



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

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## Responsorial Psalm 84(85): 9-14

**R:** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

### MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 10/07/21	12:30 CTK 18:00 OLAM	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	Bridie Kelly (Anni.)
Sun 11/07/21	10:00 CTK 11:30 OLAM		Kitty Heaney (Birthday)
			Douglas Holder (RIP)
			Francis Patton (RIP)
Mon 12/07/21	09:30 Mon 12:00 CTK	<b>Feria in OT – Wk 15</b>	Krystyna Mikula-Deegan
			Winifred & Patrick Beirne (RIP)
Tue 13/07/21	09:30 Mon 12:00 CTK	<b>Feria in OT – Wk 15</b>	Dominic Van Thuc Nguyen (RIP)
			Patricia Hehir
Wed 14/07/21	09:30 Mon. <b>11:30 CTK</b>	<b>Feria in OT – Wk 15</b>	Josie Deasy
			<b>Requiem Mass - Finbarr Wilson</b>
Thu 15/07/21	09:30 Mon 10:30 OLAM 12:00 CTK	<b>St Bonaventure, B, D. Mem.</b>	Janina Mikula
			PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
			Eddie O'Reilly (RIP)
Fri 16/07/21	09:00 Mon 10:15 Mon <b>11:30 OLAM</b>	<b>Feria in OT – Wk 15</b>	Rev P Howell (JA)
			Jozefa & Henryk Szmalec (RIP)
			<b>Funeral Service - Susan O'Donoghue</b>
Sat 17/07/21	12:30 CTK 18:00 OLAM	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	Mary Cassidy (RIP)
Sun 18/07/21	10:00 CTK 11:30 OLAM		Kathleen Furlong (RIP)
			Gerry Gorman (RIP)(Wedding Anni.)
			Jack Carron (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.

### 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**

### **Choosing our journeys**

July and August are traditionally the months when people take holidays. For most of us, a holiday involves a going, a journey of some kind. An important part of a holiday is leaving the familiar, the place where we usually live and work, and heading off to a different kind of place. There is always something exciting about setting out on such a journey. There are other journeys in life that are not of our choosing in quite that way. These are journeys we make because, at some level, we feel we must make them. Something within us moves us to certain path, to head out in a certain direction. Even though we sense the journey may be difficult, and we may have all kinds of hesitations and reservations about it, nonetheless, we know we have to set out on this path, if we are to be true to ourselves. Yes, we choose to make such a journey, but it is a choice in response to what seems like a call from beyond ourselves or from deep within ourselves.

Such a journey is put before us in today's first reading. Amos, according to himself, was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamore trees in the southern kingdom of Judah. Yet, at a certain moment in his life, he felt under compulsion to make a difficult journey into the Northern kingdom of Israel in order to preach the word of God there. It was a most unlikely journey for the likes of Amos to make, and Amos was well aware that it would be no holiday. Yet, he also knew that this was a journey he simply had to make. He spoke of this compulsion in terms of God's call: 'The Lord took me from herding the flock and said "Go".' Amos went because he had a strong sense that he was being sent. In a similar way, in the gospel, the disciples set out on a journey because they are sent on that journey by Jesus. They set out freely, but in response to a call, a sending.

The experience of Amos and the disciples can be our experience too, setting out on a journey not completely of our choosing. The second reading suggests the mystery of God's purpose for our lives. It says that God wants us to live in a certain way, to live our life's journey as Jesus did. Although we often make all kinds of journeys of our own choosing, whether holidays or business or other trips, there is sense in which we try to allow our God to guide us to take certain paths and to avoid others, moving us in one direction rather than another. Although God has chosen this journey for us — 'before the world was made', according to St Paul — God wants us to also choose this journey for ourselves, and waits for us to do so. This is not a choice we make once and for all; it is one we are constantly remaking. All our lives we can keep on choosing to surrender to God's purpose for us; we keep setting out on the journey God is calling us to take; we keep inviting God to have his way in our lives, saying with Mary, 'Let it be to me according to your word.'

If we keep choosing the journey that God has chosen for us in Christ, responding to God's call, this will impact on the many smaller journeys we take in life. It will influence our holidays for example. We will choose to holiday in ways that are genuinely recreational, that help re-create the image of God's Son in us. We will relax in ways that are life-giving for ourselves and for others, in ways that help us to become more fully the person God wants us to be. (Association of Catholic Priests in Ireland)

## **Sea Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Please note that Sea Sunday is on this Sunday. 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.

## **Mission Boxes (OLAM)**

Could those who have a red Mission Box please bring it to Church to be emptied.

## **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.

## **Carer required**

For elderly lady, initially for 07/08/21-31/08/21 inclusive. 2 COVID vaccinations and NOT travelling required please. £10 per hour, 2 hours per day. If interested please ring 0121 243 7707.

## **Summer Internship**

Bishop Challoner TSA is currently offering a paid Summer Internship starting on **14th 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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