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Sunday 23rd August 2026

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

Saturday 22nd August	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
Sunday 23rd August	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Angela Jacobs +
Sunday 23rd August	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:30 (CTK)
Monday 24th August	Feast of St Bartholomew	
Tuesday 25th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
Wednesday 26th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
Thursday 27th August	Memorial of St Monica	Mass: 9:15 (HC)
Friday 28th August	Memorial of St Augustine	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Special Intention
Saturday 29th August	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
Sunday 30th August	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Angela Jacobs +
Sunday 30th August	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	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:

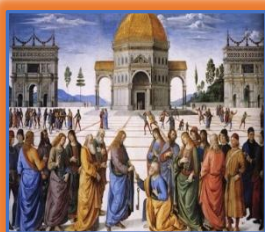
[Live Services – Christ The King & Holy Cross](#)

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 Christ the King, Amesbury

Mass Book: Year A Volume 2:
Page 120 (Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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



Today's Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

"You are Peter and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

Reflection: Jesus asks: "Who do the people say that the Son of Man is?" in this weekend's Gospel. St Peter answers: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"; he does so thanks to Divine inspiration. "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven" replied Jesus. From this moment onwards, the future of our Church was secured. St Peter became the first leader of the Church. The first Pope from whom all others, through to Pope Leo in our own time today, his 267th successor, have followed.

And yet, the very first Leader of our Church was human, prone to mistakes and not without his own failings. St Peter's betrayal of Jesus three times on the evening of His arrest testifies to this. We rejoice today that God chose St. Peter to be the rock on which God's Church was built. God seems so often to deliberately choose the weak to confound the strong; to choose the foolish to shame the wise. Dear Lord, in our weakness, strengthen us to be more like you and to follow you; to follow obediently from the life of St Peter and the example of Pope Leo in our own age; to do the things that you would wish us to; and to grow each day in your love and peace. Amen.

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

22 August Kate Barlow

29 August Bella Warren

Reading Rota

22 August Hazel Vaughan

29 August Philippa Simpson

Coffee after Mass

Saturday 12 September

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 5 September

Motor Neurone Disease – Just Giving

The cousin of Emma Glynn, a Parishioner at CTK and Holy Cross, is embarking upon a 7,000-mile cycling challenge to beat Motor Neurone Disease. Her cousin Hugh is suffering from the disease himself and Emma will be heavily involved with the challenge to raise necessary funds to help find a cure for this crippling, life changing and deadly disease (brought to people's attention through the inspiration of Sir Kevin Sinfield and the late Rob Burrows in recent years).

If you wish to find out more about Hugh and his Team's efforts to meet their challenge and perhaps donate to the fund researching for a cure and supporting people and families living with MND today, please follow the link [here](#)

Foodbank

The list of items requested for August may be found on the noticeboard and on the box at the back of church. It includes tinned goods, desserts and cereal. Please remember that goods past their best before date cannot be accepted. Thank you for your support.

Fairtrade

There will be a stall after Masses at CTK this Sunday, 23rd August.

Glastonbury Pilgrimage

This year's pilgrimage will take place on **Sunday, 6 September** and will be centred around the theme of 'Mary, Mother of the Faithful' Full details about the day and parking arrangements can be found on the Clifton Diocese website by clicking [here](#).

Depending on numbers we are hoping to arrange parish transport to the pilgrimage with a pickup at Holy Cross at 11am and Christ the King at 11:30am. If you are interested, please add your name and contact details to the sign-up sheet at the back of church. Thank you.



The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. For more information, please click [here](#).

Franciscan Pilgrimage

This year marks 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi and Pope Leo XIV has declared a special Year to commemorate this. **Saturday 3 October 2026** is exactly 800 years since St Francis died, and the day before his feast day. To mark this a walking pilgrimage is planned in the Diocese of Clifton with two legs:

- The Bristol leg will start at Clifton Cathedral at 10.30am (9 miles).
- The Clevedon leg will start at the Franciscan church of the Immaculate Conception, Clevedon at 1pm (6.4 miles).

The two legs will convene at around 4.30pm at the Church of St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea, for refreshments and prayer. Those who wish can stay for the 6pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass for the Feast of St Francis. For more details and to register please go to: [A Franciscan Pilgrimage in the Diocese of Clifton](#)

Baptism Congratulations!

Our prayers and best wishes go to Joseph O'Doherty and his Parents and Godparents after his Baptism at CTK Church on Saturday 15th August.

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 and Georgina Sheehan.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Danny O'Sullivan, Nora Dowse, Alick Townsend, Mary Carmel Westhoff, Alice Warmely, Patrick Costello, Tony Rollings, Mike Sellars, Bruce Hetherton, Eileen Bond, Winifred Prudence.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Sunday Music Night ... 19:00 13 Sept
Friday Coffee ... 10.30 28 August
Wednesday Quiz Night ... 19:30 2 Sept
Friday Music Night ... 19:30 4 Sept

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
23 Aug	G Hunter	M Wallis	A Collins	L & Emm	Folk
30 Aug	D McNulty	F Pollard	P McGillan	S & D Nicholls	Organ

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon: 24 & 31 Aug: M Gilroy & K Byrne
Mon: 7 & 14 Sept: L Godding & S Evans

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

23 Aug: S Emm & J Wallis 30 Aug: S & D Nicholls

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

23 Aug: 09:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls
30 Aug: 09:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 J Wallis/ R Hetherton

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

w/c 24 Aug: A Linehan w/c 7 Sept E Novak

Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage: Clifton Diocese

The Diocesan Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place this week from Friday 21st August to Friday 28th August. Two Parishioners from Holy Cross will be part of the Pilgrimage. The Diocesan website will include pictures, Homilies and Personal Reflections daily throughout the week. Please keep the Pilgrims in your prayers, as they will us.

March for Life – London, Saturday 5th September

Will begin with Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am (with Bishop Bosco in attendance). The March will start at 1.30pm from Tufton Street (behind the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street). The March will end at Parliament Square with speeches from 3pm. Please be at the start well in advance due to the large numbers expected. For further details please speak with Deacon Kingsley.

Saints of the week

Monday 24th August – Saint Bartholomew. One of the twelve apostles named in the Gospels of St Matthew, Mark and Luke and known as Nathaniel in St John's Gospel. He was called by St Philip to follow Jesus. Tradition attributes him to preaching in India and Armenia, where he was martyred for his faith.

Thursday 27th August – Saint Monica. The mother of St Augustine, prayed for 17 years for her wayward son, who eventually changed his ways. Many times, St Monica felt discouraged, but she never gave up hope. She was told by her local Bishop that "God's time will come." St. Monica is the patron saint of wives, mothers, conversions, alcoholics and abuse victims. She suffered abuse from her husband and mother-in-law, who were also converted to Catholicism by her example.

Friday 28th August - St Augustine. Famously known for the writing of his "Confessions", a Doctor of the Church and a saint of considerable standing and reputation. He wrote extensively and his writing became articles of faith and good practice. He once wrote: "A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps."