

# CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS



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## Sunday 24th May 2026

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

<u>Saturday 23rd May</u>	Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 24th May</u>	Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday	Mass: 09:00 (CTK)
<u>Sunday 24th May</u>	Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday	Mass: 10:30 (CTK)
<u>Monday 25th May</u>	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	.....
<u>Monday 25th May</u>	Reception into Church (Peter Bradshaw)	Service: 16:00 (CTK)
<u>Tuesday 26th May</u>	Requiem Mass – Peter Bradshaw	Mass: 10.30 (CTK) Peter Bradshaw +
<u>Wednesday 27th May</u>	Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Wednesday 27th May</u>	Funeral Service - Jerry Rhodes	Service: 13:30 (HC) Jerry Rhodes +
<u>Thursday 28th May</u>	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	Mass: 9:15 (HC) Rosemary & Janie Daniel +
<u>Friday 29th May</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Saturday 30th May</u>	Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 31st May</u>	Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity	Mass: 09:00 (CTK)
<u>Sunday 31st May</u>	Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity	Mass: 10:30 (CTK)

(CTK) = CHRIST THE KING

(HC) = HOLY CROSS

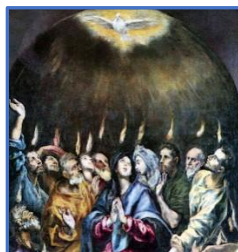
**Live Stream:** the Sunday 9.00am and 10.30am Masses at Christ The King are available on Live Stream for those unable to attend in person:

[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**  
Diocesan Prayer St Mary's, Swindon.

**Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:**  
**Page 288 (Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday)**  
Christ the King Church is open most days for private prayer from **10am to 4pm**



**Today's Gospel: John 20: 19-23**  
**"Receive the Holy Spirit."**

**Reflection:** This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost: fifty days after Easter ("Pentecost" deriving from the word "fifty" in Greek), we commemorate the "birthday" of the Church. This was the most special time when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles, Mary, and the women of Jerusalem gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, awaiting the Holy Spirit's arrival. This was an event which transformed their lives. No longer hiding in secret, the Apostles were given new life, confidence, courage and inspiration to spread the Good News of the Gospel to all the known world at that time.

That Spirit is alive today and will come down on all who are prepared to receive it. It is the Holy Spirit which brings alive the words of Jesus that we listen to in our Gospel this weekend. With the Holy Spirit, God is near, Jesus is in the present, the Gospel is alive, vibrant and challenging. With the Holy Spirit, the church is a "faith-filled" community. With the Holy Spirit, inner peace can be found even amid the turmoil of our daily lives. May God bless us all on this great Solemnity which brings to a close the Easter season for another year.

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you will renew the face of the earth. Breathe on me breath of God and fill me with life anew.*

## Holy Cross

### Welcome Rota

23 May Bella Warren      30 May Philippa Simpson

### Reading Rota

23 May Philippa Simpson    30 May Maria Little

### Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 6 June

### 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 the recent 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](#).



## Five Valleys

### Catholic Community May Procession

Is taking place on Sunday 24 May at 3pm at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Beeches Green, Stroud, GL5 4AA Following the Crowning of Mary and praying The Rosary light refreshments will be served. All welcome.

### 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](#).



### 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.

## The One Hope Project Academy 2026/27

The OHP Academy is a six-month online workshop school for aspiring worship leaders, musicians and songwriters who want to grow in faith and their practical gifts in order to serve in their context. Applications for the 2026/27 OHP Academy are now open. So far, there are over 100 worshippers from 14 different nations and 17 dioceses across the UK Catholic Church. For more information, please visit: [www.onehopeproject.co.uk/ohpacademy](http://www.onehopeproject.co.uk/ohpacademy)

## Fairtrade

The next stall will be after Masses at CTK next 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/>

## 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).

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: Eric Tattersall, Joan Doherty, Edward Jan Noble, John Reece, Bernard Wilson, Norman Doherty, Lucy Ford, Maureen Setter, Rachel O'Sullivan, Olive Scobie, Clare Williams, Elisabeth Hazell, Phillip Hart, Frances Warren, Fr Clement Mercer SDS, Fr Derek Clark SDS, Sheila Shellard, Geoffrey Fitzgibbon, Mary Doyle.

## Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 24 May  
Friday Coffee ..... 10.30 Friday 5 June  
Quiz Night ..... 19:30 Wednesday 3 June  
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		
24 May	P Wells	G Cullimore	J Dennis	L & S Emm	Choir
31 May	P O'Rourke	P Morrissey	M Gilroy	P & L Morrissey	Folk

## 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

24 May: M Gilroy & M Cullimore      31 May: S Emm & J Wallis

## Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

24 May: 09:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 F Beck/R Hetherton  
31 May: 09:00 J Hurford/K Gill      10:30 L Emm/M Wallis

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

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