



# CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS



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## Sunday 15th March 2026

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

Saturday 14th March

Sunday 15th March

Sunday 15th March

Monday 16th March

Tuesday 17th March

Wednesday 18th March

Thursday 19th March

Friday 20th March

Saturday 21st March

Sunday 22nd March

Sunday 22nd March

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Weekday of Lent

Feast of St Patrick

Weekday of Lent

Solemnity of St Joseph

Weekday of Lent

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass: 17:00 (HC) Thomas and Mary Hopkins +

Mass: 09:00 (CTK)

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Eddie Murphy +

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Mass: 10:00 (CTK)

Mass: 10:00 (CTK)

Mass: 09:15 (HC)

Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Michael Scoltock +

Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Mass: 09:00 (CTK)

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Percy & Patricia Emm +

(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:

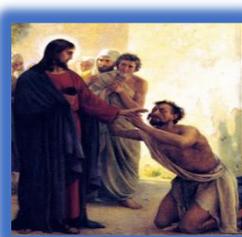
[Live Services – Christ The King & Holy Cross](#)

**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 St Peter, Gloucester**

**Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:**  
**Page 164 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)**

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



### Gospel Reflection: John 9:1-41 "He went and washed and received his sight"

The man born blind in this weekend's Gospel stands for all of us. We are all born blind to the wonder of God, but it is through Baptism that the Light of the World first comes alive. The man is told to go and wash in the Pool of Siloam, which for us symbolises the Baptismal font.

Jesus gave light to the blind man whilst at the same time exposed those who remained blind to His Light. The leading Pharisees preferred to turn their back on Jesus as, sadly, do many in our own world today.

During Lent, we are encouraged to reflect on what might be blinding us to the Light. But as the days get longer, the nights shorter, and as we move further into Lent towards the full Light of Easter, we ask God to increase our faith and dispel any darkness from our minds and hearts.

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS - 2026

We are now able to confirm the celebrations for Holy Week and Easter and look forward to seeing as many Parishioners, visiting Family and Friends as possible over the dates which will follow.

**Palm Sunday** of the Passion of the Lord will be at the usual Mass times of 5.00pm on Saturday 28th March at Holy Cross and 9.00am and 10.30am on Sunday 29th March at Christ the King.

Parishioners may wish to attend the **Annual Chrism Mass at 11.00am in the Cathedral on Wednesday 1st April** (there will be no Mass at CTK on that day).

The **Maundy Thursday** celebration (Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper) will be at 19.30 on Thursday 2nd April at Christ the King. This will include the washing of the feet and the renewal commitment for Special Eucharistic Ministers. All Special Eucharistic Ministers are encouraged to attend where possible.

On **Good Friday** (Celebration of the Passion of the Lord) on Friday 3rd April, there will be services both at Holy Cross and Christ the King at 3.00pm.

The **Easter Vigil Mass** at 19.30 on the 4th of April will be at Christ the King and will include the reception into Church of Eva and Gereint, two of our Parishioners. Please come along to support them on this evening.

On **Easter Sunday**, 5th April, there will be a 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross and two Masses at CTK at the usual times of 9.00am and 10.30am.

## Holy Cross

### Welcome Rota

14th March – Hazel Vaughan 21st March – Jane Parker

### Reading Rota

14th March – Meg Carter 21st March – Philippa Simpson

### Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 11th April

### 2026 Lent Lunches

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

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!).

## CAFOD

**Fast Day** - thank you for all contributions. The collection will be held open until the end of the month for any remaining donations.

**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.

### Stations of the Cross - please note the change of date:

CAFOD Stations will now be this Friday, 20th March in the lounge, at the usual time of around 10:30, after morning Mass.

## 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.

**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.

## Priests' Retirement Fund 21/22 March

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend. Donations received will be shared equally between the Diocese and the Salvatorian Order for retired priests.

## Congratulations!

Our prayers and best wishes go to Hector and Seraphine Sherwin and their Parents and Godparents after their Baptism at CTK Church last weekend.

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

Children's Liturgy ("Little Church") will take place this Sunday 15th March during the 10:30am Mass.

## Feast of St Patrick – Tue 17th March

We pray for the people of Ireland. St Patrick, pray for us. (With humble apologies to our Welsh parishioners for the lack of space in the Newsletter for the 1st of March – the Feast of St David).

## Solemnity of St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 19th March is the solemnity of St Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus. We ask for the intercession of St Joseph in our daily lives.

## Mothering Sunday

We pray and give thanks to God for all mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers and all who provide maternal care for others on this Laetare Sunday "Mother's Day".

## Recently Deceased

The Requiem Mass for Eddie Murphy will take place at 11am on Friday 27th March at CTK which will be preceded by Eddie being received into the Church at 4pm on Thursday 26th March.

There will be a Buffet lunch (Teas, Coffees, Sandwiches etc) immediately following the Mass in the Parish Hall. Committal will be at Westerleigh Crematorium for close family only at 15.15pm. We pray for the repose of the soul of Eddie and pray for his family at this time.

## 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: Jeanne McLoughlin, Peter Steel, George Fitzgerald, John Moloney, Nicholas Naughton, Francis McClean, Ellen Wiltshire, Albert Simmons, Sister Edward Berkeley, Leonard Kingsman, Nicholas Clarke, Vic Bond, Bob Brooks, Maureen Plenderleith, Peter Bentley, Joan Mullen, Dermot Fitzpatrick, Oliver Robins, Victor De Souza.

## Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 15 March  
Friday Coffee ..... 10.30 Wednesday 25 March \*  
Quiz Night ..... 19:30 Wednesday 18 March  
Friday Music Night ..... 19:30 April date TBC

**\*Friday coffee morning - please note change of date\***

## CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
15 Mar	G Hunter	J Dennis	G Cullimore	L & S Emm	Choir
22 Mar	N McCarthy	Youth Mass			Folk 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

15 Mar: S Emm & J Wallis 22 Mar: S & D Nicholls

## Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

15 Mar: 09:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls  
22 Mar: 09:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hetherton

## RCIA Programme

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

## Taizé Service (CTK Church)

The Lent Taizé Service with readings, prayers and beautiful music will take place on **Monday 16th March at 7.00pm**. The final practice will be **Saturday 14th March at 11.00am**. Contact Margaret (Tel. 01454 415282) for more information.

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion children who made their First Reconciliation last weekend. Their next preparation session is this **Sunday 15th March at 9:30am in the Parlour**.

## 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.

## 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].