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Sunday 16th November 2025

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

Saturday 15th November

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Tuesday 18th November

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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Memorial of St Hugh of Lincoln

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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Requiem Mass – Mario Vuolo

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Solemnity of Christ the King

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Mass: 17:00 (HC) Holy Souls +

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Holy Souls +

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Madeleine Steedman +

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Mass: 9:30 (CTK)

Mass: 10:00 (CTK)

W&C: 9.15 (HC)

Mass: 10.00 (CTK) Mario Vuolo +

Mass: 10:00 (CTK)

Mass: 17:00 (HC) Holy Souls +

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) All Parishioners

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) All Parishioners

(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

*** Please Note There Will be NO Holy Hour on Thursday 20th November***

Diocesan Prayer League: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Chippenham; St Patrick, Corsham

Mass Book: Year C Volume 2:

Page 164 (Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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



Luke: 21:5-19 'By your endurance you will gain your lives'



Reflection: We often say, "Well, it's not the end of the world", but when something goes wrong, or tragedy strikes, it can certainly feel that way. In this weekend's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks about such and experience. To the Jewish people of the day, the Temple stood as an indestructible symbol of God's presence. And yet, in the year AD70, the unimaginable happened: the Temple was destroyed, just as Jesus had foretold.

Jesus reminds us that everything in this life will eventually come to an end. When this happens, it is Faith which needs to hold firm. "Do not be terrified", Jesus says, for even in chaos and disaster, God will remain faithful.

The life of a Christian, and the Gospel to which we hold dear, is not a promise that life will be easy. But what we do know and firmly believe, is that Jesus will stand with us no matter what, through every trial. Our world may at times seem to crumble, but when the walls of our lives seem to fall, faith remains our true foundation. Nothing and no one; no fire, no grief, no destruction, can ever take that away.
(Abridged and adapted from "Christian Art", Universalis website).

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 13th December

Reading Rota

15th November – Bella Warren

22nd November – George Fowler

Welcome Rota

15th November – Meg Carter

22nd November – Hazel Vaughan

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 6th December

CTK Children's Liturgy ("Little Church")

Children's Liturgy ("Little Church") will take place this Sunday 16th November during the 10:30am Mass.

Thank you.

To Katrina and Sophie for 12 years of service to the Children's Liturgy. Both have kindly volunteered to become catechists for our First Holy Communion programme which begins in January.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers

With Katrina and Sophie stepping down we now require more help. Are you interested in joining the Children's Liturgy rota? If so, please speak with Deacon Lawrence or contact the parish office.

First Holy Communion

There will be a meeting for Parents / Guardians and Children **on Sunday 7th December in the Parlour in Porch House after the 10.30 Mass at Christ the King.** If you have a child in Year 3 or above this academic year and you would like them to be included in the First Holy Communion Programme, please make a note of this date in your diary. The First Communion Day will be **Sunday 10th May 2026.**

Christmas Nativity Displays

Will be held in the Hall on Sunday 30th November and Sunday 7th December after both Masses. Advent Calendars, Cribs, cards, children's Christmas books and other items will be on sale. These items are sold at near cost price, and all the proceeds go to the church so come and get some bargains and support Christ the King Church.

On **Sunday 30th November** there will also be a CAFOD tabletop sale in CTK hall of homemade craft items.

Foodbank

The November and December lists have been combined, in order to cover Christmas. Please note that we are asked not to buy mince pies, as they may contain alcohol. Plenty of other items will be welcome, though - the list is on the noticeboard and on the box. Thank you for all contributions.

Mass for the Deceased

There will be a Mass for the deceased of the St Wulstan Pastoral Area on **Tuesday 18th November at 11:00am at Saint Patrick's Church, Brockworth.** All are welcome. There will be tea and coffee in the parish hall afterwards.

Please note that the Mass at CTK Church will be at the earlier time of 9:30am on this day.

CAFOD

The World Gift catalogues are available now - please take one from the back of church for ideas for Christmas presents that will help CAFOD's work.

Operation Elf - HMP Eastwood Park

If you feel this is something you may wish to contribute to, please leave your unwrapped gift (no more than £15) in the Sacristy at CTK or Holy Cross Church **by Wednesday 10th December latest** marked "Operation Elf." These will be collected by volunteers from both churches and passed on to Eastwood Park on Friday 12th December. Thank you.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

There will be a meeting of the PPC this coming Tuesday, 18th November at 7pm in CTK Porch House. Papers from the previous meeting held on Tuesday 16th September are available [here](#)



Christ The King Weekend (22nd and 23rd November)

This year we celebrate the 100th year since the institution of the Feast of Christ the King by Pope Pius XI in 1925. All Parishioners from both Holy Cross and Christ the King are invited to come and share in the celebrations

which will take place over the **weekend of the 22nd and 23rd November.**



On Saturday 22nd, there will be music by "Vital Signs" (Fr George's brothers and others) with a short Quiz during the interval. The evening will start at 7.30pm (prompt) in the Main Hall at Porch House. Please bring your own drinks, table snacks will be provided.

After the 10.30am Mass at CTK on Sunday 23rd, there will be a **children's entertainer** for our younger Parishioners and a **glass of wine and nibbles** for those young at heart. Please make a note of these events in your diary and come along if you can. We very much look forward to seeing you there, particularly those who may be new to our Parish Churches.

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, there will be a meeting at CTK this **Sunday 16th November in the Parlour following the 10:30am Mass.**

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mario Vuolo who died recently. We also pray for Mario's family at this sad time. A requiem Mass for Mario will take place at CTK Church on Thursday 20th November at 10.00am, followed by interment at Thornbury Cemetery.

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.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace Hilda Vallely, Ruth Mendo, Robert McKenna, Dilys Hall, Mary Short, Wesley Chaplin, Joan Oldershaw, William Bonham, Jim Doyle, Mary Roberts, Father Patrick McDonagh SDS, Dick Clifford, Aurelia Rose, Harold Boyd, Noreen Twomey, Helene Hughes, Marjorie Earl, Harry Cave, Scott Tripp, Michael StAlbyn, Pauline Cave, Diogo Jerome Rebello.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night19:30 Wednesday 3rd December
Music Night 20.00 Sunday 16th November
Friday Music Night 19:30 Friday 5th December

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9.00 Reader	10.30		Collector	Music
		Reader 1	Reader 2		
16th Nov	P O'Rourke	P Davey	L Emm	P & L Morrissey	Folk Group
23rd Nov	D McNulty	Children's Mass			Choir

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 17th & 24th Nov M. Gilroy & K Byrne
Mon 1st & 8th Dec L Godding & S Evans

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 16th November: S Emm & J Wallis
Sunday 23rd November: S & D Nicholls

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

16th Nov: 9:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 R Hetheron/J Wallis
23rd Nov: 9:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm & M Wallis

Forthcoming Christmas Concerts (CTK)

NotaBene: "The Night Before Christmas" – Saturday 6th December at 7.00pm in CTK Church.

Songbirds Women's Choir: Christmas Concert & Singalong - Saturday 13th December at 2.30pm & 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.
All welcome – please see the Noticeboards for further details.