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Sunday 18th January 2026

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

<u>Saturday 17th January</u>	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	W&C: 17:00 (HC) Patrick & Jane Mooney +
<u>Sunday 18th January</u>	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	W&C: 09:00 (CTK) Margaret Bartlett (Anniv)
<u>Sunday 18th January</u>	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	W&C: 10:30 (CTK) Bernard O'Carroll (Anniv)
<u>Monday 19th January</u>	Memorial of St Wulstan
<u>Tuesday 20th January</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Wednesday 21st January</u>	Memorial of St Agnes	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 22nd January</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:15 (HC)
<u>Friday 23rd January</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Saturday 24th January</u>	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 17:00 (HC) Richard Barlow + and Family
<u>Sunday 25th January</u>	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:00 (CTK)
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(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 Francis of Assisi, Nailsea/St Joseph, Portishead**

Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:

Page 125 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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



John 1:29-34 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'



Reflection: We switch to the Gospel of St. John this weekend, the first in our new Season of "Ordinary Time", with the words first uttered by John the Baptist repeated at every Mass by the Priest as an invocation before Holy Communion: "Behold the Lamb of God" Jesus is the Son of God, The Lamb of God who takes away our sins and who through His great sacrifice gave us the chance to live again.

Last weekend we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. It was at the River Jordan that John baptized Jesus despite John's protestations to be "unworthy" to do so. Today, John puts that story straight by acknowledging Jesus as the true Light of the World and encourages his own supporters to "follow Him." That great act of humility and acceptance is an example for us all to do likewise.

When we acknowledge Jesus for who He is, we can do so through the supreme sacrifice of the Eucharist. And we can through prayers and the Word of God also.

Our Holy Father, Pope Leo's world-wide Prayer Intention for this month of January 2026 is: *For Prayer with The Word of God: "Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church."*

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 14th February

Reading Rota

17th January – Bella Warren

24th January – Maria Little

Welcome Rota

17th January – Kate Barlow

24th January – Jane Parker

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 7th February

A Tanzanian invitation from Fiona and Alun Thomas – Fiona and Alun would like to invite all Parishioners from Holy Cross and CTK to join them for a Tanzanian tea and coffee after the 5.00pm Mass at Holy Cross on **Saturday 21st February**. Alun and Fiona will present a talk about their three-week trip to visit Bishop Lazarus in September 2025. The event will also be a fund raiser to support the renovation of the Cathedral in Morogoro. All will be most welcome, so please put this in your dairies!



Salvatorian News

At their Provincial Chapter held last week, the V. Rev Father Paul Harris SDS was newly elected the Provincial Superior of the Salvatorian British Pro-province.

We congratulate Father Paul who many Parishioners will remember during his Novitiate years in Thornbury.

We give thanks to his predecessor Fr

Richard Mway SDS after his three terms of office. And we pray for Fr Paul, Fr Richard and Fr Frank and all the Salvatorian community as they continue to guide, lead and support our two churches. May God bless them all.

Food Bank

After the Christmas period, stock items such as tinned vegetables and UHT milk are once again required. The full list for January is on the noticeboard and on the donations box. Thank you for any support you are able to give.

Fairtrade

The next stall will be after Masses at CTK on Sunday 25th January.

CAFOD

Lent will soon be with us, and CAFOD is once again asking us to consider joining their 'Big Lent Walk': 200km over the 40 days of Lent to raise sponsorship for their work.

Please get in touch with Jean or Mark if you are interested, or see the web-page [The Big Lent Walk 2026](https://www.cafod.org.uk/big-lent-walk-2026)

CTK Children's Liturgy ("Little Church")

Children's Liturgy ("Little Church") will take place this Sunday 18th January during the 10:30am Mass.



First Holy Communion Programme

The First Holy Communion Programme for those looking to celebrate their FHC in May 2026 will commence this **Sunday 18th January at 9.30am in the Parlour** at Porch House (next to CTK Church). Please make every effort to attend. The children will be welcome to bring one Baptism item or a photograph to share with the Group.

The **enrolment Mass** for those planning to make their First Holy Communion this coming year, will be held in CTK after their second meeting on **Sunday 25th January during the 10.30am Mass** on that day. All families, friends and parishioners are invited to attend to show their support as the First Holy Communion children make their promises during this Mass.

World Leprosy Day 2026

World Leprosy Day will be observed on **Sunday 25th January 2026**. This is an annual opportunity to highlight the ongoing reality faced by people affected by leprosy across the world. It is also a moment to celebrate the dignity, courage and resilience of those living with leprosy.

There will be an Appeal and a Retiring collection at all Masses over the weekend of the 24th and 25th January. Thank you.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all our Parishioners who are ill, in hospital or housebound particularly Carrie Sidoli, Peter Bradshaw, Tony Gaynor, Mairead O'Donnell.

Recently deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary McCoy, Edna Parker, Jane Bradshaw and Barbara Godman who have died recently.

The Requiem Mass for Mary McCoy will take place at 12:30pm on Monday 2nd February at CTK which will be preceded by Mary being received into the Church at 5:30pm on Sunday 1st February.

The Requiem Mass for Barbara Godman will take place at Holy Cross on Thursday 5th February at 12:30pm.

The funeral service for Edna Parker will take place at St Mary's Church, Wotton, at 11:00am on Thursday 12th February.

The Requiem Mass for Jane Bradshaw will take place at CTK on Friday 13th February at 10:30am.

All Parishioners from Holy Cross and CTK will be most welcome to attend the Funeral Services listed above. We keep all their families in our prayers also at this time.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace Margaret Moran, Mary McLean, Hilda Gage, Kathleen Mary Lees, Gwen Fitzgerald, Pauline Cooke, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Tony Beedles, Michael John, Margaret (Peggy) Williams, Joan McIlroy, Kathleen Hall, David Jones, John Herbert, Anne Candy, Anne Doyle.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 18th January
Quiz Night 19:30 Wednesday 21st January
Friday Music Night 19:30 Friday 6th February

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9.00 Reader	10.30		Collector	Music
		Reader 1	Reader 2		
18th Jan	K Byrne	P Morrissey	M Gilroy	L & S Emm	Choir
25th Jan	N McCarthy		Children's Mass		Folk Group

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 12th & 19th Jan J Brown, F Jamieson & S De La Torre
Mon 26th Jan & 2nd February M Gilroy & K Byrne

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 18th January: A Clarke & Family
Sunday 25th January: M Gilroy & M Cullimore

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

18th Jan: 9:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hetherton
25th Jan: 9:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm/M Wallis

RCIA Programme

The next meeting for the RCIA Programme will be Sunday 25th January in the Parlour at Porch House after the 10.30am Mass.

Lent 2026 – Liturgies of Reconciliation

During the season of Lent 2026, Bishop Bosco will be celebrating the abundant mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation at five venues across the Diocese.

We are pleased to confirm that one of these celebrations will be hosted at Christ the King, Thornbury on **Tuesday 24 March at 7.00pm**. Further details to follow. All most welcome.

All done!

Not for the first time at our two Parish Churches, we were very grateful to Joe and all his team at J.D Home Improvements & Son Ltd for their valued work and expertise. The ramp at CTK looks vastly improved. Apologies for any disruptions to our Parishioners and Parish Groups whilst the renovations were underway. Thank you to Graham for his stewardship and coordination whilst the work took place. Thank you all!