



CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS



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Sunday 19th April 2026

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

Saturday 18th April

Third Sunday of Easter

Mass: 17:00 (HC) Roger Young +

Sunday 19th April

Third Sunday of Easter

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Helen, Mark & Len Jacobs +

Sunday 19th April

Third Sunday of Easter

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Lila Sebastian +

Monday 20th April

Weekday of Easter

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Tuesday 21st April

Easter School Mass

Mass: 10:00 (CTK School) Eddie Murphy +

Wednesday 22nd April

Weekday of Easter

Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Private Intention

Thursday 23rd April

Solemnity of St George

Mass: 09:15 (HC)

Friday 24th April

Weekday of Easter

Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Michael Setter +

Saturday 25th April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Sunday 26th April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Thelma & A Mauro +

Sunday 26th April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Thomas & Alice O'Neill +

(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

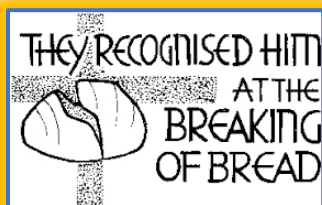
No Holy Hour on Thursday 23 April

Diocesan Prayer St Dunstan, Somerton & holy Ghost, Yeovil, with South Petherton

Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:

Page 258 (Third Sunday of Easter)

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



Today's Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

'He was known to them in the breaking of the bread'



GOSPEL REFLECTION: The story about "the Road to Emmaus", which we hear in this weekend's Gospel, is one of the most beautiful stories in the Bible. The story tells us about how two disciples of Jesus walk sadly away from Jerusalem after His death. They are thinking and believing the worst: the person in whom all their hopes and dreams had been placed, was no more and they were walking away to another town and place, to try to pick up and start their over again. What they hadn't realised was that the stranger who had joined and walked along with them, was in fact Jesus Himself. It was only later when they were at supper with Him that they realised who He was and that their dreams and hopes were not lost. Through the words of Scripture and in the breaking of bread, they realised that their lives were real again.

Their journey can be compared with our own. Our own lives may be full of broken promises and dreams, and we may have stumbled along the way. But the comfort for us all is the knowledge and belief that God walks

with us, every step of the way. Once we realise this, our journey is never quite as lonely or as problematic as it might first seem. **Dear Lord, teach us how to walk our road in life. Forgive our failures to see you, hear you, and learn from you. Give us faith to live for you this day. Amen.**

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

18 April Meg Carter 25 April Hazel Vaughan

Reading Rota

18 April George Fowler 25 April Victoria Fowler

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 2 May

Camino Way

During May, Alun and Fiona will be walking the pilgrim Camino from Porto in Portugal to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, finishing at the Cathedral there. If anyone would like them to take prayer petitions for you with them, please contact Fiona at fionamacmillan63@btinternet.com. If you wish your petitions to be private, please leave them in an envelope at the back of Church marked "Camino private petition." All petitions will need to be with Fiona by the 3rd of May.



CTK Primary School

We welcome back all the children and staff from CTK primary school after their Easter break and hope that all are well and refreshed. To mark their return, there will be a School Easter Mass at **10.00am on Tuesday 21st April** at the school to which all Parishioners are invited. (There will be no Mass at CTK Church on that morning).

CTK Fairtrade

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

CTK Seed exchange

Also, this Sunday, alongside the fairtrade stall, we will hold a seed exchange. 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 may like to try in your garden!



Easter Vigil 2026

We congratulate Eva, Gereint and Eric who were received into full communion within the Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday 4th April.

If anyone would be interested in becoming a Catholic, please speak with one of the Clergy at any time. We will be looking to run our next

RCIA programme later in the year.

The English Martyrs church in Tuffley will shortly be running an "Alpha in a Catholic Context" programme on Thursday evenings from Thursday 7th May. Please speak with Deacon Lawrence if this may be of interest.

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 Children's Liturgy ("Little Church")

Children's Liturgy ("Little Church") will take place next Sunday 26th April during the 10:30am Mass.



Solemnity of St George

Tuesday 23rd April is the Solemnity of Saint George, Martyr, and Patron of England. George was martyred in around 303 in Palestine and was thought to be a soldier. The legend of George and the dragon is well known and was attributed to George telling the people that he would rid them of the monster if they believed in Jesus Christ. During the crusades, King Richard I placed his crusading army under his protection. It was from this time that St George as the Patron Saint of England came into being.

Quarterly Curia Newsletter

The Diocesan Curia Department are reintroducing their quarterly Curia Newsletter. The aim is to keep our parishes up to date with diocesan information. To view a copy of the newsletter please click [here](#).

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 Mario & Carrie Sidoli and Mairead O'Donnell.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Hetty Hennessey, Tony Wilkinson, Mary Ann Boyd, John Fitzgerald Sr., Ruth Davies, Denis Moseley, Daniel McFarland, Eileen Ada Whitmore, Therese Rivalland, Gladys Huggins, Mark Chaplin, Fr Desmond Cantwell SDS, John Davidson, Maryse Hope Croucher, Kathleen Ford, Mary Harrison, Fr Desmond Cantwell SDS, Wilfred Bruce, William Baker, Jean Bedford.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 19 April
Friday Coffee 10.30 Friday 24 April
Quiz Night 19:30 Wednesday 6 May
Friday Music Night 19:30 Friday 1 May

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
19 Apr	G Hunter	P Davey	D Nicholls	J & H Lewis	Folk Group
26 Apr	C Hurford	A Collins	M Wallis	L & S Emm	Choir

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon: 20 & 27 April: L Godding & S Evans
Mon: 4 & 11 May: M Scott & D Rees

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

19 April: M Gilroy/M Cullimore 26 April: S Emm/J Wallis

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

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

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

w/c 20 April E Novak w/c 4 May A Grafton-Green

Clergy Training Fund ("Good Shepherd Sunday")

Please note that there will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend (25th and 26th April) on the 4th Sunday of Easter ("Good Shepherd" Sunday). This will be a collection for the Priests' Training Fund, which will be shared equally for those in training within the Diocese and the Salvatorian Order. Thank you.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) - the Annual General Meeting of the PPC will take place this **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 can be found [here](#) (At the bottom of the page).

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY

Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. Please contact the director for further details via email at: director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or via the website: [here](#)

Thank You!

Thank you all for your generous donations from both Churches in recent weeks. For the Easter offering to the Clergy which came to £1650. For the Morogoro Tanzanian Appeal which came to £1500. For the Priests Retirement fund which amounted to £600. And for the Holy Land (Good Friday collection) of £285. With many thanks for all!