



CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS

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Sunday 26th July 2026

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

<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) Bill McBride +
<u>Sunday 26th July</u>	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:30 (CTK)
<u>Monday 27th July</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
<u>Tuesday 28th July</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Joan Bossons+
<u>Wednesday 29th July</u>	Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 30th July</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 9:15 (HC)
<u>Friday 31st July</u>	Memorial of St Ignatius Loyola	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Bill McBride +
<u>Saturday 1st August</u>	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 17:00 (HC) Pam Smith +
<u>Sunday 2nd August</u>	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Mike, Jane & Peter Bradshaw +
<u>Sunday 2nd August</u>	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:30 (CTK)

(CTK) = CHRIST THE KING

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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 University/College/School Chaplaincies

Mass Book: Year A Volume 2:
Page 108 (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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



Today's Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52
"He sells all that he has and buys that field"

Reflection: In the First Reading this weekend, the Prophet Solomon is asked by God: "**what would you like me to give you?**" I wonder what our response would be if God was to ask us that same question? I would like to think that our response would be for something suitably appropriate. Solomon's answer clearly was: "**give (me) a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil**". Solomon was a young man at the time and was reputedly only 20 years old when he became king. The ability to recognise good from evil would have been much needed at a tender age to govern and rule wisely. The ability for us today, whatever age we may be, to recognise what is good in our lives is equally important. Solomon prayed for wisdom to discern the true value of things. We do not need the wisdom of Solomon to realise that in finding the love and the kingdom of God, we have something beyond compare. When we recognise the great love and comfort that comes from God alone, we can be at peace inside ourselves and be at peace with one another. And if we feel troubled or challenged in some way and are concerned about our road ahead, then through prayer we can ask God to give us that same sense of understanding and wisdom that was given to Solomon today. If we ask, God will always help, both for ourselves and for others, let us not be slow to ask God for the right things when we need them.

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

25 July Elaine Godfrey 1 August Bella Warren

Reading Rota

25 July Philippa Simpson 1 August Jane Parker

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.

Fairtrade: There will be a stall after Masses at CTK this Sunday, 26 July. Please note that there will be no weekly Saturday stall at the URC during their refurbishment works, which are scheduled to last until December. Our monthly stalls here at CTK will continue.

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 Raffle: CAFOD are holding a summer raffle, with £8,000 cash to be won plus many other prizes. See their website [here](http://www.cafod.org.uk) or speak to Mark or Jean 419439.



St Ignatius Loyola

Saint Ignatius (1491-1556), the founder of the Jesuits, was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg. Whilst he recovered from his injuries, Ignatius read about the life of Christ and the lives of the saints.

His time of recuperation and reading touched him so much that he decided to dedicate himself to becoming a soldier of the Catholic faith. He attracted several followers, including St Francis Xavier, and started his order called the Society of Jesus, what is more commonly known as the Jesuits. His Feast Day is this Friday, July 31st. St Ignatius, pray for us.



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.

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 this Sunday 26th July at 12.30pm. A short prayer service will be included. Bring a packed lunch! All welcome.

Thornbury Rotary Defibrillator Campaign

The Thornbury Rotary Club have started a campaign to raise £950 which is needed for a replacement defibrillator unit by Morrisons on Oakleaze Road which has gone missing. For more details about this and for guidelines on how you can help with donations if you so wish, please click on the link [here](http://www.thornburyrotary.org.uk)

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Angela Jacobs who died recently. Angela's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 18th August at 10:00am in CTK Church, which will be preceded by Angela being received into the Church at 4pm on Monday 17th. Committal will be at Canford Crematorium at 12pm. We keep Sarah and Karen and all of Angela's family in our prayers at this time.

May her 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, 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 26 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](http://www.thornbury.christtheking@cliftondiocese.com)

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
26 July	D McNulty	A McAllister	F Beck	D & N Waters	Folk
2 Aug	C Hurford	M Gilroy	P Morrissey	S & D Nicholls	Organ

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

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

Mon: 10 & 17 Aug: J Brown, F Jamieson & S De La Torre

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

26 July: M Scott

2 Aug: D Rees & G Brooks

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

26 July: 09:00 J Hurford/K Gill

10:30 L Emm/M Wallis

2 Aug: 09:00 T Fernandez/S Evans

10:30 J Wallis/ R Hetherton

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

w/c: 27 July: G Bartlett

w/c 10 Aug: M Wallis

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.

Adviser for Diocesan Evangelisation and Mission

An exciting new opportunity to join the Diocese of Clifton on a full-time basis within the Department for Evangelisation and Discipleship. The Diocese is seeking a committed and enthusiastic person to support parishes in evangelisation, faith formation and outreach. Working closely with the Director on a variety of projects, you will help promote the Bishop's vision across the Diocese. Core office hours are between 9am to 4.30pm. Further Information and Application form can be found [here](http://www.thornbury.christtheking@cliftondiocese.com). Closing date for applications: **28th August 2026**.

Please send your application to Sarah.Adams@cliftondiocese.com. For more information and an informal conversation, prior to applying, please contact Sarah Adams, Director of the Department for Evangelisation and Discipleship, on 0117 902 5595.