



CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS



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Sunday 3rd May 2026

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

<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 +
<u>Monday 4th May</u>	Feast of the English Martyrs
<u>Tuesday 5th May</u>	Weekday of Easter	Mass: 10.00 (CTK)
<u>Wednesday 6th May</u>	Weekday of Easter	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 7th May</u>	Weekday of Easter	Mass: 09:15 (HC)
<u>Friday 8th May</u>	Weekday of Easter	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Eileen Helm +
<u>Saturday 9th May</u>	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 10th May</u>	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Mass: 09:00 (CTK)
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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:

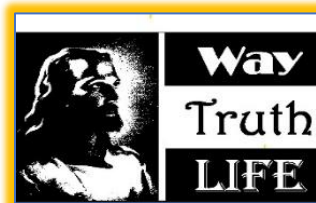
[Live Services – Christ The King & Holy Cross](#)

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

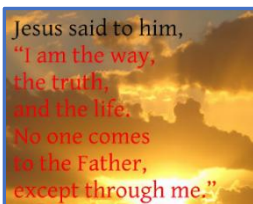
Holy Hour: Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament –Thursday 10.30-11.30
Diocesan Prayer Immaculate Conception, Stroud with Brownhill, Painswick and More Hall

**Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:
Page 265 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)**

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



Today's Gospel: John 14: 1-12
'I am the way, and the truth, and the life'



Reflection: In this weekend's Gospel, just as he was on the Second Sunday of Easter, it is the Apostle, St Thomas, who features highly. It is St Thomas who is there to ask Jesus a question which many people since may have asked at some time of their life: "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Not knowing what may lie ahead for any of us may be a legitimate question when faced with the unknown, or when the pressures of this life are such that darkness may fall over us when fear, despondency or depression may seem overpowering.

It is at times such as these that the words which Jesus spoke in reply to St Thomas become so important. Jesus is the Way that leads to Life. If we do our best to stay close to Him, sooner or later a straight, well-lit, well-signed way opens before us. And that Way will be our final destination, our final home, which may seem some distance away right now. But in following that one true path, any fears, doubts or anxieties that we may face will be temporary and not long lasting. We can all deviate from the "straight and narrow" at times and feel lost. But Jesus came to seek out and save those who may fall astray. "There are many rooms in my father's house", it is only our foolish pride and transgressions that cloud us from remembering this.

Dear Lord, please help me when I fall, please guide me when I am lost and please help me to understand that it is through you that all will come good, both in this current life and in the next.

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

2 May Kate Barlow

9 May Youth Mass

Reading Rota

2 May Hazel Vaughan

9 May Youth Mass

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 2 May

Christian Aid Week (CTiW)

Sun 10th May 2.30-4.00 Baptist Church Hall open to receive donations

Sunday 10th May, 6pm. Christian Aid service at the Baptist Church
Other details to follow.

Pentecost Worship (CTiW)

Synwell Playing Fields on Sunday 24th May at 11.00am. Please bring a rug or chairs and a picnic. All welcome.

CAFOD - Sudan appeal

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, we are asked to consider setting up a monthly donation to support CAFOD's work through their partners there. Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for our help: *"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you; we will stand with you until peace is restored."*

To set up a monthly gift or make a one-off donation, please go to cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan. Please also consider signing the petition on the CAFOD website to urge the Foreign Secretary to act on Sudan.

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

Will take place at CTK Church at 6pm on Friday 8 May.

First Holy Communion Mass

Our First Holy Communion Children will be sharing in the celebration of the 10.30am Mass at Christ the King Church **next Sunday**

10th May, when they will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. All are invited to join them on their special day.

200 Club

Congratulations to April Prize Winner: P Morrissey £200

Congratulations!

Our prayers and best wishes go to Reuben Peter Woonton and his Parents and Godparents after his Baptism at CTK Church last weekend.

Octopus June Play (10 - 13 June 2026)

Octopus Drama Group will perform the comedy murder mystery play 'Murder at the Margate Majestica' from 10 to 13 June 2026 at 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £10, available from Saturday 2 May from Rosie & Rex in

Thornbury High Street.

Foodbank

The list of items requested for May will be on the noticeboard this weekend. Thank you for your support.

Easter Pastoral Letter.

To view a copy of the Bishop's letter for the 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd and "Vocations Sunday") which was read at all Masses last weekend, please click [here](#). Please continue to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood.

Congratulations!

Our heartfelt congratulations and prayers go to Darryl Fernandes, a Holy Cross Parishioner and Alexandra Hill who were married on Thursday 30 April at St Mary's CofE Church, Hawkesbury.

Our prayers and best wishes in advance go also to Brian Jordan and Anthea Waites, who will be married at **Christ the King Church next Saturday, 9th May at 2pm.**

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jerry Rhodes. His funeral service will take place at Holy Cross Church on Wednesday 27 May at 1:30pm.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Bradshaw who died recently. Details of Peter's funeral at CTK Church will follow in due course.

Annette McLaren has also asked for our prayers for her father John Henry who died recently.

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: Fr Danny Mullan SDS, Joseph Dwan, Olive Moloney, Patricia Laurie, Bart Connolly, Mary Naughton, Carlo Pioli, Eleanor Flynn, Len Cain, Genowefa Gilroy, Fr Danny Mullan SDS, Helena Kocik, Margaret Piggott.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 10 May
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		
3 May	G Hunter	F Beck	D Nicholls	D & N Waters	Choir
10 May	K Byrne	First Holy Communion Mass			Folk Group

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon: 4 & 11 May: M Scott & D Rees
Mon: 18 & 25 May: J & C Hurford

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

3 May: A Clarke & Family 10 May: S & D Nicholls

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

3 May: 09:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hertherton
10 May: 09:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm/M Wallis

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

w/c 4 May A Grafton-Green w/c 18 May G Bartlett

'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](#)

Parish Pastoral Council AGM - Tuesday 21st April

The minutes from the PPC AGM held on Tuesday 21st April are now available on the Parish website [here](#) (bottom of the page). Thank you to everyone who came along to the meeting, including those who sent in apologies for their absence.

Dr Scott Hahn

Catholic writer, author, broadcaster and teacher

Dr Scott Hahn, Catholic writer, author, broadcaster and teacher is coming to the UK in May and will be speaking at **St John the Evangelist, Bath, on Tuesday, 26 May at 7.00pm.**

If you are interested in attending this event and would wish to book a ticket (£20 each) or for further information about the evening, please click on the following link: [here](#)