

# The Parishes of Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale

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# Responsorial Psalm 122(123) R: Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy

#### MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 03/07/21	12:30 CTK		Noreen & Jack Chambers (Anni.)	
	18:00 OLAM†	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	David Pitt (RIP)	
Sun 04/07/21	10:00 CTK		Gerry Gorman (RIP)	
	11:30 OLAM		Doreen Davies (RIP)	
Mon 05/07/21	09:30 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 14	Dominic Van Thuc Nguyen (RIP)	
	09:30 CTK	Feria in O1 – WK 14	Funeral Service - Baby Ivy Leigh Elliott	
	12:00 CTK†		Paul Glasgow (sick)	
Tue 06/07/21	09:30 Mon†	Feria in OT – Wk 14 Josie Deasy	Josie Deasy	
	12:00 CTK	renam O1 – WK 14	Audrey Vickers (sick)	
Wed 07/07/21	08:00 CTK†	Feria in OT – Wk 14	Urszula Paszkowska (RIP)	
	09:30 Mon.		Denis Herdman (RIP)	
	11:00 CTK		Funeral Service - Mary McHale	
Thu 08/07/21	09:30 Mon		Michael Mulcair (RIP)	
	10:30 OLAM	Feria in OT – Wk 14	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES	
	12:00 CTK		Alice McKeown (RIP)	
Fri 09/07/21	09:30 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 14	Margaret Murphy (RIP)	
	12:00 CTK	renam O1 – WK 14	Funeral Service - Eileen Cunningham	
Sat 10/07/21	10:00 OLAM†	Feria in OT – Wk 14	Confirmation Mass - Yr 6 Maryvale School	
	12:30 CTK		Bridie Kelly (Anni.)	
	18:00 OLAM	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	Kitty Heaney (Birthday)	
Sun 11/07/21	10:00 CTK		Douglas Holder (RIP)	
	11:30 OLAM		Francis Patton (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 Strlkovska-Czeczko.

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

Confirmation: Please pray for the children of Year 6 in Maryvale School who will be confirmed this coming Saturday. May they put to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

# 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.

#### Gospel Reflection

Mark never attempts to smooth the edges of the story. "When Jesus noticed it he was very *angry*," he wrote (10:13), describing Jesus' reaction when the disciples tried to stop children from coming near him. Matthew and Luke smooth it over, simply writing "Jesus then said...." But it works both ways: Mark may show an angrier Jesus in that passage, but he also shows him to be more affectionate than the other Gospel writers do. "He took the children in his arms and laying his hands on them, blessed them" (10:16). Matthew only says "Jesus laid his hands on them and went his way" (19:15), and in Luke's version there is no contact at all: "He called the children to him and said..." (18:16). Mark's Jesus is more emotional, he shows his feelings more.

Another example of Mark's bluntness: he wrote that James and John asked to be seated at Jesus' right hand in the Kingdom (10:37), but Matthew said it was their *mother* who asked this question! (20:23). It is clear, when you look carefully, that Mark is more accurate. Matthew calls Jesus "the carpenter's *son*" (13:55), as if to distance him from manual work. But in today's reading Mark reports people as saying simply, "This is the carpenter surely!"

"We must face the fact," wrote George Bernard Shaw, "that all society is based upon intolerance." He may have been overstating the case, but the test is whether the hat fits. Brinsley MacNamara's novel *The Valley of the Squinting Windows* exposed the bitter cruelty of village morality. The smaller the society, the more controlling this narrow spirit. "Beneath the charm of the rural town or village, there often lurks a lethal intolerance." People who have known you all your life see you as the child you were, even when you are a middle-aged man or woman. They see where you came from and they remember all your youthful mistakes. If they are villagers they also want to make sure you are not getting above yourself; "who does he think he is?" Nazareth was such a place.

The terrible fact is that it works! It tied Jesus' hands: "he *could* work no miracles there," wrote Mark. Matthew says, "He *did not* work many miracles there" (13:58), making it look more like a decision on Jesus' part. Mark's version is more gutsy and tragic, and it makes you think more. It is a frightful thought that we have the ability to prevent miracles, to tie the Lord's hands.... How many miracles have I prevented in my life? Or this week? Why are my wife and children so quiet? Are they sinking into despair? Or have I a way of making my husband feel so bad that everything he might do or say is condemned in advance? God prevent that I should be a miracle-stopper! (Today's Good News – with permission from Fr. Donagh O'Shea)

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# Sea Sunday, 11th July 2021

Please note that Sea Sunday will be on 11 July this year. We are encouraged to pray for and to financially support the work of Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. This mandatory second collection is vital for the future of Stella Maris and its support of seafarers and fishermen in the UK and around the world.

# 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. Refreshments available

# Banns of Marriage between

- 1. Christopher Rose and Victoria Williams of the Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption
- 2. Jordan Burrows and Stephanie Savage of the Parish of Christ the King.

If anybody knows cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, please declare it. This is for the first time of asking.

## **Summer Internship**

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