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Sunday 8th November 2026

YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: Remembrance Sunday (Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Cycle Year 2)

Saturday 7th November	**Remembrance Sunday**	**Mass: 17:00 (HC)**
Sunday 8th November	**Remembrance Sunday**	**Mass: 09:00 (CTK)**
Sunday 8th November	**Remembrance Sunday**	**Mass: 10:30 (CTK)** War Dead
Monday 9th November	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	……
Tuesday 10th November	Memorial of St Leo the Great	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
Wednesday 11th November	Memorial of St Martin of Tours	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
Thursday 12th November	Memorial of St Josaphat	Mass: 9:15 (HC)
Friday 13th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Private Intention
Saturday 14th November	**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**Mass: 17:00 (HC)** Rachel Hopkins +
Sunday 15th November	**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**Mass: 09:00 (CTK)**
Sunday 15th November	**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**Mass: 10:30 (CTK)**

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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 Nicholas of Tolentino, Easton, St Joseph, Fishponds/St Patrick, Redfield, Bristol

Mass Book: Year A Volume 2:
Page 152 (Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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



Matthew 5:1-12a "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."

Reflection: "*Wisdom is radiant and unfading*" are the opening words from this weekend's First Reading. But what is wisdom? Wisdom is recognising God in our lives, understanding right from wrong, doing the right things. Wisdom is not something that we can develop from our own, often narrow view of ourselves and our world. In short, true wisdom begins and ends with God. In the Gospel. Jesus uses the Parable of the Wise and Foolish virgins to teach the Disciples and us about who the Kingdom of God will be open to. The "foolish" stop preparing, do little to stay ready, and ultimately fail to get in. The "wise" never stop preparing and take extra steps to get ready. In this parable, Jesus is the bridegroom who will guide others into His Kingdom, the Holy Spirit is the oil for the lamps. Those who are truly wise will do all that they can to keep the flame of the Holy Spirit burning brightly in their lives: through faith and belief in God, through prayer and through service for others. Those who are wise hold fast to the truth and the promises of God, in whom all our futures are as bright as the stars in heaven. The challenge for us all is to stay prepared and ready for that day and that hour when Our Lord will come knocking on our door. When that time comes, will we be ready to come out and meet Him.

Please note that the High Street and Castle Street in Thornbury will be closed from 9.30hrs until 13.00hrs for the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 8 November. This should not affect the 9.00 Mass attendees but for those coming to the 10.30am Mass you may wish to arrange alternative ways to the Church (less abled Parishioners should still be able to use the car park). Thank you.

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota
7 November Jane Parker 14 November Bella Warren
Reading Rota
7 November Bella Warren 14 November Philippa Simpson

Coffee after Mass
Saturday 14 November

Monthly Rosary
4:40pm Saturday 7 November

Remembrance Day Service – Sunday 8 November
The Annual Act of Remembrance Parade will start from the Chipping as usual at 10.40am, arriving at the War Memorial for approximately 10.50am for the commemoration ceremony. This will be followed by a Family Friendly Church Service at St Mary's Church. All welcome.

CAFOD Fast Day Appeal
The total raised in this year's Harvest Family Fast Day was £1270. Thank you for your continued generous support.

Foodbank
The list now on the noticeboard covers both November and December. Items requested are mainly toiletries and Christmas food. Thank you for any donations you are able to make.

Memorial Mass
There will be a Mass for all the Deceased of our Pastoral Area of St Wulstan on **Thursday 12 November at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Churchdown** (Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown GL3 1HU). All are most welcome to this Mass. There will be tea and coffee in the parish room afterwards.



Remembrance Sunday
This weekend we call to mind all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war, those who were left behind to grieve and mourn and those who still suffer as a result. We acknowledge with gratitude the courage of men, women and children who, despite the hardships and horrors of war, kept hope alive. The weekend is also a time of Commitment for each one of us: to pray for the dead; to honour the living; to strive for peace; to heal the wounds of conflict; to work for justice and peace. ***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.***

Do you wish to become a Catholic?
There will be an introductory meeting for all who may wish to join the RCIA Programme for the coming year this **Sunday 8 November after the 10.30am Mass at Christ the King Church.** (Venue: Parlour Room in Porch House).

200 Club
Congratulations to October Prize Winner: Antoni Watola £200.



Christ The King Weekend
All Parishioners from both Holy Cross and Christ the King are invited to come and share in the celebrations which will take place over the **weekend of the 20th to the 22nd of November**.
On Friday 20th, there will be a 10.30am Mass at CTK School to which all Parishioners are invited.
On Saturday 21st, there will be a quiz. (Teams of 4-6 people). The evening will start at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start (prompt) in the Main Hall at Porch House.. Please bring your own drinks, table snacks will be provided.
After the 10.30am Mass at CTK on Sunday 22nd, there will be a **children's entertainer** for our younger Parishioners and a **glass of wine and nibbles** for those young at heart.
Please make a note of these events in your diary and come along if you can. We very much look forward to seeing you there, particularly those who may be new to our Parish Churches.

Recently Deceased
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bryan Painter who died recently. Bryan's Requiem Mass **will take place at Christ the King on Wednesday 18 November at 2pm.**
Please pray too for the repose of the soul of Mairead Sargerson whose funeral service will take place at CTK Church on Monday 30 November at 10.00am.
May their souls, 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 and Jill Pearce.

Anniversaries
We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Matt Doyle, John McKie, Ida McLevy, Lisa Sharp, Jane Murphy, Rosina Baterman, Carmel Hendrian, Sheila Lloyd, Arthur Nobes, John Murphy Stephen Hodsman, George Cook, Roy Dorey.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates
Sunday Music Night … ..... 19:00 15 Nov
Friday Coffee ..... 10.30 20 Nov
Wednesday Quiz Night ..... 19:30 18 Nov
Friday Music Night ..... 19:30 4 Dec

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
8 Nov	K Byrne	M Gilroy	P Morrissey	D & N Waters	Organ
15 Nov	D McNulty	F Beck	A McAllister	M & J Wallis	Folk

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota
Mon: 2 & 9 November: M Gilroy & K Byrne
Mon: 16 & 23 November: L Godding & S Evans

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota
8 Nov: S & D Nicholls 15 Nov: M Scott

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota
8 Nov: 09:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm/F Beck
15 Nov: 09:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 A Kirkham/D Nicholls

Children's Liturgy (Little Church)
We welcome back the Children's Liturgy Group ("Little Church") after the Half Term break who will join us for the 10.30am Mass this Sunday, 8 November at CTK.

Celebration Mass for Marriage & Family Life Saturday 6 February 2027
Bishop Bosco is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 6th February (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2027. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2027 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: *hope@cliftondiocese.com* with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating.



St Mark's Gospel (CTK)
In preparation for Advent and the start of the new Liturgical Year, there will be a short talk and discussion group about St Mark's Gospel in the Lounge at CTK Porch House on **Wednesday 25 November at 7.30pm** which will be repeated on **Monday 30 November at 14.00pm** (Monday Group, please note the change of time due to a funeral that morning). All are most welcome to come along, please do if you can make it.