sunday 7th September.

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.

The Requiem Mass for Father Duncan Ferguson will take place on Tuesday 16th September at 11.00am in St Paul's church in Yate, preceded by a Memorial Mass at 7.30pm on Monday 15th September.

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 Leslie Courtney, Mary McCarthy, Michael O'Callaghan, Father Michael Cantwell SDS, Patrick Caherty, Sandra Fitzgerald, Fr George Malecki SDS, Fr Francis Jordan SDS, Robert Piggott, S Gilbert.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night 19:30 Wednesday 17th September
Music Night ... 20.00 Sunday 7th September
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		
7th Sept	G Hunter	F Beck	L Bennett	P & L Morrissey	Choir
14th Sept	N McCarthy	D Nicholls	D Waters	J & H Lewis	Folk Group

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 8th & 15th Sept: M Gilroy & K Byrne
Mon 22nd & 29th Sept: Linda Godding & Steve Evans

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 7th September: Marie Stephens
Sunday 14th September: Delia Rees & Gill Brooks

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

7th Sept: 9:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/R Hetherton
14th Sept: 9:00 M' O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 F Beck/R Hetherton

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.**



Pope Leo XIV Monthly Prayer Intention September 2025

For this month of September, Pope Leo XIV invites us to pray for "*Our relationship with creation.*" Pope Leo asks us to pray: "**that inspired by Saint Francis (of Assisi), we might experience our interdependence**

with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect."

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