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Sunday 19th July 2026

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

<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 +
<u>Monday 20th July</u>	School Leavers Mass	Mass: 10:00 (CTK School)
<u>Tuesday 21st July</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:30 (CTK) Peter Wallen +
<u>Wednesday 22nd July</u>	Feast of St Mary Magdalene	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 23rd July</u>	Feast of St Bridget of Sweden	Mass: 9:15 (HC)
<u>Friday 24th July</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Saturday 25th July</u>	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 17:00 (HC) Martin Mooney (sick)
<u>Sunday 26th July</u>	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) B McBride +
<u>Sunday 26th July</u>	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:30 (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 Religious Communities

**Mass Book: Year A Volume 2:
Page 105 (Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

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



Today's Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43
"Let both grow together until the harvest"

Reflection: The parable of the weeds among the wheat which we listen to this weekend is a reminder to us that God's love does not differentiate between the "good" and "bad" people of this world. Yes, God calls all to repentance, but God will never force this. God remains patient with the world and has much more tolerance than perhaps we have with one another. There is always hope for all who may stray and in the words of Saint Pope John XXIII, we need to "hate the sin but love the sinner." It is not our place to pre-empt the judgement of God at the end of time. But this does not mean that we should shy away from having a quiet and helpful word with those who we know that may not be acting in a proper manner. Nor that we ignore or speak out against evil where it takes place. Sometimes easier said than done, but God want us to love people the way that they are or despite the way that they are as best as we can. It is not for us to write anyone off our list; Jesus reminds us today not to "uproot the wheat with the darnel." After that, the rest we leave to the wisdom and unconditional love and final judgement of our Heavenly Father. Life perhaps will be better for all and simpler for all if we were to follow God's advice to us today.

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

18 July Philippa Simpson

25 July Elaine Godfrey

Reading Rota

18 July Meg Carter

25 July Philippa Simpson

Coffee after Mass

Saturday 8 August

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 1 August

Charity Dinner and Dance for Huntington's Disease

Saturday 7 November 6:30pm -11:30pm, Berkeley Heath Farmhouse, Berkeley Heath, Berkeley GL13 9EW Tickets are £65 per person, which includes a 2-course meal, a welcome drink and canapes. Dress code: Evening wear (smart). Please email megs11carter@gmail.com for more details.

Morning Mass at CTK Tuesday 21 July

Will be at the slightly **earlier time of 09:30** as there will be a St Wulston's Pastoral meeting for the Clergy in Gloucester at 11am.

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

CAFOD Appeal – Venezuela Donations totalling £260 have been received from the Friday coffee group and the contributions made at the fairtrade stall. Thank you for your support.

Fairtrade

There will be a stall after both Masses at CTK next Sunday, 26 July.

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.

Sea Sunday 2026

Thank you for your most generous donations to Sea Sunday last weekend. The combined total from our two churches came to a very generous £649. Your contributions will be very well received and will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find

out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

St Patrick's Cathedral Tanzania

Bishop Lazarus has let us know that the renovation of St Patrick's Cathedral is going well and that the two new doors are completed. The Cathedral will be blessed on **Wednesday 14 October** and he invites us to pray with them on this day. Bishop Lazarus passes on his sincere thanks to Alun and Fiona and

all the parishioners of Holy Cross and Christ the King for their most welcome support.

Happy Holidays!

There will be a special Leavers Mass this coming **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

A giant thank you to everyone who supported our cake stall last Sunday especially those who made cakes, bought them or gave a donation towards Little Church. We raised £227.50 which is an amazing amount, and we very much appreciate the generosity of everyone. Thank you from the Little Church Team.

The next Children's Liturgy will take place this Sunday 19th July during the 10.30am Mass.

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.

Thornbury Churches Together (TCT) Picnic

The TCT picnic will be on the Mundy playing fields on Sunday 26th July at 12.30pm. A short prayer service will be included. Bring a packed lunch! All welcome.

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, Rose McBride.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Albert Hemmer, Stephen McNally, George Rutter-Welch, Kathleen Smith, Daniel Monks, Tony Mendo, William Hutchinson, Patrick Lee, Margaret Henderson, Mary Reay, Sheila Kelly, Richard Clapham.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Music Night ... 19:00 Sunday 19 July
Friday Coffee ... 10.30 Friday 31 July
Quiz Night ... 19:30 Wednesday 2 Sept
Friday Music Night ... 19:30 Friday 7 August

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

The new rota for Aug 26 to Jan 27 is available [here](#)

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
19 July	G Hunter	F Pollard	P McGillan	L & S Emm	Organ
26 July	D McNulty	A McAllister	F Beck	D & N Waters	Folk

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

19 July: S & D Nicholls 26 July: M Scott

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

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

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

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

Help with the CTK Garden

Additional volunteers are urgently required to help with the CTK Garden, particularly given the hot weather recently. If you are able to commit to a few hours a week (or fortnight?) on a regular basis, please contact the Parish Office in the first instance and somebody will get back to you. Many thanks.

Emergency Contact (Pastoral Support)

Deacon Lawrence will be away on holiday from Friday 24th July to Wed 12th Aug inclusive.

Should there be the need for any Pastoral Support in an Emergency (request for a Priest etc) please contact Lawrence Emm in the first instance on Tel. 07976 228133.

If the request is of a non-urgent nature, please contact the Parish Office for assistance on Tel. 01454 412223