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

Saturday 17th October

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Bernard Fox +

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Sheehan (Wedding Anniv)

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Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Private Intention

Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Holy Souls

Mass: 9:15 (HC)

Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Andrew Holland +

Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) June Lawton & intentions

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Hannah Twemlow +

(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: Sacred Heart, Westbury on Trym with St Bonaventure, Bishopston, Bristol and St Anthony, Henbury

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 22: 15-21 "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God things that are God's"

Reflection: Some would say that Politics and Religion should never mix. The laws of God and the laws of Caesar often clash. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus is set by the Pharisees what appears to be a "no win" trap: if He sympathises with the religious leaders, the Roman authorities will have an argument to arrest Him; if He sympathises with the Roman authority, the religious leaders will have grounds to discredit Him. Jesus turns around the trap, by focusing instead on what is more important.

As a society and as law abiding members of that society, we have a collective responsibility to do what is right and proper, according to the ways of the world that we live in. This includes paying taxes. But in carrying out these "earthly" duties as Christians, our ultimate responsibility and aim is the greater prize and the greater glory of God; from whom and in whom, everything has its being. We are all born and live in the image and likeness of God, not Caesar's. Ultimately, we all belong and are loved by God, who wants nothing more than for us to recognise and respond likewise. No earthly king or power should have a greater say or influence in our lives than the God who made us and created us to live and love just as God's own Son did for us.

Prayers for our Pope – "It is with gratitude and relief that we learned that Pope Leo's surgery on Tuesday 13th October at Rome's Gemelli Hospital was successful. We now know that Pope Leo was diagnosed with lung carcinoma and, in this month of the Holy Rosary, we entrust his recovery to the maternal care of Our Lady, Health of the Sick. I ask that Catholics in England and Wales, and indeed all people of good will, pray for Pope Leo – in our homes and in our parishes – that he may be restored to full health after a period of rest and recuperation." Archbishop Richard Moth, Westminster. Bishop Bosco has also written to Pope Leo, see the Bishop's letter [here](#).

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota

17 October Hazel Vaughan 24 October Kate Barlow

Reading Rota

17 October Philippa Simpson 24 October Hazel Vaughan

Coffee after Mass

Saturday 14 November

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 7 November

Shared Supper and Raffle

There will be a shared supper and raffle evening after the 5.00pm Mass on Saturday 24th October. All welcome. If anyone would like to donate Prizes for the Raffle in aid of Church Funds, please leave these in the box by the Porch entrance to the Church. Thank you.

CAFOD - Thank you for all contributions to the Family Fast Day appeal. The collection will remain open until the end of October for any outstanding donations - please leave these in the sacristy, donate on-line or use the Dona machine at the back of church.

Foodbank (CTK) -The list of items requested for October may be found on the noticeboard. It includes tinned goods and toiletries. Across the area as a whole, donations are down, so rest assured that anything you are able to contribute will be appreciated.

Fairtrade (CTK) - The next stall will be after Masses at CTK next Sunday 25 October.

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. 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.**

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.

Post Confirmation Get-Together

There will be an opportunity for a "post confirmation get-together" on Saturday 31st October from 10.30hrs - 13.00hrs at Porch House, CTK Church for all who were confirmed at CTK Church last year (21st October 2025). Please come along if you are able to do so; personal invitations have been sent.



Reminder! That British Summer Time ends on Saturday (24th October) - please put your clocks back an hour overnight that evening.



Do you wish to become a Catholic?

If anyone would like to explore what "being a Catholic" means or may be interested in discussing this further, please speak in confidence with one of the Parish Clergy after Mass or contact the Parish Office in the first instance. The **"Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults"**

(RCIA) provides a programme of discernment and instruction which people may wish to follow and may lead to full introduction into the Catholic Church usually at the Easter Vigil during the Holy Week and Triduum services, culminating with Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil next year will be on Saturday 27th March, with the celebration of Easter on Sunday 28th March. There will be an introductory meeting for all who may wish to join the RCIA Programme for the coming programme on **Sunday 8th November after the 10.30am Mass at Christ the King Church.** (Venue: Parlour Room in Porch House).

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: Mary Pioli, Cliff O'Carroll, Quentin Wallington, Charles Sheehan, Monti Malberbe, James Moloney, Austin Vallely, Owen Sellars, Ron Nicholas, John Murphy, Ernest Thomas, Lily Coady, Brian McClinton, Annette Keogh, Jim Coady, Mario Vuolo, Mary Wadley, Helen Robins.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Sunday Music Night ... 19:00 18th Oct
Friday Coffee ... 10.30 23rd Oct
Wednesday Quiz Night ... 19:30 21st Oct
Friday Music Night ... 19:30 6th Nov
Children's Liturgy (Little Church) ... 10:30 8th Nov

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
18 Oct	N McCarthy	P Davey	D Nicholls	P & L Morrissey	Folk
25 Oct	P Wells	A Collins	M Wallis	L & S Emm	Organ

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon: 19 & 26 October: J Brown, F Jamieson & S De La Torre
Mon: 2 & 9 November: M Gilroy & K Byrne

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

18 Oct: D Rees & G Brooks 25 Oct: A Clarke & Family

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

18 Oct: 09:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm/M Wallis
25 Oct: 09:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 J Wallis/R Hetherton

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. A bring-and-share lunch will follow. All are welcome.

Taizé Service (St Arilda's Oldbury) - Sunday 15th November at 6pm

All are welcome to this special candlelit service at St Arilda's, which will follow the Taizé pattern of beautiful meditative chants with readings, prayers and a time of silence. If you would like to join the (very informal) choir for the evening and sing a part, or can bring along an instrument to play, please get in touch with Sophia: sophiaacland@gmail.com who will send you the music in advance. Many thanks!

Journeying with Jesus

The final session of the Parish Group reflections about the life and journey points of Jesus during His Public Ministry, this time entitled "On the road again" will take place on **Monday 19 October at 10:30am in CTK Porch House.** All most welcome. Please come and join us.

Join us this October half term for South Gloucestershire's Great Big Bulb Planting Week!

South Gloucestershire Council will be planting up to 6000 bulbs to bring spring colour to the open spaces across the County and will be in Thornbury on **Friday 30th October.** All are invited anytime between 10am and 2pm to help and plant some bulbs! Please see details on the Church Noticeboard or click [here](#) to sign up.