



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat 19/12/20	12:30 CTK	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	Meril McNee
	18:00 OLAM		Michael Heir
Sun 20/12/20	10:00 CTK	<b>Carol Service</b>	James Fisher (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Sean (John), Mary & Fred Lamb (RIP)
	<b>19:00 CTK</b>		<b>Streaming</b>
Mon 21/12/20	08:00 Con.	Advent Feria	Karen Jenson
	09:30 Mon.		Michael & Sarah Deane
	12:00 CTK		Mr & Mrs E Kerrigan & family
Tue 22/12/20	09:30 Mon.	Advent Feria	John & Annie McDonnell (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Mr & Mrs K Byrne & family
Wed 23/12/20	08:00 Con.	Advent feria	Somers family (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Jane Walsh
	<b>14:00 OLAM</b>		<b>Margaret Cleaver (RIP)</b>
Thu 24/12/20	09:30 Mon.	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Patrick Fullerton
	<b>15:00 CTK</b>		Mrs M Judge & family
	<b>17:00 OLAM</b>		Courtney family
	<b>20:00 CTK</b>		Mr & Mrs H Byrne & family
	<b>20:00 OLAM</b>		Margaret & Mick McBreen
Fri 25/12/20	<b>10:00 CTK</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	Mary & Joseph O' Regan (RIP)
	<b>10:00 OLAM</b>		People of the two Parishes
Sat 26/12/20	12:30 CTK	<b>The Feast of the Holy Family</b>	Michael Madigan (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Bob & Paul Thompson (RIP)
Sun 27/12/20	10:00 CTK		Henry Byrne & Tommy Judge (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Maura Ranahan (RIP)

## 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, **Emma Smith-House**, **Mary Finn**, **Jayne Coley** and **Margaret Cleaver** (funeral service at OLAM on Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec at 2.00pm). May they rest in peace.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> December. This 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.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING** envelopes are at the back of church for your offerings to your priest.

**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.



**BORN TODAY:** These days of Christmas we rejoice. God has become one of us, born so we could be born into and share in God's own life. God's love greets us with generosity so we can, like Mary, freely say "yes" to his heaven-sent, divine gift: new life in Christ. In this gift, we become children of God, members of the Divine family, and full of grace like Mary, let us unwrap this gift! Baptism, Confirmation and Confession are encounters with God's love that bring about, sustain and strengthen our rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Eucharist, the Mass nourishes us spiritually, emotionally and physically for our ongoing pilgrimage of faith in preparation to meet our loving Saviour, Jesus who was born for us. May you and your families continue to be blessed this Christmas and declare our Godly sonship and daughtership throughout 2021. "To us a child is born" (Is 9:6)

**A Very Happy and Holy Christmas** As we are celebrating Christmas this year with our loved ones, we are conscious of how difficult the year has been for many, if not all, people all over the world. Since the pandemic has not come from out of space or nature, the human race has not been brought closer together by the schemes initiated by the political authorities. In spite of that we can still see inspiring examples of those who devote themselves to the relief of the suffering inflicted by the COVID 19. These people have echoed the prophetic message of hope that we have in mass during Advent. Whatever pains or miseries you have endured, a proper celebration of Christmas will definitely be a 'ray of hope' to a fulfilled future. On behalf of Bishop David, Deacons Jack and Dominic, I'd like to wish you a holy Christmas and a grace-filled New Year. Fr. The-Quang

#### Last Week's Collection Ctk

Envelopes	£ 288.00
Loose	£ 224.27
St. Orders	£ 206.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 718.96</b>

Thank you for your generosity

#### Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 532.50
Loose	£ 289.70
St. Orders	£ 33.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 855.66</b>

Thank you for your generosity

#### Thank you for your kind donations.

**Aid to the Church in Need** a donation of £ 548.00 from Ctk and £ 577.00 from OLAM Holy Souls money was made to Aid to the Church in Need this week. Thank you.

**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.

**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. May I wish you and yours a happy and Holy Christmas. God bless Deacon Jack.

**Update from Deacon Jack** The doctors decided that I was not safe to be discharged last Saturday as I had no immune system. My neutrophil count, the white cells that deal with infections, was almost zero. Some good news: Neutrophils, have gone up to 4.6 from 0.04. Platelets are near normal. Red blood cells a little low so I will have a blood transfusion. Still awaiting results from the bone marrow biopsy. Things are moving in the right direction and being home in time for Christmas now seems a possibility. However, I will believe it when I have the discharge letter in my hand. Jack came home on Friday to enjoy Christmas with Kathleen and his family (Zoom)! Thank you for your continuing supporting prayers for Kathleen and me. They're really appreciated.

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