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

<u>Saturday 21st March</u>	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 22nd March</u>	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Eddie Murphy +
<u>Sunday 22nd March</u>	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Percy & Patricia Emm +
<u>Monday 23rd March</u>	Weekday of Lent
<u>Tuesday 24th March</u>	Weekday of Lent	Mass: 10.00 (CTK)
<u>Tuesday 24th March</u>	Diocesan Liturgy of Reconciliation	Service: 19:00 (CTK)
<u>Wednesday 25th March</u>	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Mary Hawthorn +
<u>Thursday 26th March</u>	Weekday of Lent	Mass: 09.15 (HC)
<u>Thursday 26th March</u>	Reception into Church (Eddie Murphy)	Service: 16:00 (CTK)
<u>Friday 27th March</u>	Requiem Mass – Eddie Murphy	Mass: 11:00 (CTK) Eddie Murphy +
<u>Saturday 28th March</u>	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 29th March</u>	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Eddie Murphy +
<u>Sunday 29th March</u>	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Stephanie McNally +

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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:

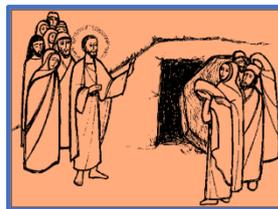
[Live Services – Christ The King & Holy Cross](#)

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 St Augustine of Canterbury, Matson & English Martyrs, Tuffley, Gloucester

**Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:
Page 170 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)**

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



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.

A list of volunteer readers for the Holy Week and Easter services is available at the back of both churches. Please sign up if you would like to read.

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

21 March - Jane Parker 28 March - Philippa Simpson

Reading Rota

21 March - Philippa Simpson 28 March - Maria Little

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 11 April

2026 Lent Lunches

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

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).

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.

Lent 2026 - Liturgies of Reconciliation

Bishop Bosco will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Christ the King, Thornbury this **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

On Friday 27 March at 7.00pm at CTK Church.

CTK Foodbank

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

CTK Fairtrade

The next stall will be after Masses this Sunday 22 March.

Priests' Retirement Fund 21/22 March

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

CTK Children's Liturgy ("Little Church")

Children's Liturgy ("Little Church") will take place on Sunday 29 March during the 10:30am Mass.

Gospel Reflection - John 11:1-45

"I am the resurrection and the life"

This weekend's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus from the dead, is a reminder to us of the power and wonder of God who is the God of the dead and of the living. The Gospel message lies at the heart of our Christian faith, that Jesus is "*the Resurrection and the Life*" and that "*whoever lives and believes in me will never die.*"

This message provides comfort to all who at some stage in their lives will be bereft and heartbroken by the loss of a partner, close family member or friend. Martha said to Jesus: "*Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.*" We can often echo these words. Sometimes we may make the very human mistake of blaming God when sadness comes in our lives and the lives of the world around us. But the story of Holy Week is a reminder that Jesus shares in our brokenness and tragedy-prone world. Our belief in life eternal will not relieve us of grief when someone we love passes away. Jesus wept over Lazarus. Jesus takes away the sins of the world, but not the suffering.

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church reminds us to keep our eye on our final destination, which is Life Eternal. We continue on our journey to the place where one day we shall see God and be with God for ever more. Until then our life struggles, trials and tribulations form part of that journey which we take with one another in the safety and assurance that with God, we will never be alone.

Recently Deceased

The Requiem Mass for Eddie Murphy will take place at 11am this Friday 27th March at CTK (preceded by reception into the Church at 4pm on Thursday 26th).

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: Jim Carroll, Marie Kingsley, Laura Radcliffe, John Arnold, Mary Hawthorn, Mary McKeown, Patrick McNeill, Margaret Comer, Agnes Philpot, Michael King, Constance O'Brien.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 22 March
Friday Coffee 10.30 Wednesday 25 March *
Quiz Night 19:30 Wednesday 1 April
Friday Music Night 19:30 Friday 10 April

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		
22 Mar	N McCarthy	Youth Mass			Folk Choir
29 Mar	K Byrne	M Gilroy	P Morrissey	D & N Waters	Choir

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 23 & 30 March: J Brown, F Jamieson & S De La Torre
Mon: 6 & 13 April: M Gilroy & K Byrne

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

22 Mar: S & D Nicholls 29 Mar: TBC

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

22 Mar: 09:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hetherton
29 Mar: 09:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm/M Wallis

First Holy Communion

The next session of the FHC Programme will take this **Sunday 22 March at 9.30am** in the Parlour at Porch House.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The minutes from the most recent PPC meeting held on Tuesday 10th March are available for information on the Parish website (scroll down to the bottom of the page). [Pastoral Council - Christ The King & Holy Cross](#) The Annual General Meeting of the PPC will take place on **Tuesday 21 April** in the Lounge (Porch House) at CTK Church. Further details will follow. All most welcome and encouraged to attend.



Solemnity of the Annunciation (Wed 25 March)

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, to commemorate the moment when the Angel Gabriel came to Mary to say that she would be the Mother of Our God, will be celebrated this coming week on Wed 25th March.

There will be a Mass to celebrate the Solemnity at **CTK Church at 10.00am**. All welcome.

God "*continues to push in every place in search of hearts capable of listening to God's invitation ... to seek hearts like Mary's, willing to believe.*" (Pope Francis).

We ask Mary, our mother, to help us to remain open and attentive to God's call in our own lives.

Adult Educations & Evangelisation department newsletter

The latest and 17th edition of the department newsletter is available to view [here](#).