

CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

Priest in Residence: Father Frank Waters, SDS

Parish Administrator: Deacon Lawrence McCarthy (Mobile: 07914 380082)

Deacons: Reverend Kingsley Fulbrook & Reverend Lawrence McCarthy

Parish Admin Support: Debbie Nicholls

11 Castle Street, Thornbury, Bristol, BS35 1HA

15 Old Town, Wotton-under-Edge Gloucestershire, GL12 7DH

Telephone: 01454 412223 (Office)

Christ the King Primary School, Easton Hill Road: Headteacher: Mrs Mary Mainwaring Tel: 01454 866680

website: www.ckandholycross.org.uk

email: thornbury.christtheking@cliftondiocese.com



CLIFTON DIOCESE (a Company Limited by Guarantee registered in England and Wales under number 10462076. A registered charity number 1170168.
Registered Office: St Ambrose North Road Leigh Woods Bristol BS8 3PW

Salvatorian Trustees Registered Charity No 231410

Sunday 26th October 2025

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

<u>Saturday 25th October</u>	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 26th October</u>	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Charles Day +
<u>Sunday 26th October</u>	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:30 (CTK)
<u>Monday 27th October</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	-----
<u>Tuesday 28th October</u>	Feast of Saints Simon and Jude	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Wednesday 29th October</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 30th October</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 9.15 (HC)
<u>Friday 31st October</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Saturday 1st November</u>	Solemnity of All Saints	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 2nd November</u>	Solemnity of All Saints	Mass: 09:00 (CTK)
<u>Sunday 2nd November</u>	Solemnity of All Saints	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:

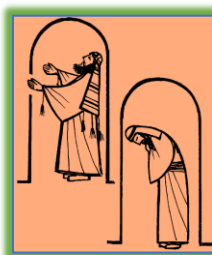
[Live Services – Christ The King & Holy Cross](#)

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: Our Lady of the Rosary, Lawrence Weston and St Bernard, Shirehampton

Mass Book: Year C Volume 2:
Page 155 (Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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



Luke 18:9-14

'The Tax Collector went down to his house justified, rather than the Pharisee'



Reflection: In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells a simple story: "Two men went up into the Temple to pray...." The fact that one of these men is a Pharisee and the other is a Tax Collector would suggest through the eyes of the world, that the first was a man of virtue and good standing; the second a sinner who was despised for the job that he did. Now who would be the one to receive God's mercy? Not for the first time, Jesus turned the tables. Whilst the prayers of both men rise to heaven, only one found favour with God. Why was this the case? Well, put simply, God recognised what lay in each man's heart. The Pharisee thanked God but then continued in self-praise and adulation about his own merits whilst condemning the other for his wrongdoings. The Tax collector, on the other hand, stood far off, and with his head bowed down low said in all humility: "God be merciful to me a sinner." What

better prayer could there be, simple words but with a heartfelt confession.

Jesus reminds us that "everyone who exalts themselves will be humbled"; and that "everyone who humbles themselves will be exalted." God cannot hear us if we boast about ourselves and readily criticise others for what we see as their apparent misgivings. God can and will hear us if we humbly seek God's mercy and show mercy to others along the way.

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 8th November

Reading Rota

25th October – Maria Little

1st November – Victoria Fowler

Welcome Rota

25th October – Philippa Simpson

1st November – Bella Warren

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 1st November

Family Fast Day

Thank you for all contributions to the Fast Day appeal. The appeal will remain open until the end of October for any outstanding donations - please leave these in the sacristy or wall box or donate on-line or using the Dona machine. If you'd like to see the story behind the appeal, you can watch it [here](#)

CAFOD - Middle East Appeal

Following the ceasefire in Gaza, our support and prayers are needed more than ever. CAFOD's Church partners, working with great courage, continue to bring food, shelter, medical care and comfort to families in need. Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, has urged us to "stand beside the people of Gaza as they begin the journey of healing, recovery and rebuilding". CAFOD is part of the DEC Middle East appeal just launched. Let us respond with love and generosity. For more detail on CAFOD's response, please see cafod.org.uk/middle-east or [here](#).

Confirmations



Congratulations to the eighteen young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Bosco on Tuesday 21st October. This was a wonderful occasion witnessed by their Sponsors, Families and Friends. Special thanks go to Claire and Jean for preparing our candidates for the evening, Margaret and the Choir for leading the music, all who prepared the Church and Porch House for the Service and for Sue and the Team for their magnificent work and refreshments afterwards.

Collectively those confirmed (and others before them) represent the future of our Parish and we hope to see you often in the many years ahead. May God bless you all.



November The Month of the Holy Souls

Please take an envelope from the back of the Church and return it with a list of deceased relatives and friends who you wish to be prayed for during the month of November. The list will be placed at the foot of the altar and will be remembered in all services during the Month of the Holy Souls.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen



Reminder ! That British Summer Time ends on Saturday (25th October) – please put your clocks back an hour overnight that evening.

Congratulations!

We congratulate Amira Medves who was baptised at Christ the King Church on Saturday 18th October. Our prayers and best wishes go to Amira, her parents Adrian and Ana and all the family.

World Youth Sunday 2025 – Celebrating the Jubilee Year

Schools and parishes across England and Wales are invited to take part in World Youth Sunday 2025, a special three-day event from 21st- 23rd November, marking the Jubilee Year. This year's programme includes a World Youth Sunday Livestream for schools (formerly World Youth Funday), Social Saturday, and celebrations in parishes for World Youth Sunday and the Feast of Christ the King. For more information see:

[Jubilee World Youth Sunday 2025 – CYMFED](#)

Solemnity of All Saints and All Souls Day

The Solemnity of All Saints will take place over the weekend of the Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd November. Masses will be at the usual times of 5.00pm at Holy Cross (Saturday 1st) and 9.00am and 10.30am at CTK (Sunday 2nd).

All Souls Day will be on Monday 3rd November and there will be a Mass at CTK Church at 10.00am to celebrate this occasion. All welcome.



CTK School - Help Needed

Reading Volunteers

Are you someone who can spare an hour a week, or so, to help our school children to read? If so, please contact the Parish Office or Deacon Lawrence for further details.

Foundation Governor

Christ The King school has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. If you feel you could support the school in this important role, representing both the Bishop and the Parish, please contact the Parish Office or Deacon Lawrence for further details.

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, Mary McCoy, Mario Vuolo.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace Sheila O'Donnell, Jim Hennessey, John Rose, Violet Good, George Good, Eleanor Thompson, Leslie Sellman, Arthur Donaldson, Sheila Bowle, Brian Hobbs, Joe McHugh OBE, Lionel Banham, Karol Klakus, Claire Hayler, Michael Hodsman, Bernadette Hunt, Maria Court.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night19:30 Wednesday 5th November
Music Night ... 20.00 Sunday 26th October
Friday Music Night 19:30 Friday 7th November

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9.00 Reader	10.30		Collector	Music
		Reader 1	Reader 2		
26th Oct	K Byrne	J Dennis	G Cullimore	L & S Emm	Choir
2nd Nov	N McCarthy	L Bennett	F Beck	J & H Lewis	Folk Group

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 20th & 27th Oct: C & J Hurford

Mon 3rd & 10th Nov J Brown, F Jamieson, S De La Torre

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 26th October: D Rees & G Brooks

Sunday 2nd November: Angela Clarke & Family

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

26th Oct: 9:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hetherton
2nd Nov: 9:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm/M Wallis

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

w/c 20th October: M Wallis