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

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| <u>Saturday 21st February</u> | First Sunday of Lent | Mass: 17:00 (HC) |
| <u>Sunday 22nd February</u> | First Sunday of Lent | Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Sean O'Mahoney (Anniv) |
| <u>Sunday 22nd February</u> | First Sunday of Lent | Mass: 10:30 (CTK) |
| <u>Monday 23rd February</u> | Weekday of Lent | |
| <u>Tuesday 24th February</u> | Weekday of Lent | Mass: 10.00 (CTK) Poor Souls in Purgatory + |
| <u>Wednesday 25th February</u> | Weekday of Lent | Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Timothy Joseph Linehan + |
| <u>Thursday 26th February</u> | Weekday of Lent | Mass: 09.15 (HC) |
| <u>Friday 27th February</u> | Weekday of Lent | Mass: 10:00 (CTK) |
| <u>Saturday 28th February</u> | Second Sunday of Lent | Mass: 17:00 (HC) Edna Parker + |
| <u>Sunday 1st March</u> | Second Sunday of Lent | Mass: 09:00 (CTK) |
| <u>Sunday 1st March</u> | Second Sunday of Lent | Mass: 10:30 (CTK) David Bull + |

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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 Dominic, Dursley; St Joseph, Nympsfield

Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:
Page 151 (First Sunday of Lent)

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



Matthew: 4: 1 -11 'Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted'



CAFOD Appeal: "Love your neighbour as yourself". Mark 12:31

CAFOD recently updated their logo, as you may have noticed, so that the wording underneath now reads: "A better world needs all of us". In the appeal this Lent from CAFOD we hear about the difficulties families face in different countries around the world caused by water: in parts of Zimbabwe, there is too little rain; in parts of Bangladesh and South Sudan, there is too much. The result is the same: seeds fail to grow, plants die and families go hungry. But there is hope and there is a solution. It needs all of us, working with our neighbours, to make a better world. In South Sudan, Rejoice and her children fled conflict, only to find their new home under water and livestock destroyed. Working with our local Caritas partner, she is now growing vegetables on a floating garden – crops are

thriving even when the land is submerged. In Zimbabwe, Shorai and his wife Hamunyare use solar-powered irrigation for drought-resistant crops that will feed their family.

There are many ways we can answer the Gospel call to love our neighbour. By fasting, and giving what we save, we join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table.

Other ways to support CAFOD's work this Lent include joining us for the soup lunch on 6th March and Stations of the Cross on 27th March; supporting Jean and Kingsley who are undertaking the Big Lent Walk in aid of CAFOD's water-related projects, via the Just Giving page [here](#); and signing up on the CAFOD website to receive the Lenten reflections. Thank you for any support you can provide.

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

21st February – M Carter
28th February – K Barlow

Reading Rota

21st February – V Fowler
28th February – H Vaughan

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 7th March

2026 Lent Lunches

(Fridays from 12pm – approx. 2pm at St Mary's church unless otherwise stated for local and international charities)

20 February – Dagoretti Corner Street Children Programme
27 February – Charity to be decided
6 March – World Day of Prayer (see below)
13 March – MAF Flying for life
20 March – Christian Aid (at Wotton Baptist Church)
27 March – Read with me

World Day of Prayer (Nigeria 2026)

Friday 6th March – 11.00am at St Mary's Church Soup Lunch in the Church after the Service. All welcome.

Foodbank (CTK) - the list of requested items for February is now available on the noticeboard.

Fairtrade (CTK) - there will be a stall will be after Masses at CTK this Sunday 22nd February.

World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March

The Day of Prayer is now celebrated in over 120 countries, and this years' service has been prepared by the women of Nigeria. The theme for reflection is "I will give you rest", which speaks to our need for peace and solace, drawing on their faith and experiences in a world increasingly filled with struggles and anxieties. All are welcome for the services and refreshments at:

- **Union Church, Salter St, Berkeley at 10:00am**
- **United Reformed Church, Chapel St, Thornbury at 7.30pm**

Lent 2026 – Liturgies of Reconciliation

During the season of Lent 2026, Bishop Bosco will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Christ the King, Thornbury on **Tuesday 24 March at 7.00pm**. All most welcome.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent after the 10.00am Mass and at 7.00pm in the evening, at CTK Church. The stations will begin this **Friday 27th February**, the first full week of Lent.



