



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

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**Responsorial Psalm 29(30)** R: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

## MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 26/06/21	12:30 CTK 18:00 OLAM	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	The Casey family (RIP)
Sun 27/06/21	10:00 CTK† 11:30 OLAM		Sr Gertrude Geohogan (RIP)
			Gerry Gorman (RIP)(Birthday Anni.)
			Francis Patton (RIP)
Mon 28/06/21	09:30 Mon 12:00 CTK	<b>St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr Memorial</b>	Sr Michelina
			Mother Jaya
Tue 29/06/21	09:30 Mon.† 12:00 CTK	<b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles, Solemnity</b>	Sr Giacomina
			Sr Mariella
Wed 30/06/21	08:00 CTK† 09:30 Mon. 11:00 CTK	<b>Feria in OT – Wk 12</b>	Sr Leah
			Sr Roshini
			<b>Funeral Service - Margaret Mason</b>
Thu 01/07/21	09:30 Mon† 10:30 OLAM 12:00 CTK	<b>Nativity of St John the Baptist - Solemnity</b>	Sr Emily
			Rev E Motherway (JA)
			Tony Brougham
Fri 02/07/21	09:00 CTK 09:30 Mon† 12:00 CTK	<b>Feria in OT – Wk 12</b>	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
			Ann and Pat Malanaphy
			Sr Marie Ingles
Sat 03/07/21	10:00 OLAM 12:30 CTK† 18:00 OLAM	<b>St Thomas, Apostle, Feast</b>	First Holy Communion - Maryvale
		<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	Noreen & Jack Chambers (Anni.)
Sun 04/07/21	10:00 CTK 11:30 OLAM		David Pitt (RIP)
			Gerry Gorman (RIP)
			Doreen Davies (RIP)

## 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, Sheila Ferns, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Doreen Lakin, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Deacon Jack, Daniel Kelly, Sean Butler, Sr Marie, Patricia Nash, Victorio Baudo, Vanda Strlikovska-Czeczko.

**RIP:** Please pray for Finbarr Wilson and Susan O'Donoghue who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**First Holy Communion:** Please pray for the children of Years 3 and 4 in Maryvale School who are making their First Holy Communion next weekend. May they always receive the self-gift of Jesus with humility and an open heart.

## Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Lord God, our light and our salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and faith. We thank you for the desire you have planted in our hearts, our yearning to see your face. Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways, and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence. Give us the wisdom to appreciate your Son's self-gift in the Eucharist, so that although we cannot now be at mass to receive this gift sacramentally we may still be able to receive him spiritually. Give us faithfulness in this present life so that we may come into full communion with you and with all that belong to you. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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.

### **Gospel Reflection**

This is an example of Mark's 'sandwiching': in the middle of one incident he places another. It gives remarkable pace to his story.

What is all the hurrying about? Jesus is hurrying to save the life of a little girl, and he heals a sick woman on the way. The first reading began, "Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living." So Jesus is doing God's work; he heals and he restores to life.

Watch how he does it. There is great gentleness and warmth in these two stories. The speed and the pressure of expectations didn't make him impersonal or mechanical, as it does many busy people. His affectionate expression to the little girl, "Talitha kumi!", is retained in his own language, Aramaic. The New Testament is written in Greek, but the writers kept this Aramaic expression – for its warmth, no doubt. (Other Aramaic expressions they kept are *maranatha*, and *Abba*.) Terms of affection translate poorly, because they are more than their dictionary meaning: they are warm words. (I remember an ancient woman in my village who used to address everyone, young and old, as *a leanbh*, 'child'.)

Likewise, when the woman in today's reading wanted a cure and touched his cloak rather than face him, he said, "Who touched me?" He didn't want her cure to be anonymous; he wanted to speak to her and heal her, not just relieve her symptoms.

"Who touched me?" These are words to break through the strongest walls of anonymity. There is a kind of frigid atmosphere when people don't know one another. If they have to exchange words they use the minimum number usually: "Excuse me!" "Thank you!" "Goodbye!" And there is seldom any real warmth in them, and the smile (if any) that goes with them looks a bit stiff. But "who touched me?" breaks through all that. We can be spontaneous with our friends because we know how they will react; but we don't know how strangers might react, so we play safe; in a sense we hide ourselves. The woman in the story wanted contact with Jesus, and at the same time she wanted the security of anonymity. So in the press of the crowd she touched the hem of his cloak; she wanted an anonymous cure. It is still very much with us today. We are drawn to anything that promises us a cure. You could make a list of them, from the more sensible to the less! What is missing in many of them is a Who to touch you: what we really need is a Son of God with fire of compassion in his eyes, who looks for you saying, "Who touched me?" Or "talitha kumi!" Or "a leanbh!" (Today's Good News – with permission from Fr. Donagh O'Shea)

### **Concert: Beautiful Songs & Spirituals**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm, at St Margaret Mary's Church, Birmingham B237AB. An evening of beautiful songs and spirituals performed with voice and piano. The programme will feature compositions by Bach, Barber and Vaughan Williams as well as traditional Spirituals such as 'Steal Away' and 'Round About the Mountain'.

Tickets (in advance): £7 or £20 Family ticket. Doors open 7pm, Concert begins at 7.30pm

Book in advance by contacting: 0121 3730069 or [fr.simon.ellis@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.simon.ellis@rcaob.org.uk). Refreshments available

### **Prayer Intentions for the month of June**

27<sup>th</sup> - *"We pray for our Government, that their willingness and ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life."*

### **Part-time vacancy for Regional Bursar**

The Missionary Society of St. Columban in Britain is seeking a part-time Regional Bursar to join its team, based at St. Columban's in Solihull. This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and self-motivated professional to contribute to the mission work of the Columbans in Britain. For more details about the position and to apply, please contact or email the HR Advisor at 07562 657 382 or [hr@columbans.co.uk](mailto:hr@columbans.co.uk) or visit: <https://columbans.co.uk/mission/7369/work-for-the-columbans-apply-for-the-part-time-role-of-regional-bursar/>. *Deadline for applications: Midnight on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

### **Summer Internship**

Bishop Challoner TSA is currently offering a paid Summer Internship starting on **14<sup>th</sup> June** for 4 weeks for undergraduates in any year of their Maths or Physics degree.

A chance to see what is involved in a teaching career and broaden experience in an exciting and rewarding profession. Online delivery with a few days in a school.

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