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

<u>Saturday 11th April</u>	Second Sunday of Easter	W&C: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 12th April</u>	Second Sunday of Easter	W&C: 09:00 (CTK)
<u>Sunday 12th April</u>	Second Sunday of Easter	W&C: 10:30 (CTK) Eileen Helm +
<u>Monday 13th April</u>	Weekday of Easter
<u>Tuesday 14th April</u>	Weekday of Easter	W&C: 10.00 (CTK)
<u>Wednesday 15th April</u>	Weekday of Easter	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Private Intention
<u>Thursday 16th April</u>	Weekday of Easter	Mass: 09:15 (HC)
<u>Friday 17th April</u>	Weekday of Easter	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Lila Sebastian +
<u>Saturday 18th April</u>	Third Sunday of Easter	Mass: 17:00 (HC) Roger Young +
<u>Sunday 19th April</u>	Third Sunday of Easter	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Helen, Mark & Len Jacobs +
<u>Sunday 19th April</u>	Third Sunday of Easter	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Lila Sebastian +

(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:

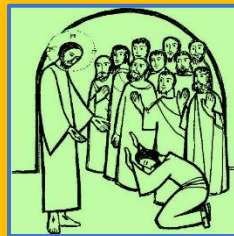
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Confessions: Are available by request, before or after Mass, please ask Father Frank for a convenient time.

Holy Hour: Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament –Thursday 10.30-11.30
Diocesan Prayer Salisbury Parishes

Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:
Page 255 (Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday)

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



Today's Gospel: John 20: 19-31
'Eight days later, Jesus came'

Blessed are they who
have not seen and
yet have believed

John 20:31

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Is it right to have doubts about our faith? If we struggle to believe in God, will God be angry with us? If we read about the lives of many, if not all, of the Saints and if we read again the words from today's Gospel, then we find our answer. Believing in God in an "imperfect" world is not always an easy thing to do. But God will never be angry with us, nor will God turn away. In fact, God will do the opposite whenever we are honest and open with God and with ourselves. Jesus tells us as much after answering St Thomas's doubts: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

During this Easter season, we will listen to a great many people who came to know and understand God because they were witnesses to Jesus, alive and risen from the dead. We can take great comfort from them, as we can from St Thomas who today publicly demonstrated his new-found belief in words which we can repeat in the elevation of the Holy Eucharist during the Communion Prayer. At that point, and at many other times in our lives, we too can recognise Jesus as Our King, great friend, and Saviour: "My Lord and My God".

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

11 April Elaine Godfrey 18 April Meg Carter

Reading Rota

11 April Meg Carter 18 April George Fowler

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 11 April

Fairtrade

There will be a stall after Masses next Sunday, 19th April.

Seed exchange

Also, next Sunday, 19th April, alongside the fairtrade stall, we will hold a seed exchange, so please bring along any spare veg or flower seeds or seedlings for donation or exchange and, if you have none, do stop anyway to see if there is something you'd like to try in your garden!

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



Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, which concludes the Octave of Easter. In Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of

red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy.

All are welcome to the Divine Mercy devotions that will be at Christ the King Church at 3pm this Sunday 12 April. There will be the Divine Mercy prayers, veneration of the Divine Mercy image plus Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Alpha in a Catholic Context - English Martyrs, Tuffley

Are organising an "Alpha in a Catholic context" programme which will be held at St Augustine's Matson Church Hall, Matson Lane, Gloucester GL4 6DT on Thursday evenings from 7pm starting with a light supper till 9pm. The course will run from Thursday 7th May and end on Thursday 23rd July with a Saturday retreat day on Saturday 20th June.

This would be particularly of interest to anyone who would like to understand the basic elements of the Christian faith.

If you would like to register for the above please contact Father Gerry Walsh at the Church or via email at gerry.walsh@cliftondiocese.com or speak with Deacon Lawrence in the first instance.

First Holy Communion Mass

Will take place on **Sunday 10 May during the 10:30am Mass at CTK.** Following the Mass the children, family and friends will be having a small celebration in Porch House as part of this celebration we would like to provide a cake to be shared by all. If there are any bakers out there who have the time and would be willing to bake and decorate a cake, please contact the parish office and let us know.

Food Bank

The list of items for April may be found on the noticeboard and on the box at the back of church. Items requested include tinned goods, UHT milk and toiletries. Thank you for your support.

CTK 200 Club

March Prize Winner: Mr V Costello £200

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Theresa Mockett who died recently. Theresa's funeral service will take place at Westerleigh Crematorium, Woodland Chapel on Wednesday 22 April at 3pm.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all our Parishioners who are ill, in hospital or housebound particularly Carrie Sidoli and Mairead O'Donnell.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Alfred Todd, Patricia Hart, Dick Tutin, Alice Shannon, Eileen Hemmer, Margaret Hampson, Antonia Mullan, Paul Nicholas, Alan Jarrams, Nesta Moore, Freda Witton, Brenda Rees, Simone Vernon, Thomas Turley.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 19 April
 Friday Coffee 10.30 Friday 24 April
 Quiz Night 19:30 Wednesday 15 April
 Friday Music Night 19:30 Friday 10 April

Please note that there will be NO Sunday music night on the 12 April.

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
12 Apr	P O'Rourke	D Waters	L Emm	P & L Morrissey	Choir
19 Apr	D McNulty	P Davey	D Nicholls	J & H Lewis	Folk Group

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon: 6 & 13 April: M Gilroy & K Byrne
 Mon: 20 & 27 April: L Godding & S Evans

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

12 April: Angela Clarke & Family 19 April: M Gilroy/M Cullimore

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

12 April: 09:00 M O'Leary N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hetherton
 19 April: 09:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm/M Wallis

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

w/c 6 April A Linehan w/c 20 April E Novak

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) - the Annual General Meeting of the PPC will take place on Tuesday 21 April at 7.00pm in the Lounge (Porch House) at CTK Church. The AGM will be followed by a cheese and wine evening and Parishioners from both CTK and Holy Cross Churches are strongly encouraged to join us please if you are able to do so. Briefing papers for the meeting will be available nearer the time.



Severn Vale Art Trail (30 April – 4 May 2026)

We will be hosting the Severn Vale Art Trail in the Hall at Porch House again this year. All welcome. Thank you to the flexibility from other Hall users during these dates. This is very much appreciated.

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 **Monday 13 April** (10.30am – 12.30pm) in CTK Porch House. All welcome, please come and join us.



Peace Vigil

Pope Leo XIV at his first Easter message ("urbi et orbi") announced that he will lead a Prayer Vigil for Peace at St Peter's Basilica on Saturday, 11th April. We pray for peace in our world at this troubled time *"where all recognise one another as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father who is love, life and light."*