CTK Gardens – Your help is needed!

Could you do a good deed for Lent and give some of your spare time to tidy the Church gardens prior to Easter? Please sign up your name, contact details (**only** if not known in the Parish Office) and best day and time to help on the Noticeboard at the back of Church and someone will arrange to meet up with you to talk through what may need doing. Many thanks for any help in advance.



The Relics of Saint Carlo Acutis

The relics of Saint Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, will be visiting St Gregory the Great church in Cheltenham on Sunday 8th and Monday 9th March and the church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud, on the afternoon of Tuesday 10th March.

There is a full programme of events scheduled for the visit, some of which will be by ticket

only (to limit the expected numbers wishing to be there). If you would like to attend at some point and to see the full timetable please visit the Parish website: [The Visit of the Relics of St Carlo Acutis, March 2026 – St Gregorys Church](#).

Carlo was an English-born Italian, passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church. He was born in 1991, died of leukemia at the age of 15, and was canonized as a saint by Pope Leo XIV on the 7 September 2025. Saint Carlo, pray for us.

Prayers

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

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Anna Looney, Peggy Wilmot, Kitty Bunce, Timothy Murphy, John Arundell, David Irwin Winifred Morris, Mary Harrison, Mary Lambe, Mary Fitzpatrick, Bridie Tattersall, Mary Hetherton, Grace Kerwin, Anne Gill, Jan Stanulewicz, Bernard O'Brien.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 22nd February
Friday Coffee 10.30 Friday 27th February
Lent Family Fast Day Friday 27th February
Quiz Night 19:30 Wednesday 4th March
Friday Music Night 19:30 Friday 6th March

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

| Date | 9:00 | 10.30 | | Collectors | Music |
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| | Reader | Readings | Bidding Prayers & Antiphon | | |
| 22 Feb | P O'Rourke | M Wallis | A Collins | M & J Wallis | Folk |
| 01 Mar | D McNulty | F Pollard | P McGillan | P & L Morrissey | Choir |

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 23 Feb & 2 March: M Scott & D Rees
Mon 9 & 16 March: J & C Hurford

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 22 February: D Rees & G Brooks
Sunday 01 Mar: A Clarke & Family

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

22 Feb: T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott /F Beck
01 Mar: M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hetherton

CAFOD

This **Friday, 27th February**, is CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day. The appeal will be given at masses this weekend. Ways you may wish to donate are by collecting a CAFOD envelope for return next weekend; donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or by using the QR code; use the Dona machine at the back of church; or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

TCT Soup Lunch

Thornbury Churches Together (TCT) are hosting a Lenten soup lunch on **Sunday 1st March, at 12:00 for 12:30, in St. Mary's church hall**, Eastbury Rd. Our local MP, Claire Young, will be present, to give a short talk, which will be followed by Q&A. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard.

First Holy Communion

The next session of the FHC Programme will take on **Sunday 1st March at 9.30am** in the Parlour at Porch House (next to CTK Church). Please make every effort to attend. **This will be a preparation for the Reconciliation service which will take place at 6.30pm the following Saturday, 7th March.**

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The next meeting of the PPC will be at **Holy Cross Church at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th March**. Please contact the Parish Office if you have anything that you wish to raise on the agenda for this meeting.

Journeying with Jesus (Parish group reflection)

The first of a possible monthly series of Parish group reflections about the life and journey points of Jesus, "*In the wilderness*", will be held on **Wednesday 11th March** (7.30pm – 9.00pm) and repeated on **Monday 16th March** (10.30am – 12.30pm) in the Lounge at CTK Porch House. All welcome, please come and join us.