



# CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS

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## Sunday 11th January 2026

**YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Cycle Year 2)**

<u>Saturday 10th January</u>	<b>The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b>	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 11th January</u>	<b>The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b>	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Cathy Widderson-Bossoms +
<u>Sunday 11th January</u>	<b>The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b>	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Mary McCoy +
<u>Monday 12th January</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	.....
<u>Tuesday 13th January</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	W&C: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Wednesday 14th January</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	W&C: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 15th January</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	W&C: 09:15 (HC)
<u>Friday 16th January</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	W&C: 10:00 (CTK) Mary McCoy +
<u>Saturday 17th January</u>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	W&C: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 18th January</u>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	W&C: 09:00 (CTK) Margaret Bartlett (Anniv)
<u>Sunday 18th January</u>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	W&C: 10:30 (CTK) Bernard O'Carroll (Anniv)

(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: Immaculate Conception, Clevedon with Yatton**

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

**Page 118 (The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord)**

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



**Matthew 3:13-17 'When Jesus was baptised, he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him.'**

**Reflection:** This weekend's Feast of the Baptism of our Lord ends the liturgical Christmas season. After the joys of Christmas, the coming of Jesus Christ, Our Saviour, into the world, Jesus' Baptism in the River Jordan by John is recognised as the beginning of His Public Ministry. This week, many people will have returned to Work, School, College / University or wherever else our "Normal Lives" may be leading us. For some, this may be tinged with disappointment or sadness that the "fun" and "relaxation" of the Christmas and New Year period may have brought. But as always as we begin a New Year, this also represents a new opportunity to start afresh. As we do so, we can take heart that where we may go, God will go with us also. The Church's Liturgical Season has now returned to "Ordinary Time." However, our lives need not be that "Ordinary", if we truly believe that we are Sons and Daughters of God, thanks to God's Son who began His own ministry on this very day. *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

Over the Christmas period, we joyously celebrated the Baptism of three children into the Church, with another two to follow shortly. During 2025, we celebrated the baptism of ten others. These numbers exclude those who were received (and are planning to be received) into the Church as adults. Our combined Churches and Parish are doing well. For this we give thanks and praise to God, who through the same Spirit that came to rest on Jesus at His Baptism today, will continue to come and rest with us when we pray and act in His name.



## Holy Cross

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

### Reading Rota

10th January - Hazel Vaughan

17th January - Bella Warren

### Welcome Rota

10th January - Hazel Vaughan

17th January - Kate Barlow

### 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!



### Close of the Jubilee Year!

On the Solemnity of the Epiphany, Pope Leo presided over Holy Mass in St Peter's Basilica for some 5,800 people. At the start of the Mass, the Pope closed the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica, a gesture which marked the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope which his predecessor Pope Francis had opened on Christmas Eve 2024.

Jubilee years in the Catholic Church take place once every 25 years. The event drew more than 33 million pilgrims to Rome from 185 countries.

*"With a grateful heart, we prepare to close this holy door, supported by a multitude of faithful, sure that the Good Shepherd always has the door of His heart open to welcome us every time we feel tired and oppressed."* (Pope Leo XIV).

### Foodbank

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

This weekend marks 1,000 days since the conflict in Sudan broke out. Please see the web-page [here](#) for details of CAFOD's response; Pope Leo's call for a ceasefire; a petition to sign, calling on our Foreign Secretary to increase the UK's response; and a chance to donate to support CAFOD's work with its partners there.

### CTK Children's Liturgy ("Little Church")

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

### Holy Hour (CTK)

The Holy Hour prayer service will re-commence this coming Thursday 15th January at 10.30am.



### First Holy Communion Programme

The First Holy Communion Programme for those looking to celebrate their FHC in May 2026 will commence on **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.

## 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 Michael Bishop, Mary McCoy, Edna Parker, Jane Bradshaw and Barbara Godman who have died recently.

The funeral service for Michael Bishop will take place on Friday 16th January at Westerleigh Crematorium, Woodland Chapel at 10am.

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

The funerals for Jane Bradshaw and Barbara Godman will take place at CTK and Holy Cross Churches respectively on dates to be arranged.

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 Dora Smith, Mary Whiteman, Brian Hall, Angus Gifford, Hilda Brown, Peter McLeary, Thomas Connolly, Kay Monks, Edward Courtney, Doreen O'Farrell, Margaret Bartlett, Elizabeth Ann Pike, Mimi Todd, Bernard O'Carroll, Fr Peter (Louis) Preston, Karin Kendall, Bronislaw Pomiecko, Anne Farrant, Ken Miller.

### Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ...	19:00	Sunday 11th 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		
11th Jan	C Hurford	K Parkinson	A McAllister	M & J Wallis	Folk Group
18th Jan	G Hunter	P Morrissey	M Gilroy	L & S Emm	Choir

### 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 11th January: D Rees & G Brooks  
Sunday 18th January: A Clarke & Family

### Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

11th Jan: 9:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls  
18th Jan: 9:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/B Hetherton

### RCIA Programme

The next meeting for the RCIA Programme will be this Sunday 11th January in the Parlour at Porch House after the 10.30am Mass.

### 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.

### 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, and to challenge the stigma and discrimination that still surrounds this disease. 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.