



# CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS

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## Sunday 21st September 2025

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

**Saturday 20th September**

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**W&C: 17:00 (HC)**

**Sunday 21st September**

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**W&C: 09:00 (CTK) Teresa Novak +**

**Sunday 21st September**

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**W&C: 10:30 (CTK) Jean Maclean +**

**Eddie & Eileen Murphy 63 years of marriage**

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**Monday 22nd September**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Young people in the world**

**Tuesday 23rd September**

**Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**

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

**Wednesday 24th September**

**Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham**

**Mass: 09:15 (HC)**

**Thursday 25th September**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Friday 26th September**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass: 17:00 (HC) Irene Fowler +**

**Saturday 27th September**

**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass: 09:00 (CTK)**

**Sunday 28th September**

**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Thanksgiving for parishes**

**(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](#)

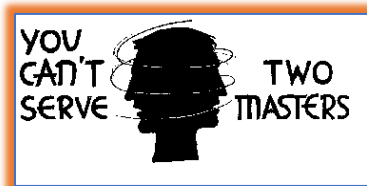
**Confessions:** Are available by request, before or after Mass, please ask Father Frank for a convenient time.

**Holy Hour: Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament – Thursday 10.30-11.30**  
**Diocesan Prayer League: St Mary-on-the-Quay**

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

**Page 140 (Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

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



**Luke: 16:1-13**

**'You cannot serve God and money.'**

**Reflection:** Where do our true priorities and interests lie? The Parable of the dishonest steward (now "manager" based on the New Translation) at first sight seems at odds with Jesus's passion for social justice. Is Jesus really condoning or indeed commending dishonesty in our dealing with others? As is often the case, the clue to a true interpretation of this weekend's Gospel story can be found in the First Reading. The Prophet Amos was a sheep farmer around 760 B.C. who lived in Tekoa, a small town some five miles from Bethlehem. Amos is called by God to the northern kingdom of Israel, a society that was sharply and cruelly divided between the rich and poor. Amos spoke out, not as a diplomat but as a straight talker, in passionate criticism of the injustices that existed between those who "had" and those who "had not." Amos denounced the hypocrisy of those who were following the "Law" and "Sacrifice" of religious life at the expense of others. Jesus, with great irony, seems to commend such practices in His own time. Jesus in fact meant the total opposite of what He said.

What was true then remains the case some 2,000 years later. None of us can play "fast and loose" in the singular pursuit of worldly wealth without this having a detrimental effect on our spiritual lives. None of us can "buy" our way into God's kingdom, no matter how hard we might try (!). When God speaks, the poor and needy are never far away. How we behave with one another, treat one another, how we regard and use our own material possessions, time and energy is of critical importance. *"Blessed are the poor, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

### Holy Cross

**Coffee after Mass** - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October

#### Reading Rota

20th September – Meg Carter

27th September – Edna Parker

#### Welcome Rota

20th September – Elaine Godfrey

27th September – Meg Carter

#### Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 4th October



#### 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.

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

A Family Retreat Day will be held at Brownhill Monastery on Saturday 27th 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.

#### CTK Children's Liturgy ("Little Church")

The next Children's Liturgy ("Little Church") will take place on Sunday 28th September during the 10:30am Mass.

#### 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.



#### CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal, Friday 3rd October

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate

challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

#### 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](mailto:AAGThornbury@gmail.com) or 01454850933. Drinks will be available to buy. Any funds made will go to the local foodbank.

#### 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.

#### Fairtrade

Fair Trade Fortnight this year runs from 22nd September to 5th October, so keep an eye out for promotions of fairtrade products in the stores. If you'd like to take one small action to support workers in producer communities, please sign the petition [here](#) calling on our government to protect the human rights of tea workers and honour their international climate finance commitment.

### Congratulations!

We congratulate Sofia Louise Hill who was baptised at Christ the King Church on Sunday 14th September. Our prayers and best wishes go to Sofia, her parents Daniel and Sarah and all the family.

### First Holy Communion

The date for this will be Sunday 10th May 2026 during the 10.30am Mass at CTK. Details of the programme, which will commence early in the New Year, will follow in due course.

### Concert Evening (CTK) – Fri 10th October

The monthly music group are organising a Concert Evening on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October** in aid of Leukemia. The evening will begin at 7:30pm and take place in Porch House. Entrance tickets are not required however donations would be greatly appreciated (cash, if possible, please). The format for the evening will be similar to Friday Night Music Nights with additional musicians/singers performing, there will also be a bar provided to purchase drinks. All welcome.

### Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of Dr Kenneth Gradwell, MAVet MB MRCVS, who will be received into Church on Sunday 28th September at 15:30 and whose funeral service will take place at Christ the King on Monday 29th September at 10:30am. Please also pray for Aime and the family at this time. May he rest in peace.

### 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 Hawkins, Rose Griffiths, John O'Rourke, Mary Banks, John Price, Phyllis Reddan, Jack Bond, Fr Stanislaus Smith SDS, Pat Heffernan, Doreen Rochford, Edith McCarthy, Alan Philips, Fr Danny Burns SDS, Richard Hopkins, Cecil William Rhodes, Rita De Souza

### Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night .....19:30 Wednesday 1st October  
Music Night ... ..... 20.00 Sunday 21st September  
Friday Music Night ..... 19:30 Friday 7th November

**(There will be no Friday music night in October)**

### CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9.00 Reader	10.30		Collector	Music
		Reader 1	Reader 2		
21st Sept	P Wells	Children's Mass			Folk Group
28th Sept	P O'Rourke	M Wallis	A Collins	D & N Waters	Choir

### Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 22nd & 29th Sept: L Godding & S Evans  
Mon 6th & 13th Oct: M Scott and D Rees

### CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 21st September: A Clarke & Family  
Sunday 28th September: M Gilroy & M Cullimore

### Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

21st Sept: 9:00 N/A 10:30 N/A  
28th Sept: 9:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 M Scott & F Beck

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

w/c 15th September: E Novak  
w/c 29th September: A Grafton-Green



### Parish Confirmation Programme 2025

Thank you to those who attended the introductory meeting last Sunday. We have a total of 19 candidates from Christ the King, Holy Cross and St Teresa's, Filton. The first session will commence 9:00am this Sunday 21st September in the Parlour Room.