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Sunday 20th September 2026

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

Saturday 19th September

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

W&C: 17:00 (HC)

Sunday 20th September

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

W&C: 09:00 (CTK) Thanksgiving (Jamieson)

Sunday 20th September

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

W&C: 10:30 (CTK)

Monday 21st September

Feast of Saint Matthew

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Tuesday 22nd September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

W&C: 10:00 (CTK)

Wednesday 23rd September

Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

W&C: 10:00 (CTK)

Thursday 24th September

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

W&C: 9:15 (HC)

Friday 25th September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

W&C: 10:00 (CTK)

Saturday 26th September

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Sunday 27th September

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Sean & David Tehan +

Sunday 27th September

Twenty Sixth 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 League: St Mary, Bath

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 20: 1-16
"Do you begrudge my generosity?"

Reflection: Life is full of surprises and so also is the Gospel. How many so called "undeserving" people do we find in the circle of Jesus who were "written off" by the self-righteous religious leaders of the day. They were dismayed because Jesus gave a new start to people who had fallen from grace and were desperate for God's help. Zacheus, the unscrupulous tax collector, who was over-joyed when Jesus chose to stay at his house. The good thief, who had the temerity to ask Jesus for a place in His Kingdom at the 11th hour. Mary Magdalene, who had been plagued by demons but felt at home beneath the Cross of Jesus (when others fled) and was forgiven for her many sins. The Prodigal Son, who returned to his father having come to his senses and was overwhelmed by the reception that he received on his return (much to the consternation of the elder brother who was jealous of the reception his "wandering" sibling received).

Jesus provides a reminder to us all this weekend not to think or act in the ways of the world, but to rejoice with those who have turned back to God, whether that be at the sixth, ninth, or eleventh hour. God is forever open with mercy for those who ask for it and for those who show the way for others to receive it.

In God's kingdom, it may well be that the last will be first, and the first last. The generosity of God for those who "seem" not worthy of such graces, should not be begrudged by those who may feel that their life-long commitment to God's kingdom places them in a more favourable position than those who "come to the party" at the final hour.

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

19 September Youth Mass 26 September Bella Warren

Reading Rota

19 September Youth Mass 26 September Nick Acland

Coffee after Mass

Saturday 10 October

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 3 October

Shared Supper and Raffle

There will be a shared supper and raffle evening after the 5.00pm Mass on Saturday 24th October. All welcome.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

FOR THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL (MSP)

Thank you to all who contributed to the Annual Mission Appeal last weekend. We have received a Letter of Appreciation from the Society (displayed on the Notice Board for both Churches). Donations received will be sent to the Society next week when we will also publish the final totals collected for the appeal.

Foodbank (CTK)

The list of items requested for September is available at the back of church. Please remember that all food items must be in date. Thank you for your support.

Fairtrade (CTK)

The next stall will be after masses at CTK on Sunday 27th September. Also, Fairtrade Fortnight starts this Monday 21st September, so look out for any promotions in your stores.

Starting School?

If you have a child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2027 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of South Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire. *Please note that Gloucestershire County Council does not open its application service until 2nd November.* If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. **Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2027.**



Relics of St Jacinta and St Francisco – Clifton Cathedral

On Saturday/Sunday September 26th/27th the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of St Jacinta and St Francisco will be visiting Clifton Cathedral. Please see details on the Church Noticeboard for further information and the times of Masses and other events and services on those days. All most welcome.

Diocesan Synodal Information Sessions

Bishop Bosco has appointed a Synod Team to support parishes in a period of reflection leading to a Diocesan Assembly in June 2027. Several dates to cover information sessions and small group facilitation sessions are outlined below.

The two areas and dates for learning about facilitation sessions closest to us are:

Saturday 26 September, St. Dunstan, Keynsham: 10am-12noon

Saturday 3 October, English Martyrs, Tuffley: 10am-12noon
In addition to these formation meetings, two online zoom information sessions (different to the above) will help people to understand what is being asked of them and why. These will take place on:

Tuesday 22 September, 7-8pm

Thursday 24 September, 7-8pm

We are looking for representatives who may wish to attend one or both of these events for our two Parish Churches. This may be of particular interest to new Parishioners; those newly received into the Church and young people but anyone who may have an interest would be welcomed. Please speak with Deacon Lawrence initially if you are interested in attending and finding out a little bit more about what is being requested.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nick Reed a parishioner from Holy Cross who died recently. We also pray for Nick's family at this sad time. May his 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 Costello, Rose McBride and Georgina Sheehan.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: James Hawkins, Rose Griffiths, John O'Rourke, Mary Banks, John Price, Phyllis Reddan, Jack Bond, Fr Stanislaus Smith SDS, Pat Heffernan, Doreen Rochford, Edith McCarthy, Alan Philips, Fr Danny Burns SDS, Richard Hopkins, Cecil William Rhodes, Rita De Souza, Marlene King.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Sunday Music Night ... 19:00 20 Sept
Friday Coffee ... 10.30 25 Sept
Wednesday Quiz Night ... 19:30 7 Oct
Friday Music Night ... 19:30 2 Oct
CAFOD Fast Day ... Friday 2 Oct

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
20 Sept	N McCarthy	Children's Mass			Folk
27 Sept	K Byrne	P Morrissey	M Gilroy	D & N Waters	Organ

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon: 21 & 28 Sept: M Scott & D Rees
Mon: 5 & 12 October: C & J Hurford

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

20 Sept: M Gilroy & M Cullimore 27 Sept: S & D Nicholls

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

20 Sept: 09:00 n/a 10:30 n/a
27 Sept: 09:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 M Wallis /J Wallis

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

w/c 21 Sept A Grafton-Green w/c 10 October G Bartlett

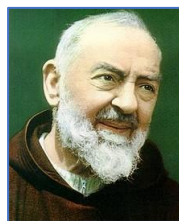


Journeying with Jesus

The next session of the Parish Group reflections about the life and journey points of Jesus during His Public Ministry, this time entitled "On the Cross" will take place on **Wednesday 23 Sept at 7:30pm in CTK Porch House.** All most welcome. Please come and join us

Finance Update (CTK)

Chris Hurford, the Parish Treasurer, will provide an update at the 9.00am and 10.30am services this coming Sunday, 20th September, about the Parish Finances.



St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Wednesday 23rd September is the Memorial Day of St Pius of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio", popularly acclaimed as one of the greatest saints of the 20th Century. A devoted Priest who touched so many people that some 100,000 people are understood to have attended his funeral on the 23rd of September 1968. There are many famous inspiring quotes attributed to him, perhaps the best-known being: "Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." Saint Padre Pio, pray for us.