



# CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS



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## Sunday 1st March 2026

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

Saturday 28th February

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass: 17:00 (HC) Edna Parker +

Sunday 1st March

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass: 09:00 (CTK)

Sunday 1st March

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) David Bull +

Monday 2nd March

Weekday of Lent

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Tuesday 3rd March

Weekday of Lent

Mass: 10.00 (CTK) Poor Souls in Purgatory +

Wednesday 4th March

Weekday of Lent

Mass: 10:00 (CTK)

Thursday 5th March

Weekday of Lent

Mass: 09.15 (HC)

Friday 6th March

Weekday of Lent

Mass: 10:00 (CTK)

Saturday 7th March

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Sunday 8th March

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass: 09:00 (CTK)

Sunday 8th March

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass: 10:30 (CTK)

(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 Thomas of Canterbury, Fairford with Crickdale**

**\*THERE WILL BE NO HOLY HOUR THIS COMING WEEK, THU 5th MARCH**

**Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:  
Page 155 (Second Sunday of Lent)**

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



### Gospel Reflection: Matthew: 17: 1-9 "His face shone like the sun"

Jesus takes his closest disciples, Peter, James and John, to the top of a high mountain, most popularly understood to be Mount Tabor, in the heart of Lower Galilee in this weekend's Gospel story. Whilst there, the disciples witness the revelation of Jesus, the Son of God, accompanied by Moses and Elijah, the two great persons of Old Testament history, at one in glory. The sight would have been unlike anything ever seen before or since. As they watch, a voice from heaven is heard: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to Him." Having witnessed such things, it then seems strange that only John remained at the foot of the Cross at Calvary just a short time later. We can all trust and believe in our God when things are going well, it may be a different story when they are not. In this season of Lent, we can think back at the times in our lives when we perhaps have turned away too. Lent is a time to "begin anew"; to be strengthened by the love and

grace that only God can provide. We too can be spiritually "transfixed" by the knowledge of the majesty and wonder of God that the three closest followers of Jesus witnessed. This we too will witness one day when the gates of heaven are opened for us. On that day, we can repeat the words spoken by St Peter today: "Lord, it is good that we are here." Until then, our work goes on, through God's grace, to help ourselves and others to learn and respond to God's kingdom here on earth.

### CAFOD

**Family Fast Day** – please return any envelopes you have with your donations in the retiring collections this weekend. You can also donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or by using the QR code; use the Dona machine at the back of CTK church (please note that you cannot attach gift aid with this method); or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. Thank you for any contributions you can make.

**Big Lent Walk** – Jean and Kingsley have now started their walk of 200km over the 40 days of Lent to raise sponsorship for CAFOD's water projects. Please follow this [link](#) to the Just Giving page to sponsor them.

**Soup Lunch** – please join us for a soup lunch and a chance to hear about CAFOD's current work in the lounge at CTK Porch House at 12.30 on Friday 6th March.

## Holy Cross

### Welcome Rota

28th February – K Barlow      7th March – Youth Volunteer

### Reading Rota

28th February – H Vaughan      7th March – Youth Reader

### 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)

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.

### Tanzanian Evening – Asante Sana!

Fiona and Alun would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported their fund raiser on the 21st of Feb to support the renovation of St Patrick's Cathedral in Morogoro, Tanzania, the Cathedral Church of Bishop Lazarus, our former Parish Priest. The fun, entertaining and informative evening raised £343 in cash which will go directly to the renovation work and specifically the installation of two side doors to the Cathedral. Donations to the fund will continue to the end of March and can be made electronically via the Parish website and the Dona system (choosing the "Morogoro Appeal" option). Some Ktenges (stretches of African fabric) are still available for a suggested £10.00 donation. Please contact Fiona on 07881 880657 if you are interested. Asante Sana! (Thank you!).



### World Day of Prayer (Friday 6th March)

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

Bishop Bosco will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Christ the King, Thornbury on **Tuesday 24 March at 7.00pm**. The new SDS Provincial Superior, Fr Paul Harris SDS and two of our local Deans, Fr Gary Brassington and Fr James Finan will also be with us. 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. Stations of the Cross on Fri 27th March at 10.30am in the Lounge at CTK will be the CAFOD stations. All welcome.

### CTK Gardens – Your help is needed!

Please sign up on the Noticeboard at the back of Church if you are available and willing to help tidy up the Church Gardens before Easter. Many thanks for any help in advance.

### The Relics of Saint Carlo Acutis

The relics of Saint Carlo Acutis will be visiting St Gregory the Great church in Cheltenham and the church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud from the 8th to 10th March.

If you would like to attend and to see the full Programme timetable please visit the Parish website here: [The Visit of the Relics of St Carlo Acutis, March 2026 – St Gregorys Church.](#)

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

Children's Liturgy ("Little Church") will take place this Sunday 1st March during the 10:30am Mass.

### RCIA Programme

The next meeting of the RCIA Programme will be after the 10.30am Mass at CTK this Sunday 1st March.

### Prayers

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

### Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Gerard Darwell, Mary Dawson, Doris Philpott, Tony Bryce, Frank Sebach, Ria Williams, Fr Mike Newman SDS, Ngoni Wilfred Pawadyira, Frances Heaven.

### Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... ..... 19:00 Sunday 1st March  
 Friday Coffee ..... 10.30 Friday 13th March  
 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
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
1st Mar	D McNulty	F Pollard	P McGillan	P & L Morrissey	Choir
8th Mar	C Hurford	A McAllister	F Beck	J & H Lewis	Folk

### Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 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

01 Mar: M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hetherton  
 08 Mar: J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm/M Wallis

### Taizé Service (CTK Church)

Back by popular demand – Lent Taizé Service with readings, prayers and beautiful music on **Monday 16th March at 7.00pm**. However, as our little group is dwindling, we urgently need more singers to join us – especially tenors and basses! This could be your "something extra for Lent." Practices will be on Monday 9th March at 7.00pm and Saturday 14th March at 11.00am. Contact Margaret (Tel. 01454 415282) for more information.



### 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.