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Sunday 1st February 2026

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

<u>Saturday 31st January</u>	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 1st February</u>	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Rodger Steedman (Anniv)
<u>Sunday 1st February</u>	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Bill Clarke +
<u>Sunday 1st February</u>	Reception into Church (Mary McCoy)	Svce: 17.30 (CTK)
<u>Monday 2nd February</u>	Requiem Mass - Mary McCoy	Mass: 12:30 (CTK) Mary McCoy +
<u>Tuesday 3rd February</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10.00 (CTK) Lyn Hegdon +
<u>Wednesday 4th February</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 5th February</u>	Requiem Mass - Barbara Godman	Mass: 12:30 (HC) Barbara Godman +
<u>Friday 6th February</u>	Memorial of Saints Paul Miki and Companions	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) David Bull + and Family
<u>Saturday 7th February</u>	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 8th February</u>	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Molly Taylor +
<u>Sunday 8th February</u>	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Mary McCoy +

(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

Please note there will be no Holy Hour on Thursday 5th February

Diocesan Prayer League: Immaculate Conception, Devizes, with Lavington.

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: 5:1-12a 'Blessed are the poor in spirit'



Reflection: The Sermon on the Mount is arguably the greatest homily ever given. Jesus spoke the following words of encouragement to a large crowd that had gathered to hear him speak. For many it is the most repeated and known message that Jesus ever gave: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." (Matthew 5:3-12) If we want to know what the heart of God is like and how God comforts those who need it most, we need look no further than the words that Jesus spoke to that great crowd today. God's message on the mount teaches us how to become more like Him; how to be a person who is "pure in heart"; how to be kind, generous and truthful in what we do and say. This is the heart of Our God, that we share through the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 14th February

Reading Rota

31st January - Philippa Simpson

7th February - Jane Parker

Welcome Rota

31st January - Philippa Simpson

7th February - Bella Warren

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!



Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intentions

Jan 2026 - "Let us pray that praying with the Word of God may be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church."

This weekend is the "Sunday of the Word of God", Pope Francis instituted this day

as a fitting time of year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and pray for Christian Unity. Pope Leo has continued that prayer intention as we conclude the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18th to Jan 25th).



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Monday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This Feast occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus, and is also known as Candlemas day, marking the end of the Christmas season. With the presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple by Mary and Joseph, and the prophecy of Simeon, events now point towards Easter. Almighty ever-living God, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this

day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, may we be presented to you, with minds made pure.

Note: the blessing of candles at CTK this year will take place on Tuesday 3rd February during the 10.00am Mass, which will also include the blessing of throats on the Memorial of St Blaise.

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.

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](#)



First Holy Communion

The next session of the FHC Programme will take this **Sunday 1st February at 9.30am in the Parlour at Porch House (next to CTK Church)**. Please make every effort to attend.

World Leprosy Day 2026

Thank you to all who supported this appeal last weekend the total raised was £625.47.

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 John O'Malley, Veronica Lambe, Beatrice Fry, Edward Nobes, Brian Caherty, Bill Healing, Fr Aelred Dobson SDS, Bill Clarke, Fr Jan Bak SDS, Fr Liam Talbot SDS, Anne Wilson, Rene Gilbert.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 1st February
Quiz Night 19:30 Wednesday 4th February
Friday Music Night 19:30 Friday 6th February

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

The new readers rota for Feb to Jul 26 are available [here](#)

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers		
1st Feb	G Hunter	A Clarke	B Clarke	C & D Clarke	Choir
8th Feb	P Wells	L Emm	D Waters	J & H Lewis	Folk

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 26th Jan & 2nd February M Gilroy & K Byrne
Mon 9th & 16th February L Godding & S Evans

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 1st February: S Emm & J Wallis
Sunday 8th February: S & D Nicholls

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

1st Feb: T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls
8th Feb: M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hetherton

RCIA Programme

The next meeting for the RCIA Programme will be Sunday 8th February in the Parlour at Porch House after the 10.30am Mass.

On **Saturday 21st February at 11.00am** in the Cathedral, Bishop Bosco will celebrate the "Rite of Election" service for all people wishing to be in full communions within the Church from across the Diocese. All are welcome to attend this celebration.

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.