



# CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS



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## Sunday 10th May 2026

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

<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) Carlo Kinari +
<u>Sunday 10th May</u>	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Eddie Murphy +
<u>Monday 11th May</u>	Weekday of Easter	.....
<u>Tuesday 12th May</u>	Weekday of Easter	W&C: 10.00 (CTK)
<u>Wednesday 13th May</u>	Weekday of Easter	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 14th May</u>	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Mass: 10:00 (HC)
<u>Thursday 14th May</u>	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Mass: 19:30 (CTK)
<u>Friday 15th May</u>	Weekday of Easter	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Bernard Fox +
<u>Saturday 16th May</u>	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 17th May</u>	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Michael Setter +
<u>Sunday 17th May</u>	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Mass: 10:30 (CTK)

(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**

**\*Please note there will be no Holy Hour on Thursday 14 May\***

Diocesan Prayer Holy Family Swindon & St Joseph, Wroughton.

**Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:  
Page 268 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)**

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



**Today's Gospel: John 14: 15-21**

**'I will ask the Father and he will give you another Helper'**



**Reflection:** Over the past six weeks, our Mass readings have focused on the Resurrection of Jesus and what this meant to those who were the first witnesses of His resurrection. Events will move forward on Thursday of this week (14th May), when we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension ("Ascension Day") when we will recall Jesus' return to His Father in Heaven.

In the meantime, on this 6th Sunday of Easter, Jesus tells us that we will never be alone. Another Advocate, the Gift of the Holy Spirit, will come down to be with us for all time. If we believe and reach out to meet God, we know that God, as always, will be reaching out to us too.

As we head towards the end of this Easter season for another year, let us hold true to that belief and let us do what we can to reach out to others also, in God's name.

**The Solemnity of the Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation; there will be Masses at 10.00am at Holy Cross and 19.30pm at Christ the King on this day. Please do what you can to attend one of these. All are welcome. The 19.30 Mass at CTK will be live streamed for those unable to attend in person.**

## Holy Cross

### Welcome Rota

9 May Youth Mass 16 May Jane Parker

### Reading Rota

9 May Youth Mass 16 May Bella Warren

### Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 6 June

### Christian Aid Week (CTiW)

Sun 10th May 2.30-4.00 Baptist Church Hall open to receive donations. 6pm. Christian Aid service at the Baptist Church

Monday 11 May - Wednesday 13 May Pop-up shop and soup lunches at the Baptist Church. Times are 9 am to 4 pm (Monday only) and 9am to 2pm Tuesday and Wednesday. The shop will also be open on Tuesday 12 May, from 6 - 8 pm.

Friday 15 and Saturday 16 May. Street collection. If you could spare an hour on either day this would be much appreciated.

### Pentecost Worship (CTiW)

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

### Morogoro Appeal

Bishop Lazarus has now received the £1500 donation from both Churches for the Morogoro Appeal, for which many thanks.

## CAFOD

Thanks to all who considered setting up a monthly donation in response to last week's appeal for Sudan. Please note that the petition to the Foreign Secretary urging her to respond to the situation in that country is still available on the [CAFOD website](#).



### First Holy Communion Mass

Our First Holy Communion Children will be making their First Holy Communion at the 10.30am Mass **this Sunday 10th May**. All are invited to join them on their special day.



### 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

Apologies for the late arrival of the list for May, which is now on the noticeboard. Several items are requested this month, including toilet rolls and tinned fruit, plus household items like washing capsules and washing up liquid. Thank you for your support.

## The Clifton Evangelist

The latest edition of the Clifton Evangelist (the update newsletter from the Diocesan Department of Evangelisation and Discipleship) is now available via the Diocesan website. Please follow this link to view this: [Clifton Evangelist | Clifton Diocese](#)

### From Hope to Action: Laudato Si' Week 2026 -

The 11th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Si' is being marked with a week of events between 17 and 24 May. This year's theme, *From Hope to Action* is an invitation to move from reflection to transformation—turning hope into concrete action for our common home. Great ideas and resources can be found here <https://laudatosiweek.org/resources/>

## Marriage Congratulations!

Our heartfelt congratulations and prayers for Brian Jordan and Anthea Waites who will be married at **Christ the King Church this Saturday, 9th May at 2pm**.

We pray also for Dylan Connors and Jolene Dolan who will be married at **CTK Church on Saturday 16th May at 2pm**.

## Baptism Congratulations!

Our prayers and best wishes go to Joanne Louise Connors and her Parents and Godparents after her Baptism at CTK Church on Saturday 2nd May.

## 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. Peter's Requiem Mass will take at CTK on Tuesday 26 May at 10:30am (preceded by reception into the Church at 4pm on Monday 25th).

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, Katharine Parkinson and Angela Jacobs.

## Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Joseph Dee, Edward Lawrence Friar, Joe Looney, Maurice McLevy, Cora Mason, Ella Hunter.

## Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 10 May  
Friday Coffee ..... 10.30 Friday 22 May  
Quiz Night ..... 19:30 Wednesday 20 May  
Friday Music Night ..... 19:30 Friday 5 June

## CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
10 May	K Byrne	First Holy Communion Mass		M & J Wallis	Folk Group
17 May	N McCarthy	F Beck	A McAllister	M & J Wallis	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

10 May: S & D Nicholls 17 May: Angela Clarke & Family

## Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

10 May: 09:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 F Beck/M Wallis  
17 May: 09:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls

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

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



## May: the month of Mary

May is a special month dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary became the mother of God because she believed in God, believed with all her heart and said "yes". She allowed herself to be led by God's grace throughout her life with all its challenges and difficulties. Mary walks with us too when we face our own challenges. She is with us, by our side, she helps us with our prayers. And she helps us to believe as she believed. Mary intercedes with God on our behalf. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

## Priests Training Fund

Thank you for your very generous donation of £573.58 from both Churches on "Good Shepherd" Sunday. The amount collected will be split equally and sent to the Salvatorian and Diocesan Training Funds for Priests. Please continue to keep vocations to the Priesthood in your prayers. With many thanks.

## Journeying with Jesus (Parish group reflection)

The third session of Parish group reflections about the life and journey points of Jesus, "**On the Mountain**", will be held on **Wednesday 13th May at 7.30pm** and will be repeated on **Monday 18th May (10.30am)** in CTK Porch House. All welcome, please come and join us.