



# CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS



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## Sunday 26th April 2026

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

<u>Saturday 25th April</u>	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 26th April</u>	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Thelma & A Mauro +
<u>Sunday 26th April</u>	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Thomas & Alice O’Neill +
<u>Monday 27th April</u>	Weekday of Easter	.....
<u>Tuesday 28th April</u>	Weekday of Easter	Mass: 10.00 (CTK) George Kennedy +
<u>Wednesday 29th April</u>	Feast of St Catherine of Siena	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 30th April</u>	Weekday of Easter	Mass: 09:15 (HC)
<u>Friday 1st May</u>	Weekday of Easter	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Private Intention
<u>Saturday 2nd May</u>	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 3rd May</u>	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Bernard Fox +
<u>Sunday 3rd May</u>	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Eddie Murphy +

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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 Joseph, Stonehouse, Annunciation, Woodchester**

**Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:**  
**Page 262 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)**  
Christ the King Church is open most days for private prayer from **10am to 4pm**



**Today’s Gospel: John 10: 1-10**  
**‘I am the good shepherd ...’**



**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Each year, at this time during Easter, the Church focuses on passages in the bible where Jesus is called the shepherd and we are his sheep. It might seem odd to us today, where most people live in towns and cities, to be called Jesus’s sheep, but in Jesus’s time, shepherds who owned their sheep lived closely with them. Their whole lives depended on them – if they lost their sheep they would have no money. The sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd to keep them safe from harm. The shepherd knew each one (probably by name). Jesus was born in a stable, but what the Bible doesn’t say is that stables or shepherd’s caves were often where both the shepherd and the sheep would sleep. This picture is of the inside of such a cave in Bethlehem and is now a church. Jesus says that he is the Good Shepherd, who will not only keep his sheep safe, but will die for them. Jesus is saying that he will bring us all into his care and regard us all with equal and unending love. When we turn to God, God knows

who we are and knows how best to care for us. On this “Good Shepherd Sunday”, let us think about the incredible love that God has for you and for us all through God’s son, Jesus Christ, and let us try to get to know our loving shepherd more each day.

## Holy Cross

### Welcome Rota

25 April Hazel Vaughan 2 May Kate Barlow

### Reading Rota

25 April Victoria Fowler 2 May Hazel Vaughan

### 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](mailto: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 Saturday 2nd of May please.



### Anniversary of Pope Francis's death

Aboard the papal flight to Equatorial Guinea for the final leg of his four-nation African tour, Pope Leo paid respects on Tuesday April 21st to his predecessor Pope Francis on the anniversary of his death last year. Pope Leo said that Pope Francis had given the Church "so much with his words and his witness." Over his 12-year papacy, Pope Francis "promoted an authentic respect for all men and women ... that we are all brothers and sisters." Pope Leo ended his tribute by saying that "we pray that he (Pope Francis) is already enjoying the mercy of the Lord and we thank the Lord for the great gift of Francis' life to the Church and the whole world." May Pope Francis rest in peace. Amen.



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### First Holy Communion

The next session of the FHC Programme will take place this **Sunday 26 April at 9.30am in the Parlour at Porch House.** Please make every effort to attend.

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

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

### Recently Deceased

Steve Evans has requested that we pray for the repose of the soul of his brother David Evans who died recently and for David's wife Brenda at this sad time. David's funeral will take place on Thursday 30th April at Camborne RC Church Cornwall.

Please also pray for Jerry Rhodes a Holy Cross parishioner who died recently Jerry's funeral details are to be arranged. May their souls 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 Mario & Carrie Sidoli, Mairead O'Donnell and Katharine Parkinson.

### Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Mary Conway, Chris Meehan, Gladys Wedgebury, Eddie Wosinsky, John Chopick, Roy Hooper, Doreen Domaille, Colin Waldron, Maria Forster, Margaret Nemes, Pip Mulcahy, Janina Pawlowski, Margaret Ashworth.

### Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 26 April  
Friday Coffee ..... 10.30 Friday 8 May  
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		
26 Apr	C Hurford	A Collins	M Wallis	L & S Emm	Choir
3 May	G Hunter	P McGillan	F Pollard	D & N Waters	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

26 April: S Emm/J Wallis 3 May: D Rees & G Brooks

### Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

26 April: 09:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls  
3 May: 09:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hertherton

### Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) \* once every 2 weeks

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

### "Good Shepherd Sunday"

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses this 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.

"Good Shepherd" Sunday is the day when we traditionally pray for Vocations to the Church and particularly to the Priesthood.

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Bosco will be read at all Masses this weekend.

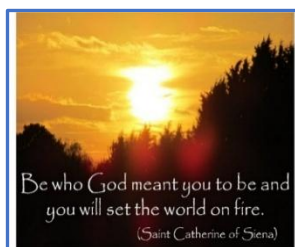
If you would like to know more about Vocations and/or if you feel that God is calling you to be a Priest or Deacon, please speak with one of the Clergy in the first instance after Mass or at any other time.

### 'Now is the Time' - Saturday 30 May

A Symposium to explore the teachings of Pope Leo in his Apostolic Exhortation 'Dilexi Te' (Love for the Poor) at St Brendan's College, Brislington, on Saturday 30 May. Keynote speakers will include Bishop Bosco. The day starts at 10am (refreshments from 9.30am) and finishes at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. You can register on the Eventbrite link: [here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

### Diocesan Day 'The Joy of Love' - Saturday 4 July

Bishop Bosco warmly invites you to join him for our Diocesan Day celebration entitled: 'The Joy of Love' at **Downside School & Abbey**. Arrivals/refreshments from 10am. A hot lunch will be provided (a lunch box for the children). The Diocesan Day Mass will take place in the Abbey Church at 3.30pm, with the day ending around 4.30pm. There will be a maximum of 400 tickets. If you would like to join the day, please register via: <https://joyoflove.eventbrite.co.uk> for your ticket. For the catering/safeguarding requirements, booking through Eventbrite is essential. The closing date for tickets is 24 June unless fully booked beforehand.



### 29th April: St Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)

Saint Catherine of Siena is a "Doctor" of the Church and one of the Patron Saints of Europe. Despite having had no formal education, St. Catherine is famous for her writing about God and the Church. St. Catherine was a peacemaker and a great servant to the poor, helping

those in need and feeding the hungry. St. Catherine's biggest concern was to help others to find God. She visited local prisons in Siena and visited local crime bosses on the outside, leading them to abandon their ways and change their lives. Nobody stood in her way, all were important and valued by St. Catherine, who also advised Popes, including Pope Gregory XI at the time, persuading him to return to Rome from exile in Avignon (France). We pray to St. Catherine on her Feast Day.

*St Catherine, pray for us!*