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Sunday 30th August 2026

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

<u>Saturday 29th August</u>	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 30th August</u>	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Angela Jacobs +
<u>Sunday 30th August</u>	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:30 (CTK)
<u>Monday 31st August</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
<u>Tuesday 1st September</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Wednesday 2nd September</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 3rd September</u>	Feast of St Gregory the Great	Mass: 9:15 (HC) John Taaffe +
<u>Friday 4th September</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Brown Wedding Anniversary
<u>Saturday 5th September</u>	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 17:00 (HC) Irene Fowler +
<u>Sunday 6th September</u>	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Mauro & Thelma +
<u>Sunday 6th September</u>	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) John Taaffe +

(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

There will be NO Holy Hour on 3 September

Diocesan Prayer League: Our Lady & St Alphege, Bath; St Joseph, Peasedown St John

Mass Book: Year A Volume 2:

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



Today's Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself."

Reflection: What a difference a week makes! After proclaiming St Peter as the Rock on which His Church will be built, Jesus rebukes St. Peter for being a hindrance to Him and failing to understand the fate which was to follow. But who could blame him. Jesus' message to deny oneself and to follow Him into what at that time appeared to be a catastrophic outcome was not easy listening. It is only when we look back at the events which followed Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection that we in our own time can comprehend what is God's intent rather than the intentions of man (and woman). If Jesus had turned away from the Cross (as St Peter at first wanted Him to), then the powers of evil would have won the day. It was only through Jesus' self-sacrifice that He atoned for our sins and achieved our salvation. Now in our own time, if we are to take up our cross every day and follow Jesus, we earnestly ask for the grace of the Holy Spirit to pour the same self-sacrificing love into our hearts. We can't do this alone. This does not mean that we become a "door-mat" for everyone or allow ourselves to be continually "taken for granted" but it does mean standing up for our Christian values which can sometimes challenge our pre-conceived ideas of thinking and acting.

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

29 August Bella Warren 5 September Hazel Vaughan

Reading Rota

29 August Philippa Simpson 5 September Meg Carter

Coffee after Mass

Saturday 12 September

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 5 September



Welcome back!

We welcome back the children, teachers and support staff at Christ the King school who return back to school this coming week after their summer break. We hope you feel refreshed; we keep you in our prayers and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

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.

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

The revised assisted suicide Bill faces its Second Reading on Friday 11 September. This is the same attempted legislation that didn't pass in the last session of Parliament. This would undermine the sanctity and dignity of human life. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales is calling on all Catholics to play an active part in opposing assisted suicide: by praying in unity against the now published bill and by contacting our local MP to vote against the bill on its debate within the House of Commons. Please see the Catholic Bishops Conference website for further details: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>. Postcards which may be sent to your local MP are available at all Masses this weekend.

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](#).

Parish transport to the pilgrimage with a pickup at **Holy Cross at 11am and Christ the King at 11:30am** will be available. If you are interested and have not done so already, please add your name and contact details to the sign-up sheet at the back of church. Thank you.

A Call for Pilgrims: National Eucharistic Congress

Adoremus 2026, the National Eucharistic Congress, takes place in London on **Saturday 10 October 2026**. Adoremus is a national celebration of the Eucharist, bringing together Catholics from across England and Wales for prayer, worship, catechesis, and public witness. Our Diocese has been allocated **45 places**, and we are inviting priests & parishioners from across our pastoral areas and parishes to participate. For fairness, tickets are limited to two for each parish. Please contact the Parish Office in the first instance if you are interested in attending this event (Tel. 01454 412223).

200 Club

Congratulations to August Prize Winner: Julie Cain £200.

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: James Bunce, Donald Billett, Stanislaus Janirz, Mgr. William Mitchell, Esther Morrissey, James Gordon Russell, Bridget Costello, Gwen Middleton, Paul Riley, John Harrington, Ivy Finnegan, Anthony James, Franciszek Kocik, Florence Moseley, Charles Bell, Janice Nobes, Hugh Wells, Graham Jasper, John Taaffe, Mario Rocca, David Faller, Bridget McDonald.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Sunday Music Night ... 19:00 13th Sept
Friday Coffee ... 10:30 11th Sept
Wednesday Quiz Night ... 19:30 2nd Sept
Friday Music Night ... 19:30 4th Sept

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
30 Aug	D McNulty	F Pollard	P McGillan	S & D Nicholls	Organ
6 Sept	C Hurford	A McAllister	F Beck	P & L Morrissey	Folk

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

30 Aug: S & D Nicholls 6 Sept: D Rees & G Brooks

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

30 Aug: 09:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 F Beck/R Hetherton
6 Sept: 09:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

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

Friday Coffee Mornings

Take place once a fortnight in the Parlour after the 10:30am Mass. The next one will be on Friday 11 September. The list of dates up to the end of the year are available to collect from the notice board. Please do come and join us all are welcome.

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.

Thank You!

A letter of thanks was received this weekend from the Marie Curie Charity for the kind donation of £372.15, collected in loving memory of my husband Bill McBride at his funeral. It had been his chosen charity, so thank you from him and Jean and myself. Yours sincerely, Rose McBride.

Saints of the week

Thursday 3rd September – Saint Gregory the Great. Born in 540, known as the "Apostle of the English." Elected Pope and sent St Augustine to England. Played a considerable part in the Roman Liturgy and his name is associated with the Gregorian Chant.

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation starts on Tuesday 1st September and continues through to the 4th of October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. This is a time for all to renew their relationship with our Creator and all of creation, through prayer and action for our common home. For more details, please click here: [About - Season of Creation](#)