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Sunday 16th August 2026

YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Cycle Year 2)

Saturday 15th August

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Sunday 16th August

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Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Angela Jacobs +

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass: 10:30 (CTK)

Monday 17th August

Reception into Church (Angela Jacobs)

Service: 16:00 (CTK)

Tuesday 18th August

Requiem Mass – Angela Jacobs

Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Angela Jacobs +

Wednesday 19th August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Elinor McCorry +

Thursday 20th August

Memorial of St Bernard

Mass: 9:15 (HC)

Friday 21st August

Memorial of St Pius X

Mass: 10:00 (CTK)

Saturday 22nd August

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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(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 Hospital and Prison Chaplaincies

Mass Book: Year A Volume 2:

Page 178 (Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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



Today's Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56
"My soul magnifies the Lord."

Reflection: This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption, that great day when Mary, the Mother of God, was taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her life on earth. Mary lived her life in total obedience to God: she said "Yes" to the Angel Gabriel to become the Mother of Jesus; she gave birth to Jesus in Bethlehem and cared for Him throughout His life; she was responsible for Jesus' first miracle at the Wedding of Cana; she wept for Jesus at Calvary, on the day that Jesus died for our sins; she rejoiced with Jesus after He rose from the dead after His resurrection at Easter. Mary's life was full of "highs" and "lows", Mary lived a life as we do and can share our joys, our pains and our sorrows. Mary intercedes for us on our behalf whenever we call on her.

"By looking at Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we understand better that even though our daily life may be marked by trials and difficulties, it flows like a river to the divine ocean, to the fullness of joy and peace. We understand that our death is not the end but rather the entrance into life that knows no death. Our setting on the horizon of this world is our rising at the dawn of the new world, the dawn of the eternal day." Pope Benedict XVI.

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

15 August Meg Carter 22 August Kate Barlow

Reading Rota

15 August Victoria Fowler 22 August Hazel Vaughan

Coffee after Mass

Saturday 12 September

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 5 September

CAFOD

A 7.4-magnitude earthquake struck the Chocó province of Colombia on 10th August. At least 220 people have died and more than 2,500 injured. This comes just seven weeks after two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela, its neighbouring country. CAFOD works with trusted local partners in Colombia and has sent £100,000 from its emergency fund to provide immediate support. We are asked to keep the people of Colombia, Venezuela and all those caught up in emergencies around the world in our prayers. More details on the CAFOD web-site [here](#).

Saints of the week - Friday 21st August St Pius X (1835 – 1914)

Pope Pius X was born in 1835, the second of 10 children, to a poor family in Riese, Italy. Pius X encouraged all to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis, he reduced the age by which children could make their First Holy Communion and was once quoted as saying: *"Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven."*

He will be remembered as the Eucharistic Pope, a man of simplicity and poverty, to whom many miracles have been attributed. We celebrate his Feast Day on the 21st of August. **Pope St Pius X, pray for us.**

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

The next stall will be after Masses at CTK on Sunday 23 August.

200 Club Congratulations to July Prize Winner: Delia Rees £200.

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.



SEASON OF CREATION

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](#).

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.

London March for Life

Will take place this year on Saturday 5 September further details to follow.

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 and Georgina Sheehan.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Ted Murphy, John McNicholas, Dennis Cottam, Richard McDonnell, William Walsh, Bernard Hickey, Catherine Baker, Vernon Towers, Marjorie Scott, Margaret Bishop, Len Crayston, Fr Duncan Ferguson, Dr Kenneth Gradwell.

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

There will be NO Sunday music nights during 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		
16 Aug	N McCarthy	A Clarke	B Clarke	C & D Clarke	Organ
23 Aug	P O'Rourke	M Wallis	A Collins	L & Emm	Folk

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon: 10 & 17 Aug: J Brown, F Jamieson & S De La Torre
Mon: 24 & 31 Aug: M Gilroy & K Byrne

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

16 Aug: M Gilroy & M Cullimore 23 Aug: S Emm & J Wallis

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

16 Aug: T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 J Wallis/Hetherton
23 Aug: M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

w/c 10 Aug: M Wallis w/c 24 Aug: A Linehan

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: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/a-franciscan-pilgrimage-in-the-diocese-of-clifton>