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Sunday 7th December 2025

YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: Second Sunday of Advent (Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Cycle Year 2)

<u>Saturday 6th December</u>	Second Sunday of Advent	Mass: 17:45 (HC)
<u>Sunday 7th December</u>	Second Sunday of Advent	Mass: 09:00 (CTK)
<u>Sunday 7th December</u>	Second Sunday of Advent	Mass: 10:30 (CTK)
<u>Monday 8th December</u>	Immaculate Conception
<u>Tuesday 9th December</u>	Weekday of Advent	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Wednesday 10th December</u>	Weekday of Advent	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 11th December</u>	Weekday of Advent	Mass: 9.15 (HC)
<u>Friday 12th December</u>	Weekday of Advent	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Marjorie Daw +
<u>Saturday 13th December</u>	Third Sunday of Advent	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 14th December</u>	Third Sunday of Advent	Mass: 09:00 (CTK)
<u>Sunday 14th December</u>	Third Sunday of Advent	Mass: 10:30 (CTK)

(CTK) = CHRIST THE KING

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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 Gregory the Great/St Thomas More, Cheltenham.

Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:

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



Matthew: 3: 1-12 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'



Advent - a time for repentance: Today on this Second Sunday of Advent, the person in focus is John the Baptist. All four Gospel writers recognise John as the final and perhaps most significant Prophet before the coming of Jesus. Today we have St Matthew's account of the Baptist's life and mission. And yet, as important as John was, he did not claim to be anyone more than God's witness, John recognised Jesus as the way, the truth and the life: "he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry." John the Baptist gave us a powerful message: without God in our lives, we are far less a person than we are when we have God beside us. In this time of preparation, let us do what we can to change our hearts and minds, to repent where needed and to live again the reality of life which comes from God.

The Advent Candle for this Second Sunday is one for PEACE; the peace that only God can give and can bring into our world.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us.

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 13th December

Reading Rota

6th December – Maria Little
13th December – Nick Acland

Welcome Rota

6th December – Jane Parker
13th December – Philippa Simpson

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 3rd January (No rosary in December)

Live Crib (Wotton Churches Together)

This Saturday 6th December at 4pm 'The Star' in Market Street with carols from two school choirs. **So that parishioners may attend this if they so wish, the Mass at Holy Cross will start at the later time of 5:45pm.**

First Holy Communion

There will be a meeting for Parents / Guardians and Children this **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 come along to the meeting.

Repository Christmas Nativity Displays (CTK)

Will be held in the Hall this Sunday 7th December after both Masses. Advent Calendars, Cribbs, 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.

Fairtrade

There will be a stall after Masses this Sunday, 7th December.

Foodbank

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. The last collection from CTK will be on **Wednesday 17th December.** Thank you for all contributions.

CAFOD

Tickets are now available for the Christmas raffle, in support of CAFOD's Advent appeal. The main prize is a fairtrade hamper. Tickets £1, in the hall after both Masses.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve (Wed 24th Dec) – First Mass of Christmas at 19.30pm in CTK Church, preceded by Carols at 19.00hrs.

Christmas Day (Thu 25th December) – Mass at 10.00am in Holy Cross Church.

Christmas Day (Thu 25th December) – "Quiet" Mass at 9.00am and Mass with "Living Crib" at 10.30am at CTK Church

St Stephen "Boxing Day" (Fri 26th December) – Mass at 10.00am in CTK Church

We are very grateful to Canon Michael Fitzpatrick who will celebrate the Christmas Day Mass at Holy Cross. **There will be a practice for the "Living Crib" following the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 21st December.**

A volunteer list for readers is now available at the back of Church. Please sign up if you would like to read over the Christmas period.



Upcoming SDS Jubilee

On 8 December 2025, the Salvatorians in the United Kingdom will joyfully inaugurate the Jubilee Year commemorating 125 years of Salvatorian presence in the United

Kingdom and Eire. In this same celebration, Salvatorian College will mark the centenary of its foundation, a remarkable milestone in its mission of Catholic education.

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in giving thanks to Almighty God for these blessings, and for the enduring charism and prophetic vision of Blessed Francis Jordan, who personally sowed the seeds of the Salvatorian mission on our shores.

May the Lord continue to guide, inspire and bless us all as we enter this historic year of grace.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all our Parishioners who are ill, in hospital or housebound particularly Carrie Sidoli, Peter Bradshaw, Tony Gaynor, Michael Bishop, Mary McCoy, Anne McAllister.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace Margaret Preston, Patrick McBride, Jean Mary Casserley, Gladys Gibbon, John Hayes, Veronica Agastine, Mick Duggan, Eileen Atherton, Agnes Nolan, Ellen Unsworth, Sylvia Hurford, Dickie Richards, Dick Clifford, Fr Tom Hennessey SDS, Margaret McAllister, William Tynemouth, Taghafal Shousha.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night 19:30 Wednesday 17th December
Music Night 19:00 Sunday 7th December
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		
7th Dec	G Hunter	A Collins	M Wallis	J & H Lewis	Choir
14th Dec	K Byrne	D Waters	L Emm	P & L Morrissey	Folk Group

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 1st & 8th Dec L Godding & S Evans
Mon 15th & 22nd Dec M Scott & D Rees

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 7th December D Rees & G Brooks
Sunday 14th December A Clarke & Family

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

7th Dec: 9:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/D Nicholls
14th Dec: 9:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 M Wallis/F Beck

Advent Penitential Service

There will be an Advent Penitential Service at Christ the King Church (with the opportunity for individual confession) on **Tuesday 9th December at 19.00pm.**

CTK Children's Liturgy ("Little Church")

Children's Liturgy ("Little Church") will take place on Sunday 14th December during the 10:30am Mass.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

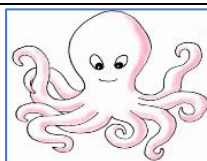
There will be the second meeting for all who are interested in becoming a Catholic or returning to the faith in the Richard Sergeant Room (upstairs in Porch House) after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday, 7th December.

PPC (Parish Pastoral Council)

The minutes and supporting papers from the most recent PPC meeting held on Tuesday 18th November at CTK Church are available [here](#) (bottom of the page).

CTK 200 Club

November Prize Winner: Mr Finch £200.



Octopus Pantomime

It's Panto Time Again! Oh yes it is!
Octopus Drama Group will be performing everyone's favourite Pantomime, Cinderella, In the church hall from

Wednesday 7th January to Friday 9th January at 7.30 pm and on Saturday 10th January at 11 am and 2.30 pm.

Tickets are now on sale at Rosie and Rex Gift Shop on Thornbury High St. Ticket prices are £8 for adults and £6 for children under the age of 18.

This version of the much-loved classic has been written and directed by Abi Baskerville and is bound to make you boo, hiss and cheer in equal measure. There are many familiar faces in the cast and a few new ones, so come along and help Octopus celebrate it's 55th year of performing at Porch House!