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Sunday 4th October 2026

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

Saturday 3rd October

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Sunday 4th October

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Bill McBride +

Sunday 4th October

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Hannah Batt +

Monday 5th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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Tuesday 6th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Brigid Dooley +

Wednesday 7th October

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Mass: 10:00 (CTK)

Thursday 8th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 9:15 (HC)

Friday 9th October

Feast of St John Henry Newman

Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Special Intention

Saturday 10th October

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 17:00 (HC) John Stratford +

Sunday 11th October

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Angela Jacobs, Bernard Fox

Sunday 11th October

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Theresa Healey +

(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: Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul, Clifton, Bristol

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**



Matthew 21: 33-43 "He will let out the vineyard to the other tenants"

Reflection: Writers say that the Parable of the Wicked Tenants from this weekend's Gospel, is a story of the ingratitude, failings and hard-heartedness of God's Chosen People throughout the history of the Bible. The parable's importance is reflected in the fact that it appears in all three of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke).

In summary, God is depicted as the landlord of the vineyard, the servants sent by the landowner represented the prophets of the Old Testament. The people refused to listen to the prophets, so instead of producing fruits of justice, love and righteousness it was because of their refusal to listen that they produced the bitter grapes of injustice, immorality and idolatry. As a final attempt to save them, the landowner (God) sent his only son (Jesus) to redeem their ways. Rather than turning from their evil ways, they crucified him and continued to lead lives of disloyalty and disobedience. As a result, God's vineyard was to be taken away and given to another people (the Gentile Christians).

The parable of the vineyard in our time is a message given by the Holy Spirit. The vineyard of today is God's Church and we as Christians belonging to that Church are its tenants. And, as tenants of God's vineyard, we are invited to deeds of love, compassion, patience, assistance, forgiveness and mercy; to invite and welcome others into God's kingdom here on earth. Are we ready for this challenge? Are we willing to become producers of the "good fruit" which God wants from us? Are we grateful stewards for everything God has given to us or are we like the ungrateful tenants who acted as if they owned everything God had given to them? God's vineyard is now in our hands.

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

3 October Elaine Godfrey 10 October Meg Carter

Reading Rota

3 October Meg Carter 10 October George Fowler

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.

Together in Wotton - Ageing Gracefully

Ageing Gracefully is a 6-week course for Christians exploring some of the theological issues raised by an ageing society. The sessions should last approximately 1.5 hours. Facilitator Dr Ian Donald is a Consultant in Old Age Medicine, recently retired from Gloucestershire Royal Hospital. The course commences on **Monday 5 October 2pm for a 2:15pm start at Wotton United Church, Bradley Street**. Please let Kate, CTIW, know if you would like to attend office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk or 01453 842175. There's still time to join!

CAFOD – Fast Day - please return any envelopes you have with your donations in the retiring collection this weekend. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or by using the QR code; or by using the Dona machine at the back of CTK church (please note that you cannot attach gift aid with this method); or call 0303 303 3030. Thank you for any contributions you can make. To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible, see the CAFOD web-site [here](http://cafod.org.uk)

Foodbank

The list of items requested for October should be available at the back of church by Sunday, on the noticeboard and on the box under the table. Any donations will be gratefully received.

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.**

Bishop Appeal

On Education Sunday Bishop Bosco launched a new appeal for parishioners to serve as school governors or as academy trust directors. If you would like to help our schools and respond to the Bishop's appeal, please contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer at Clifton Diocese, for more information via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or on 07710094976 – thank you.

200 Club

Congratulations to September Prize Winner: Jenny Dennis £200.

CTK Children's Liturgy ("Little Church")

The next Children's Liturgy ("Little Church") will take place on Sunday 11 October during the 10:30am Mass.

Congratulations!

We congratulate and keep in our prayers Cian O'Doherty, his parents and family, who was baptised at CTK Church on Sunday 27th September.

First Holy Communion

The date for the First Holy Communion Mass next year will be **Sunday 9th May 2027 during the 10.30am Mass at CTK**. Details of the programme, which will commence early in the New Year, will follow in due course.

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.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Joan Fraser, Bridget Wheeler, Jane Hunter, Alex Unsworth, Jan Darcy, Jim Mansfield, Roger Brown, Josie Power, Bert Adamson, Veronica Smith, Maureen Collodo, Hilda Woodall, Margaret Gunn, Maria Albertina Rebello, Emma-Jane Carter.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Sunday Music Night	19:00	11 Oct
Friday Coffee	10.30	9 Oct
Wednesday Quiz Night	19:30	7 Oct
Friday Music Night	19:30	6 Nov

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
4 Oct	C Hurford	A Clarke	B Clarke	C & D Clarke	Folk
11 Oct	G Hunter	D Waters	L Emm	S & D Nicholls	Organ

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon: 5 & 12 October: C & J Hurford
Mon: 19 & 26 October: J Brown, F Jamieson & S De La Torre

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

4 Oct: S Emm & J Wallis 11 Oct: M Scott

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

4 Oct: 09:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls
11 Oct: 09:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 A Kirkham/F Beck

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

w/c 5 October G Bartlett w/c 19 October M Wallis

Oaks of Righteousness – Growing Together in Christ

Saturday 24 October, 11am – 3pm at St Patrick's Church, Brockworth. The Saint Wulstan Pastoral Area invites our schools, parishes and religious communities to come together for a special celebration of faith, fellowship and growth. We will celebrate Mass together, followed by the blessing and presentation of an oak sapling and candle to each participating community, to be taken back and planted or displayed within their own community. *"That they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified."* Isaiah 61:3. A bring-and-share lunch will follow. All are welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The next meeting of the PPC will take place on Tuesday 13th October at 7.00pm in CTK Porch House. If anyone has any items for the Agenda for the joint PPC for CTK and Holy Cross to discuss please contact the Parish Office by Friday 9th October.



October

- the month of the Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary within the Catholic Church. The Memorial Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary takes place this coming Wednesday, 7th October at 10.00am in CTK. The Holy Rosary is recited on most Wednesdays after the 10.00am Mass at CTK and on the first Saturday of the month at 4.40pm in Holy Cross. Please join us when you can for these prayers.

Whenever the Rosary is recited, in Church or in our homes, we share with the Universal Church in meditating on the life of Jesus, through which we grow closer to God and seek the intercession of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of our God, for the needs of the world, our churches and our own lives. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Queen of the most Holy Rosary, pray for us.