



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

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MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat 12/12/20	12:30 CTK	Third Sunday of Advent Holy Hour	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		
Mon 14/12/20	08:00 Con.	St John of the Cross	Teresa Brogan (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		The Murphy Family
	12:00 CTK		People of the two Parishes
Tue 15/12/20	09:30 Mon.	Advent Feria Requiem Mass	Nora Reagan
	11:00 CTK		Mary Finn (RIP)
Wed 16/12/20	08:00 Con.	Advent feria	Jessica
	12:00 CTK		Terese & Brian
Thu 17/12/20	09:30 Mon.	Advent feria	Vincent Courtney & Family
	12:00 CTK		Aloysius Ikwuka (RIP)
Fri 18/12/20	09:30 Mon.	Advent feria	Sheila Deasy & Family
	12:00 CTK		Mary Cassidy
Sat 19/12/20	12:30 CTK	Fourth Sunday of Advent Holy Hour	Meril McNee
	18:00 OLAM		Michael Heir
Sun 20/12/20	10:00 CTK		James Fisher (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Sean (John), Mary & Fred Lamb (RIP)
	15:00 CTK		

PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS

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. Thank you to our Stewards and Volunteers for keeping the church open and clean.

RIP

Please pray for **Colette Hickey** (Bursar at CtK school) who died recently, **Mary Finn** (Requiem Mass at CTK on Tues 15th Dec at 11.00 am with reception into church on Mon 14th Dec at 4.00 pm), **Jayne Coley** (funeral service at Perry Barr Crem on Tues 15th Dec at 2.30pm) and **Margaret Cleaver** (funeral service at OLAM on Wed 23rd Dec at 2.30pm). 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 Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Terry Lakin, Doreen Lakin, Kyle Billing.

SECOND COLLECTION for Sea Sunday (Apostleship of the Sea) is on 20th December. Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

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).

Deacon Jack's Progress I was admitted to the Critical Care unit at the Queen Elizabeth on 28th November. I had cellulitis in my lower right leg that caused Neutropenic Sepsis shock and made my blood pressure plummet. By 1st December I was well enough to be moved to a ward. After various treatments including a bone marrow biopsy, a transfusion of platelets, two units of blood and 14 days on strong antibiotics, I should, if all goes to plan, be fit enough to go home on Saturday. Thank you for your prayers. I am certain that the Lord was watching over me on the day I was admitted. A district nurse turned up at our house even though we had asked them not to come. She took charge of the situation and got me taken to hospital, as one of the doctors said to me, just in time. Kathleen and I are looking forward to a quiet Christmas; just the two of us this year. However, I am certain we will "Zoom" with the grandchildren at some point. May I wish you and yours a happy and Holy Christmas. God bless Deacon Jack

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/

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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- We share a lovely Christmas poem by Alex Heath of Northampton Diocese: godwhospeaks.uk/treasure-of-grace
- St Mark's Gospel for our new Lectionary year: godwhospeaks.uk/st-marks-gospel
- Day-by-day reading plan (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),
- St Mark's Gospel Posters (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)
- 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/

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 496 614. It is necessary to book by December 11th at the latest.

IF you would like a Catholic Paper

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