

CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS



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Sunday 17th May 2026

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

<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)
<u>Monday 18th May</u>	Weekday of Easter
<u>Tuesday 19th May</u>	Memorial of St Dunstan	Mass: 10.00 (CTK)
<u>Wednesday 20th May</u>	Weekday of Easter	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 21st May</u>	Weekday of Easter	Mass: 9:15 (HC)
<u>Thursday 21st May</u>	Pentecost School Mass	Mass: 10:30 (CTK School)
<u>Friday 22nd May</u>	Weekday of Easter	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Saturday 23rd May</u>	Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
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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](#)

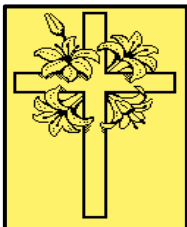
Confessions: Are available by request, before or after Mass, please ask Father Frank for a convenient time.

Holy Hour: Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament – Thursday 10.30-11.30
Diocesan Prayer Holy Rood, Swindon, St Peter, Swindon, Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett.

Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:
Page 275 (Seventh Sunday of Easter)
Christ the King Church is open most days for
private prayer from **10am to 4pm**



Today's Gospel: John 17: 1-11a
'Father, glorify your Son.'



Reflection: "Father, glorify your Son," to "non-believers" and to so many people present, the concept that God, the Father, would glorify His Son through the pain and suffering which He endured on the Cross at Calvary would seem nonsensical. And yet it is the Cross which lies at the heart of our faith: the Roman symbol of the cruelest torture and ignominious death became the gateway into Glory and Life Everlasting. And as Christians, we are all asked to carry our own Cross and walk the same path that Jesus took to our Eternal Reward in heaven.

And what is our Cross? Our cross is the whole burden of being a fallible human being in a sinful and sinning world. It is the acceptance of ourselves and others, warts and all! It is the defects of my (our) characters and personalities that we offer up to God for help, healing and transformation. Our cross also comes from other people with whom we live and work, those who may brush up against us either accidentally or with intent. Our cross may sometimes be in relationships within our own families; through illness, misfortune or family breakdown.

But if we are asked to share in the sufferings of Jesus, our reward and future glory await. Perhaps there is no more unwelcome message in this complex and challenging world than to be told to "take up our Cross" and follow Him. But in a world where there is so many unfulfilled promises and "fake" stories, the triumph of the Cross and the promise of Life Everlasting is one true constant that we can all hold dear to, despite its challenges.

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

16 May Jane Parker 23 May Bella Warren

Reading Rota

16 May Bella Warren 23 May Philippa Simpson

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 6 June

Christian Aid Week (CTiW)

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.

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



We congratulate Gino, Marley, John, Abigail, Khang, Leo, Ewan, Seren, Cordelia, Louisa, Willow and Vittoria our First Holy Communion Children, who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time last Sunday during the 10.30am Mass. It was a wonderful occasion for the whole Parish. We pray for them and for their families. With special thanks to Katrina, Kasia and Sophie who were their Catechists.



CTK Primary School

There will be a School Pentecost Mass at **10.30am on Thursday 21 May** at the school to which all Parishioners are invited.

Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella

On Tuesday 2nd June at Saint Peter's RC Church in Gloucester, the relics of Saint Gerard Majella will be venerated as part of their tour of England and Wales to mark Saint Gerard's 300th anniversary. The evening will commence at 6:00pm for private prayer (with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 6:45pm). Mass will be at 7:00pm, followed by individual or family blessings with the relics. Saint Gerard is a great patron of mothers, couples looking to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. All welcome on the evening.

Foodbank

The list for May is 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.

Climate Briefing Film

There will be a showing of the 'People's Emergency Briefing' film on the climate crisis on Thursday 4 June, at 7:00 for 7:30pm, at the Cossham Hall, Thornbury. It lasts for 50 minutes and will be followed by a structured discussion including our MP, Claire Young. This film is supported by CAFOD and many other faith and environmental bodies, and the event has been organised by St. Mary's church. Refreshments provided. Tickets may be booked by clicking [here](#).

CTK Children's Liturgy ("Little Church")

Children's Liturgy ("Little Church") will take place **this Sunday 17th May** during the 10:30am Mass.

Fairtrade

The next stall will be after Masses at CTK on Sunday 31 May.

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 Dylan Connors and Jolene Dolan who will be married at **CTK Church this Saturday 16th 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. 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: Ronald Thompson, Rosemary Wells, Gordon Batt, Fr Declan Chesterton SDS, Helen O'Donnell, Dick Lavis, Danny Marshall, Margaret Ames, Mary Donaldson, John Patrick Costello, Joe Conway, Betty Dunthorn, Margaret (Vera) Kelly, Alan Waites, Michael Setter, Mary Klakus, Kenneth Candy.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 17 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		
17 May	N McCarthy	F Beck	A McAllister	S & D Nicholls	Folk Group
24 May	P Wells	G Cullimore	J Dennis	L & S Emm	Choir

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon: 18 & 25 May: J & C Hurford
Mon: 1 & 8 June: J Brown, F Jamieson & S De La Torre

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

17 May: Angela Clarke & Family 24 May: M Gilroy & M Cullimore

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

17 May: 09:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls
24 May: 09:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 F Beck/R Hetherington

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

w/c 18 May G Bartlett w/c 1 June M Wallis

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 **Monday 18th May** (10.30am) in CTK Porch House. All welcome, please come and join us.