



# CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS

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## Sunday 4th January 2026

**YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: Second Sunday after the Nativity (Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Cycle Year 2)**

**Saturday 3rd January**

**Second Sunday after the Nativity of the Lord**

**Mass: 17:00 (HC)**

**Sunday 4th January**

**Second Sunday after the Nativity of the Lord**

**Mass: 09:00 (CTK)** Mark, Helen & Len Jacobs +

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**Mass: 10:30 (CTK)** Peter Johnson +

**Monday 5th January**

**Weekday of Christmas**

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**Tuesday 6th January**

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

**Mass: 10:00 (CTK School)**

**Tuesday 6th January**

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

**Mass: 19:30 (CTK)**

**Wednesday 7th January**

**Weekday of Christmas**

**Mass: 10:00 (CTK)**

**Thursday 8th January**

**Weekday of Christmas**

**Mass: 09:15 (HC)**

**Friday 9th January**

**Weekday of Christmas**

**Mass: 10:00 (CTK)**

**Saturday 10th January**

**The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

**Mass: 17:00 (HC)**

**Sunday 11th January**

**The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

**Mass: 09:00 (CTK)** Cathy Widderson-Bossons +

**Sunday 11th January**

**The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

**Mass: 10:30 (CTK)** Mary McCoy +

**(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.

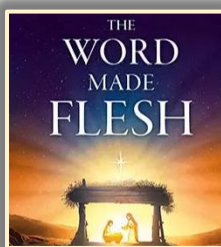
**Holy Hour: Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament – Thursday 10.30-11.30**

**Diocesan Prayer League: St Peter, Cirencester, St Aldhelm, Malmesbury/St Michael, Tetbury**

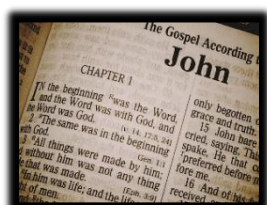
**Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:**

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



**John 1:1-18 'The word became flesh and dwelt among us.'**



**Reflection:** This weekend's Gospel is taken from the opening verses of St John's Gospel; words which are often taken from the Day time Gospel on Christmas Day. They are a reminder to us that the child Jesus who came into the world on that day was, is and always will be the "Living Word" of God. That word is revealed to us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit and existed before Time began and will do so for ever more. We continue to celebrate and draw strength from our God who became Man, who lived among us and shared every one of our emotions and experiences of life except our weaknesses through Sin. By the life that Jesus lived, we have an example to follow. By that life and death, we have the right to call ourselves "children of God."

As we enter 2026, leaving an old year behind and looking forward to the New Year that beckons, may we strive refreshed and ever willing to live the life that God would wish us to. May we accept the responsibility that this entails, filled with the Grace, Strength and Mercy that comes through God and God alone.

Dear God, we thank You for the gift of a new year. We ask that You help us to embrace new beginnings with faith and hope. May this year be a fresh start, a chance to grow closer to You and to fulfil the purpose You have for our lives. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

## Holy Cross

**Coffee after Mass** - Saturday 10th January

### Reading Rota

3rd January – Victoria Fowler  
10th January – Hazel Vaughan

### Welcome Rota

3rd January – Meg Carter  
10th January – Hazel Vaughan

### Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 3rd January



## Happy New Year!

Many thanks for the very generous donations and presents to the Clergy over the Christmas period. The Clergy collection amounted to £2,400, which

was very much appreciated. It was so nice to see so many people, Parishioners, Other Family members and Visitors alike who came to celebrate the Christmas services held in our two Parish churches.

Father Frank and Deacons Kingsley and Lawrence wish you all a very happy and holy New Year and all best wishes for the time ahead.

## Thank You!

To all who so generously donated a present(s) under the Christmas tree at CTK Church for children. These will be taken shortly to the local Social Services to be given out throughout the coming year to those most in need. Thank you once again!

## Foodbank (CTK)

Thank you for all the contributions leading up to Christmas. The list of items requested for January will be on the Noticeboard and on the Donations Box as soon as it is available.

