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Sunday 22nd November 2026

YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: Solemnity of Christ the King (Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Cycle Year 2)

Saturday 21st November	**Solemnity of Christ the King**	**Mass: 17:00 (HC)** Lila Sebastian +
Sunday 22nd November	**Solemnity of Christ the King**	**Mass: 09:00 (CTK**) All Parishioners
Sunday 22nd November	**Solemnity of Christ the King**	**Mass: 10:30 (CTK)** Madeleine Steedman + John & Hilary Lewis 50th Wedding Anniversary
Monday 23rd November	Weekday in Ordinary Time	……
Tuesday 24th November	Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Heinrich Unbehaun
Wednesday 25th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Hermann Unbehaun
Thursday 26th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 9:15 (HC) Louis Anderson +
Friday 27th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
Saturday 28th November	**First Sunday of Advent**	**Mass: 17:00 (HC)** Arthur Waters +
Sunday 29th November	**First Sunday of Advent**	**Mass: 09:00 (CTK**)
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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 League: St Gerard Majella, Knowle.

Mass Book: Year A Volume 2:
Page 158 (Solemnity of Christ the King)

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



Matthew 25: 31-46 "… as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

Reflection: An often-cited criticism of our "secular" world today, is that "individualism" (what is right for me) weighs far more than care or concern for others. "Unchecked" individual actions and lack of awareness for others can leave the weak and the vulnerable left behind. But in God's kingdom, it is the small and unseen actions done with a good heart which speak the loudest. St Mother Theresa once said that if we go through life without anyone noticing our good actions, so much the better. So, the question for this weekend is: do we recognise Jesus in the vulnerable members of our human family, the less capable, the unborn baby, the long-term sick, those bullied or threatened at work or school, those with mental, physical, or emotional problems? God has given us the freedom to be with one another in this world, to help one another, to be there for one another, if we so choose. Surprisingly (or not!), the happiest people tend to be those that do.

So, the message on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe is probably the most important one for all of us. Those who will stand at God's Right Hand on the Day of Judgement will be the ones who have taken this weekend's Gospel seriously and acted accordingly. Eternal Life is theirs. Happy Feast Day to all our Parishioners from our two Churches and Christ the King school. Hosanna to the King of Kings!

Please join us for our Parish celebrations this weekend: on Saturday night at 7pm in the Hall at CTK for our quiz night. On Sunday morning, for the children's entertainer plus wine and nibbles after the 10.30am Mass. All most welcome, we will love to see you there.

Holy Cross

Welcome Rota
21 November Youth Mass 28 November Elaine Godfrey
Reading Rota
21 November Youth Mass 28 November Meg Carter
Coffee after Mass
Saturday 12 December
Monthly Rosary
4:40pm Saturday 6 December

CAFOD

The World Gift catalogues, containing a wide range of Christmas presents that support CAFOD's work, are now available at the back of church

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.



Do you wish to become a Catholic?

The RCIA Programme for the coming year is now well underway. If anyone would wish to join the Programme, please speak with one of the Parish Clergy after the weekend Masses.

First Holy Communion

There will be a meeting for Parents / Guardians and Children **on Sunday 29 November in the Parlour in Porch House at Christ the King at 9.45am.** If you have a child in Year 3 or above this academic year and you would like them to be included in the First Holy Communion Programme, please make a note of this date in your diary. The First Communion Day will be **Sunday 9 May 2027.**

Move to the Seaside

Following 59 very happy years in Thornbury, Eileen Murphy is moving to Devon to be near to the family. Christ the King Parish has been a huge part of the Murphy family and we would like to thank everyone for their friendship. Eileen will miss you all. Julie

To give Eileen and the family a nice send off, we will be hosting a Tea and Coffee get-together in the Parish Hall **after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 29th November.** Please come along if you are able to make it. All welcome.

Christmas Nativity sale on Sunday 6 December

While Advent calendars and Christmas cards are already available in the Church entrance, they will also be on sale with children's books and Nativity items in the hall after both Masses **on Sunday 6 December.** All are sold at discount prices with all proceeds going to Christ the King Church.

Fairtrade

There will be a stall in the hall after Masses at CTK next Sunday, 29 November.

Part time / Self-employed role at Aid to the Church in Need

Do you want to do more to support Christians around the world who suffer for their faith?

Aid to the Church in Need is seeking Parish Appealers to help share the stories of persecuted Christians in parishes near you. Spend a few weekends each year giving short appeals at Mass. Full training and support are provided, and no fundraising experience is necessary. This flexible, self-employed role is suitable for those who are working, retired, or semi-retired.

To view the job description and apply, visit **acnuk.org/apply-pa** or email Aloma Do Rozario at **aloma.dorozario@acnuk.org**

Roof Appeal Update

Thank you to Sue Emm who made and sold spring potted plants raising a wonderful £130 for the Roof Appeal. Thank you, Sue, and thank you to everyone who bought one.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of Mairead Sargerson whose funeral service will take place at CTK Church on Monday 30 November at 10.00am. And for Stephen Newman whose funeral service will take place at the Memorial Woodlands on Monday 14 December at 2.15pm.
Please pray too for the repose of the soul of Marie Caldwell from Holy Cross who died recently. Marie's funeral details are to be arranged.
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, Jill Pearce, Colleen Woodacre and Fr Alex McAllister SDS.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Pacqui Filby, Marie Darwell, Rosemary McDonnell, Kelly Hall, Bob Leister, Patrick Power, Marcia Fey, Peter Morrissey, Fr Gilbert Connock, Amoun Codsi, Teresa Hassell, Pamela Davidson, Aubrey Reeve, Margaret Eddits, Leon Szokalo.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Sunday Music Night …	19:00	22 Nov
Friday Coffee	10.30	4 Dec
Wednesday Quiz Night	19:30	2 Dec
Friday Music Night	19:30	4 Dec
Children's Liturgy (Little Church)	10:30	29 Nov

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9:00	10.30		Collectors	Music
	Reader	Readings	Bidding Prayers & Antiphon		
22 Nov	P Wells	Youth Mass			Organ
29 Nov	G Hunter	G Cullimore	J Dennis	S & D Nicholls	Folk

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon: 16 & 23 November: L Godding & S Evans
Mon: 30 Nov & 7 Dec: M Scott & D Rees

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

22 Nov: S Emm & J Wallis 29 Nov: D Rees & G Brooks

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

22 Nov: 09:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hetherton
29 Nov: 09:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm/M Wallis

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.

Lost and Found

A ladies ring has been found in CTK Church. If you have lost one please contact the Parish Office on Tel. 01454 412223. Thank you.