



CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS



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Sunday 29th March 2026

YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Cycle Year 2)

<u>Saturday 28th March</u>	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Mass: 19:00 (HC) Roger Young (Sick)
<u>Sunday 29th March</u>	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Mass: 09:00 (CTK)
<u>Sunday 29th March</u>	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Mass: 10:30 (CTK)
<u>Monday 30th March</u>	Monday of Holy Week
<u>Tuesday 31st March</u>	Tuesday of Holy Week	Mass: 10.00 (CTK) Mary Kennedy +
<u>Wednesday 1st April</u>	Chrism Mass	Mass: 11:00 (Clifton Cathedral)
<u>Thursday 2nd April</u>	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	Mass: 19:30 (CTK)
<u>Friday 3rd April</u>	The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	Service: 15:00 (CTK)
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<u>Saturday 4th April</u>	Easter Vigil Holy Saturday	Mass: 19:30 (CTK)
<u>Sunday 5th April</u>	Sunday of the Resurrection	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) All Parishioners
<u>Sunday 5th April</u>	Sunday of the Resurrection	Mass: 10:00 (HC) All Parishioners
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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

No Holy Hour on Thursday 2nd April

Diocesan Prayer St Benet, Kemerton/St Joseph, Tewkesbury, St Nicholas, Winchcombe

Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:

Page 176 (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)

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

Today's Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ



GOSPEL REFLECTION: Today we begin Holy Week. The Passion narratives come to life as if enacted before our very eyes. Step by step we will walk the path which Jesus trod during the last days of his mortal life. This week, we will share in his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, we will share in his agony in the Garden at Gethsemane and in the events of the Last Supper, we will share in his painful suffering and death at Calvary. But we will know that through such pain, the resurrection of Jesus will surely follow.

Jesus will enter the Holy City of Jerusalem today not as a warrior King with a great army, but as a humble and gentle Messiah. Accepting all that was to follow with humility and for our sakes was at the heart of Jesus' love for us. A love which had no boundaries, had no conditions, but was held open for all who believed and trusted in Him. We hope that as many of our Parishioners and Visitors as possible will be able to attend the Holy Week and Easter celebrations take place this coming week within our two Parish Churches. May God bless us and be with us in the week that lies ahead. Hosanna to the King of Kings!

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

28 March – Philippa Simpson 5th April Bella Warren

Reading Rota

28 March – Maria Little 5th April Nick Acland

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 11th April

Morogoro Fundraising Appeal - Donations to the fund will continue to the end of March

CTIW (Churches Together in Wotton) - Good Friday Walk of Witness starting at Oliver Memorial Chapel, Synwell at 9:30. For a shorter walk you can join in at Perry and Dawes Almshouses, Church Street at 9:45. It will finish at St Mary's Church with coffee and Hot Cross Buns.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service on Coombe Hill at 7:00 followed by breakfast at St Mary's.

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 nearing completion of their walk of 200km each over the 40 days of Lent to raise sponsorship for CAFOD's water projects. Please follow this [link](#) to the Just Giving page for any remaining sponsorship.

Lent 2026 – Diocesan Liturgies of Reconciliation

A very big THANK YOU! To all who came along and supported the Diocesan Reconciliation service that we held on Tue 24th March. It was lovely to see so many people there from both churches on what was a horrible evening weather wise. We were honoured to be led during the service by the Bishop, we were most grateful to Fathers Paul, James, Gary and Stephen for being with us, to Sarah from the Diocese for inviting us to host the celebrations and to the Folk Group and Choir, Readers, Stewards and Sue and the Team with the catering and arrangements which followed afterwards. May God bless you all and to those who may have watched the service at home.

Stations of the Cross

On Friday 27 March at 7.00pm at CTK Church.

Priests' Retirement Fund 21/22 March

Thank you for your kindness and support to last weekend's retiring collection for the Priest's Retirement Fund. A grand total of £485.82 was raised across both parishes and will be split equally between the Diocese and the Salvatorian Order for retiring priests

CTK Children's Liturgy ("Little Church")

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

Holy Week and Easter Celebrations - 2026

Details of the times of the Holy Week and Easter services at both churches are overleaf.

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). Please note that the Chrism Mass will be Live Streamed from the Cathedral for those unable to attend in person.

The Maundy Thursday celebration 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.

The Easter Vigil Mass will include the reception into Church of two of our Parishioners, Eva and Gereint, please come along to support them on this evening.

Encounter 2026 – From Eastertide to Pentecost

"Mission – How the Holy Spirit Guides Me in My Vocation"

Join us for a series of inspiring evenings exploring how the Holy Spirit calls, guides and sends each of us on mission.

Clifton Cathedral (or livestream) Tuesdays, 21 April – 19 May | 7:00–9:00pm. The series concludes with **"Fire from Heaven" – a Pentecost Encounter Day and All-Night Vigil on 23 May (11:00am – 7:00am)**.

For more information email : encounter@cliftondiocese.com

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa Mockett who died recently. We keep Teresa's family in our prayers also at this time. May her 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, and Mairead O'Donnell.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Augustine Callejo, Christopher Hartery, Patrick McLoughlin, Emily Illing, Patrick Hough, Christopher Pender, Sister Mary Clare, Edna Clark, Joseph Healey, Giles Harwood, John Reay, John Quinn, Michael Bilder, Eileen Wheeler.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 29 March
Friday Coffee 10.30 Friday 10 April
Quiz Night 19:30 Wednesday 1 April
Friday Music Night 19:30 Friday 10 April

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
29 Mar	K Byrne	M Gilroy	P Morrissey	D & N Waters	Choir
5 Apr	P Wells	B Clarke	A Clarke	C & D Clarke	Folk Group

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

29 Mar: Maria Scott 5 April: D Rees & G Brooks

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

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

First Holy Communion

The next session of the FHC Programme will take this **Sunday 29th March at 9.30am** in the Parlour at Porch House. After this our First Holy Communion Children and Catechists will be taking a well-earned rest and return after the Easter Holidays on **Sunday 26 April**.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

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.



British Summer Time.

Just a reminder that clocks go forward one hour at 1.00am this Sunday 29 March!

Journeying with Jesus (Parish group reflection)

The second session of Parish group reflections about the life and journey points of Jesus, *"At the Well"*, will be held on **Wednesday 8 April** (7.30pm – 9.00pm) and repeated on **Monday 13 April** (10.30am – 12.30pm) in CTK Porch House. All welcome, please come and join us.

TCT (Thornbury Churches Together)

The annual Good Friday Walk of Witness will start at 10.30am from the car park next to the URC in Chapel Street and finish at St Mary's Church with hot cross buns. Volunteers are needed to steward the event ("hi viz" jackets will be provided). All welcome.