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

<u>Saturday 7th March</u>	Third Sunday of Lent	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 8th March</u>	Third Sunday of Lent	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Eamon Dooley +
<u>Sunday 8th March</u>	Third Sunday of Lent	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Eddie Murphy +
<u>Monday 9th March</u>	Weekday of Lent
<u>Tuesday 10th March</u>	Weekday of Lent	Mass: 10.00 (CTK) Poor Souls in Purgatory +
<u>Wednesday 11th March</u>	Weekday of Lent	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 12th March</u>	Weekday of Lent	Mass: 09.15 (HC)
<u>Friday 13th March</u>	Weekday of Lent	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Eddie Murphy +
<u>Saturday 14th March</u>	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 15th March</u>	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Mass: 09:00 (CTK)
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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 Catharine, Frome; St Dominic, Mells

**Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:
Page 158 (Third Sunday of Lent)**

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



Gospel Reflection: John: 4: 5-42 "A spring of water welling up to eternal life"

Coming to draw water at the hottest times of the day rather than in the early morning as was the custom, suggests that all was not well. The woman of Samaria seemed ill at ease with herself. Having five husbands wouldn't have helped. We occasionally hear about "media" figures with more than one husband (or wife) in their story. With few exceptions, their later lives were blighted by addictions of one form or another. But Lent is not the time for us to point our finger at others, rather it is a time for us to face up to our own "addictions" and weaknesses. Jesus gently helps the woman in our Gospel story to face up to her own past. Jesus helps her to understand that He, and only He, can quench her thirst for inner peace; not just in this life but in the world to come. Jesus revealed the woman to herself: "He told me all I ever did."

Pope Saint John Paul II once said that "in prayer God reveals a person to themselves." Self-revelation is no bad thing for us either, especially if we, like the woman at the well, have been searching for fulfillment in the wrong places. Just like the woman of Samaria, it's comforting to know that Jesus knows everything we too have ever done, the good and the bad in our lifetime. He accepts us as he finds us, the bad bits as well as the good, but he doesn't want to leave us as he found us especially if, as in this Gospel story, we need forgiveness and healing. Once found, we too are then willing and eager to share that Good News with others.

CAFOD

Family Fast Day – Thank you for all contributions. The collection will be held open until the end of the month for any remaining donations. You can also donate online at 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.

Big Lent Walk – Jean and Kingsley are now well under way with 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

7th March – Youth Volunteer 14th March – Hazel Vaughan

Reading Rota

7th March – Youth Reader 14th March – Meg Carter

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)

13 March – MAF Flying for life

20 March – Christian Aid (at Wotton Baptist Church)

27 March – Read with me

Morogoro Fundraising Appeal

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!).

Pictures and a video from the Tanzanian evening held on Sat 21st Feb are available on the Parish website [here](#) (scroll to "Community Events, Tanzanian Evening at Holy Cross").

Good Friday

Holy Cross church will be preparing the Hot Cross Buns for the CTiW walk on Good Friday morning. Please speak with Graham Jackson if you are willing and able to help with this.

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](#).

Foodbank - The list of items requested for March is now on the noticeboard, including tinned potatoes and washing capsules.

Fairtrade - The next stall will be on Sunday 22nd March.

RCIA Programme

The next meeting of the RCIA Programme will be after the 10.30am Mass at CTK on Sunday 15th March.

Congratulations!

Our prayers and best wishes go to Patrick Thomas Mullane and his Parents and Godparents after his Baptism at CTK Church recently.

CTK 200 Club

February Prize Winner: Mrs G Berkeley £200.

Headteacher Vacancy

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, in Nympsfield, part of the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust in the Clifton Diocese, is seeking to appoint a committed, faith-filled and inspirational Headteacher following the retirement of their current Head. For further information, please view the full job application pack online [here](#). (Closing date for applications is 9.00am on Tue 17th March). We are asked to keep the school in our prayers.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eddie Murphy who died recently. Eddie's funeral arrangements will be announced in due course. We keep Eddie's family in our prayers also at this time. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers

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

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: John Fitzgerald Jnr, David Williams, Horace Short, Ivor Richards, James Naughton, Flo Johnson, Cecile Brinkman, William Viner, Sister Josephine O'Malley SDS, Michael Bradshaw, William Miller, Edward Tomaszewski, Marie Tuckwell Peggy Long.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 15 March
Friday Coffee 10.30 Friday 13 March
Quiz Night 19:30 Wednesday 18 March
Friday Music Night 19:30 Friday 6 March

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
8 Mar	C Hurford	A McAllister	F Beck	J & H Lewis	Folk
15 Mar	G Hunter	J Dennis	G Cullimore	L & S Emm	Choir

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 9 & 16 March: J & C Hurford
Mon 23 & 30 March: J Brown, F Jamieson & S De La Torre

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

08 Mar: M Gilroy & M Cullimore
15 Mar: S Emm & J Wallis

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

08 Mar: 09:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm/M Wallis
15 Mar: 09:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls

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 this **Monday 9th March at 7.00pm and Saturday 14th March at 11.00am**. Contact Margaret (Tel. 01454 415282) for more information.



First Holy Communion

Please pray for our First Holy Communion children who will be making their First Reconciliation this weekend at **6.30pm on Saturday, 7th March**.

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.

Pope Leo XIV

Monthly Prayer Intentions

March 2026 – For disarmament and peace

"Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence."

[Written some months ago, but so relevant given recent times].