## CAFOD

A total of £545 was raised for CAFOD's Advent Appeal. Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets or who helped with the sale of Craft and other items. And congratulations to Lesley Morrissey who won the main raffle prize of the hamper.

## CTK 200 Club

December Prize Winner: A McAllister £200.

## Congratulations!

Our prayers and best wishes go to Rowan Paul McEachern, Felicity Elizabeth Causley and Elliot Kenneth Leonard Causley, plus their Parents, Godparents and Families following baptisms at Christ the King Church on Saturday 20th and Sunday 28th December respectively. Welcome to our Parish family!

## Holy Hour (CTK)

The Holy Hour prayer service will re-commence on Thursday 15th January at 10.30am. (NOT Thu 8th as previously mentioned).



## Solemnity of the Epiphany

The Solemnity of the Epiphany, which is a Holyday of Obligation, takes place this **Tuesday 6th January**. A Mass will be celebrated at **CTK School at 10.00am** that morning (to which ALL Parishioners are

invited), plus an **Evening Mass at 7.30pm in CTK Church**. Please make every effort to attend one of these. The Evening Mass will be Live streamed for those unable to attend in person.

## Celebration Mass for Marriage & Family Life Saturday 14 February

Bishop Bosco will be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 14 February** (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2026 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, we look forward to seeing you there.

## 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, Barbara Godman.

## Recently deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Bishop, Richard Barlow, Mary McCoy, Edna Parker and Jane Bradshaw who have died recently. We pray for their families at this sad time also. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace Dot Neary, Andrew Henderson, John Kelly, Brigid Smith, Michael O'Sullivan, Lesley Walley, Joseph Loh, Mary Townsend, Anthony McKenna, Val Smith, Violet Crayston, Madeline Coghlan, Eileen Magor, Teresa Spong, Sally Cunningham, Denis Lyden, Janet McNicholas, Mark Jacobs, Fr Julius Schaefer, Joan Nicholas, Jan Cebula, Kathleen Gleich Honorah, Brian Frost.

## Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night ..... 19:30 Wednesday 21st January  
Friday Music Night ..... 19:30 Friday 2nd January

**\*No Sunday music night until 11th of January\***

**\*There will be no quiz Night on Wednesday 7th January\***

## CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9.00 Reader	10.30		Collector	Music
		Reader 1	Reader 2		
4th Jan	D McNulty	G Cullimore	J Dennis	P & L Morrissey	Choir
11th Jan	C Hurford	K Parkinson	A McAllister	M & J Wallis	Folk Group

## Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 5th Jan C & J Hurford  
Mon 12th & 19th Jan J Brown, F Jamieson & S De La Torre

## CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

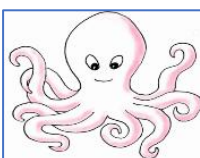
Sunday 4th January: S & D Nicholls  
Sunday 11th January: D Rees & G Brooks

## Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

4th Jan: 9:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm/ M Wallis  
11th Jan: 9:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls

## RCIA Programme

The next meeting for the RCIA Programme will be on Sunday 11th January after the 10.30am Mass.



## Octopus Pantomime

Octopus Drama Group will be performing everyone's favourite Pantomime, Cinderella, In the church hall this week from Wednesday 7th January to Friday 9th January at 7.30 pm and on Saturday 10th January at 11 am and 2.30 pm. Thank you to our regular Hall users for their flexibility this week.



## Happy Christmas!

A belated Happy Christmas from some of the CTK Friday coffee crew. The Friday Coffee group meet **fortnightly after the 10.00am Mass at CTK Church in the Parlour**. All Parishioners would be most welcome to come along. The next get-together will be on **Friday 16th January**.

## Encounter Revive Day

Begin 2026 in the fire of the Holy Spirit – a Day of Encounter at the Cathedral on the 17th of Jan from 9.30am to 4.00pm. Please see the Church Noticeboards for further details. All welcome.

## Bishop's Letter for the Feast of the Holy Family

A copy of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter for the Feast of the Holy Family is available on the Parish website [here](#).