



CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS



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Sunday 12th July 2026

YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Cycle Year 2)

<u>Saturday 11th July</u>	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 17:00 (HC) Jerry Rhodes +
<u>Sunday 12th July</u>	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Bill McBride +
<u>Sunday 12th July</u>	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Eddie Murphy +
<u>Monday 13th July</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time
<u>Tuesday 14th July</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10.00 (CTK)
<u>Wednesday 15th July</u>	Memorial of St Bonaventure	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 16th July</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 9:15 (HC)
<u>Friday 17th July</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Saturday 18th July</u>	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 19th July</u>	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Bill McBride +
<u>Sunday 19th July</u>	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Clive Woodacre +

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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 Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton

Mass Book: Year A Volume 2:
Page 102 (Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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



Today's Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23

"A Sower went out to sow"

Reflection: The Word of God can spell different things for different people, but it will only have life-changing effects if we can make it our own. Jesus says "He (she) who has ears, let him (her) hear."

There will be some who will listen but not let the words move from mind to heart. There will be others who listen but when faced with something they either do not understand (or don't like!) will "go missing."

When we hear the Word of God at Mass, the messages that we listen to have the words RSVP clearly written on them. God looks for a response. And we can only respond if we prayerfully listen. When we prayerfully listen our hearts and minds will be able to differentiate between the things that are of a passing nature (our own worries, trials and tribulations) to the things that are eternal. In doing so, God's Word then becomes embedded in our hearts and the grace of God's love for us will then grow – in more ways than we could ever be able to imagine.

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

11 July Jane Parker 18 July Philippa Simpson

Reading Rota

11 July Bella Warren 18 July Meg Carter

Coffee after Mass

Saturday 11 July

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 1 August

Supporting the Keepers – Two Monuments Walk

The Two Monuments Walk will be The Keepers Community Hub's first ever fundraising walk. It is taking place on the 1st of August. If you would like to join in the fun and lace up your boots or join in the fund raising, you can find more details [here](#).



Sea Sunday 2026

Stella Maris (formerly known as the "Apostleship of the Sea") is the Catholic Church's maritime agency, a registered charity supporting seafarers and fishers worldwide. Sea Sunday will take place this weekend 11th and 12th July and there will be a retiring collection and Gift Aid envelopes available for all who would wish to contribute to their work this weekend. Thank you in advance for your kind support.

Happy Holidays!

We wish a happy holiday and a restful break for all who are taking time away in the coming weeks, particularly for the school children and staff at Christ the King Primary school.

There will be a special Leavers Mass next **Monday, 20 July at 10.00am** in the school. All parishioners are most welcome to attend from Christ the King and Holy Cross as the

school academic year ends and as we say goodbye to those in Year 6 before they embark onto Secondary school in September.

CTK Children's Liturgy Cake Sale

There will be a Cake Sale to raise funds for the Children's Liturgy ("Little Church") Group after the **10.30am Mass this Sunday 12th July**. Please come along to this if you are able. It is hoped that proceeds will go towards new giant cushions and stationery. Thank you.

CTK Foodbank

The list of items requested for July may be found on the noticeboard and on the box at the back of church. It includes tinned goods, desserts and washing up liquid. Donations in the Thornbury area have been lower recently, so be assured that your support is appreciated.

CAFOD Petition Thank you to all who have signed the CAFOD petition on the global debt crisis over the last two Sundays.

CAFOD Appeal – Venezuela Donations totalling £250 have been received from the Friday coffee group and the contributions made at the fairtrade stall. Thank you for your support.

Visitors & Eucharistic Ministry for the Sick and Housebound and those in Long Term Care

Just as a reminder, please let us know of a friend or a member of your family who would benefit from a friendly visit from the Parish and/or Holy Communion. Requests may be forwarded to the Parish Office via the contact details below:

Tel. 01454 412223

Email: thornbury.christtheking@cliftondiocese.com.

CTK Wednesday Quiz Night Summer Break

There will be no quiz this Wednesday 15 July and throughout August. The next quiz will take place on **Wednesday 2 September at 19:30 in the lounge**.

Fr Gary Brassington

We congratulate Father Gary, the Dean of our Pastoral Area of St Wulstan, who will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee of Ordination with a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14 July at St Peter's Church in Gloucester. Ad Multos Annos!

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of James Durcan, recently deceased and for his family.

May his soul 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, Angela Jacobs, Vincent and Margaret Costello.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Stephen McNally, Edward George, Hugh Gallagher, Patricia Spicer, Margaret Quinn, Kathleen Quinn, Patrick McCoy, Bob Tuffen, Dorothy Irons, Joyce Guibava, Mary Scott, Jane Maxwell, Arthur Matthews, James McKenzie.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 12 July
Friday Coffee ... 10.30 Friday 17 July
Quiz Night ... 19:30 Wednesday 2 Sept
Friday Music Night ... 19:30 Friday 7 August

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
12 July	N McCarthy	Children's Mass			Folk
19 July	G Hunter	F Pollard	P McGillan	L&S Emm	Organ

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon: 13 July & 20 July: M Scott & D Rees

Mon: 27 July & 3 Aug: C & J Hurford

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

12 July: S Emm & J Wallis 19 July: S & D Nicholls

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

12 July: 09:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm/M Wallis
19 July: 09:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

w/c: 13 July: A Grafton-Green w/c: 27 July: G Bartlett



Journeying with Jesus

Being "Along the Road" without Jesus can often lead us heading in the wrong directions, just like this road sign.

The recent Parish discussion groups prompted lively conversation about this in a friendly and mutually supportive environment.

Why not join us for the next discussions on **Monday 13th July (at 10.30am or 19.30pm) in the Parlour at CTK Porch House**. The next conversations will be "At Table" (the story of the Last Supper). Please come along, you would be most welcome.

Closing the gap (For CTK Parishioners only): Thank you very much to all the CTK parishioners who have set up new standing orders and to those who have increased their donations, following our recent financial appeal. If you are able to increase your donation or open a new standing order but haven't done so yet, then we'd be very grateful if you would make the arrangements as soon as possible so that we can begin to close the gap between our receipts and payments. If you have any questions, then do please contact me at the email below. Our very grateful thanks for your continued support. Chris Hurford, Treasurer.

Email: treasurer.thornbury.christtheking@cliftondiocese.com

Scaffolding (CTK) - Just to let you know that our neighbours next door to Porch House (car park side) have scaffolding installed (as agreed with us) to enable the external painting of walls etc. There will be reduced spaces in the Church car park for a short time but access to and from the car park will not be restricted. Thank you.