



# The Parishes of Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale and Christ the King, Kingstanding

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## MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat 05/12/20	12:30 CTK	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	Margaret & Charles Butcher (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Seamus & Theresa Finnerty (RIP)
Sun 06/12/20	10:00 CTK		Kit & Edward Fitzmaurice (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		John Roche (RIP)
	15:00 CTK		
Mon 07/12/20	08:00 Con.	St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor (Mem.)	Private Intention
	09:30 Mon.		Eileen Gilsean (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Pauline Biffin (RIP)
Tue 08/12/20	09:30 Mon.	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Baby Zach Evans (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Fabian Cowan (RIP)
Wed 09/12/20	08:00 Con.	Advent feria	Special Intention (Can. PT)
	12:00 CTK		Private Intention
Thu 10/12/20	09:30 Mon.	Advent feria	Special Intention (Can. PT)
	12:00 CTK		People of the two Parishes
Fri 11/12/20	09:30 Mon.	Advent feria	Private Intention
	12:00 CTK		Special Intention (Can. PT)
Sat 12/12/20	12:30 CTK	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	Mary Chambers (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Eric Pitt (RIP)
Sun 13/12/20	10:00 CTK		John Cassidy (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		John & Frances Murray (RIP)
	15:00 CTK		

## PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS

After Wed 02/12/20, the city of Birmingham will start the tier 3 restrictions. Churches can be open for public celebration of mass. We will start with mass on the first Friday of the month at 12:00 noon. For next weekend masses, please use the link on the parish websites to book for a bench per bubble. If you can volunteer to steward at weekend masses and Christmas masses please speak to either Fr. The-Quang or Andrew after mass.

## RIP

Please pray for **Patrick Rattigan** (Ann Collins' brother) who died recently, **Mary Finn** (Requiem Mass at OLAM on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 am with reception into church on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00 pm), **Jayne Coley** (funeral service at Perry Barr Crem on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm) and **Margaret Cleaver**. May they rest in peace.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christ the King – Christmas Eve 15:00, Christmas Vigil 20:00. Christmas Day 10:00.

Our Lady of the Assumption – Christmas Eve 17:00, Christmas Vigil 20:00. Christmas Day 10:00.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, John Butler, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Nancy Byrne, Sheila Ferns, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Mary Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Terry Lakin, Doreen Lakin, Kyle Billing.

**DO NOT** come if you are infected with the virus or are sick.

You must **SOCIALLY DISTANCE** (1m+) whilst in Church and wear a mask.

**STEWARDS** will welcome you, and give instructions.

The **TOILETS** will **NOT** be open for use.

## BAPTISM BOOKING

Could parents please speak to Fr. The-Quang after Mass for booking. They are expected to show their commitment to the faith with their baptism certificate and reference from their Parish Priest who would certify their weekly mass attendance for at least six months. Only close family and godparents can come to the baptism. In line with the Government guidelines, facemasks must be worn by all attendees (excepting children under the age of 11, and those with medical exemption).

**Free e-book:** The new Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. This e-book may be downloaded free of charge to any computer/ tablet/ phone. It offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year B-1 (Sundays Year B, weekdays Year 1), followed by a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. The e-book may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, given when he was Bishop of Parramatta. ***Son of God: Daily Gospel Year B-1*** may be accessed at the following URL address: [www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

**Walk With Me booklets:** for Advent are available for either this coming Friday or next weekend.

## Advent & Christmastide:

- Fr Michael Hall considers why the vision of the Woman in Revelation is believed by Catholics to be a reference to Our Lady, Queen of Heaven: [godwhospeaks.uk/sun-moon-and-stars-the-role-of-mary-in-the-book-of-revelation](http://godwhospeaks.uk/sun-moon-and-stars-the-role-of-mary-in-the-book-of-revelation)
- Bishop Peter Brignall invites us to share a simple ceremony of lighting the candles of the Advent Wreath: [godwhospeaks.uk/the-advent-wreath-four-services-for-home-and-family](http://godwhospeaks.uk/the-advent-wreath-four-services-for-home-and-family)
- Fleur Dorrell looks at three different images of Mary, the Magi and the Star: [godwhospeaks.uk/the-light-has-come-christmas-and-epiphany-through-art](http://godwhospeaks.uk/the-light-has-come-christmas-and-epiphany-through-art)
- Share our Christmas story designed for children who prefer the Bible in plain English words and pictures: [godwhospeaks.uk/the-christmas-story-in-plain-english](http://godwhospeaks.uk/the-christmas-story-in-plain-english)
- We share a lovely Christmas poem by Alex Heath of Northampton Diocese: [godwhospeaks.uk/treasure-of-grace](http://godwhospeaks.uk/treasure-of-grace)
- St Mark's Gospel for our new Lectionary year: [godwhospeaks.uk/st-marks-gospel](http://godwhospeaks.uk/st-marks-gospel)
- Day-by-day reading plan ([godwhospeaks.uk/st-marks-gospel-day-by-day](http://godwhospeaks.uk/st-marks-gospel-day-by-day))
- An 18-part podcast series on Mark from the Catholic Bishops' Conference ([godwhospeaks.uk/the-word-in-lockdown-reading-mark-in-advent](http://godwhospeaks.uk/the-word-in-lockdown-reading-mark-in-advent)),
- St Mark's Gospel Posters ([godwhospeaks.uk/st-marks-gospel-posters](http://godwhospeaks.uk/st-marks-gospel-posters))
- 19 signed videos retelling key stories of Mark's Gospel in British Sign Language ([godwhospeaks.uk/marks-gospel-re-told-in-british-sign-language](http://godwhospeaks.uk/marks-gospel-re-told-in-british-sign-language))
- Order your special edition of St Mark's Gospel. Buy in packs of 10 for £15 with discounts on bulk orders: [biblesociety.org.uk/products/9780564053179/](http://biblesociety.org.uk/products/9780564053179/)

**STANDING ORDERS:** Parish Finances have been hit heavily in the past 6 months. What does help us is people giving via Standing Orders and those who saved envelopes. If you don't use standing orders, please see Fr Thé for a form and sign up. Your giving is a real sign of your faith and commitment to God. It is only through people giving financially that we can spread the Good News, help the poor and minister to young and old pastorally.

**Christmas Meal:** Due to the pandemic and being unable to plan for us all to be together for our Christmas Meal we are doing it a bit differently this year. A small band of volunteers will prepare a Christmas Dinner on Christmas Eve which will be delivered to everyone who has requested a meal. New Heights, our volunteers and the young people in the Social Action Group want your Christmas to be special so if you would like a Christmas meal please call 07555 496 616. It is necessary to book by December 11<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

**Poor Mission Fund** exists to help our poorer parishes, many of which will have been particularly badly hit this year and the second collection is due to be taken in their support on 6 December. Donations can be made directly and electronically to the fund via the diocesan website with the added advantage of Gift Aid for those who are eligible. The link to the relevant web page is <https://www.mygiving.online/appdonation/DonateNow/197597ae-b53e-430f-be0a-a78281e94aa8> (After completing your details on the form donors will be taken to the next page which has the PMF preselected as the fund to donate to.)

## IF YOU WOULD LIKE A CATHOLIC PAPER

Catholic Universe: <https://thecatholicuniverse.com/product/catholic-universe-annual-print-subscription/>

The Tablet: <https://www.thetablet.co.uk/subscribe>

Catholic Herald: <https://catholicherald.co.uk/subscribe/>