



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

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 33(34): 2-9

R: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 07/08/21	12:30 CTK	19th Sunday in OT	Kathleen Eustace (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM†		Stan Gniadkowski (RIP)
Sun 08/08/21	10:00 CTK	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Feast	Douglas Holder (Snr.)
	11:30 OLAM		Rose Bohan (RIP)
Mon 09/08/21	09:30 Mon	St Lawrence Feast	Mary & Paddy Faul (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Tony S (RIP)
Tue 10/08/21	09:30 Mon	St Clare Memorial	Jim & Margaret Garvey (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Muriel Cowan
Wed 11/08/21	09:30 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 19	Clarie & Mark
	12:00 CTK		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
Thu 12/08/21	09:30 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 19	Ann & Pat Malanaphy
	12:00 CTK		Thanksgiving (AM)
Fri 13/08/21	09:30 Mon	St Maximilian Kolbe, Mem.	Josie Deasy (sick)
	12:00 CTK		Nonie Flaherty (RIP)
Sat 14/08/21	10:00 Mon	Assumption of the BVM, Solemnity	Bridget Gorey
	12:30 CTK†		Elizabeth McKenna (Anni.)
	18:00 OLAM		Reginald Watts (Anni.)
Sun 15/08/21	10:00 CTK		Delia Byrne (Anni.)
	11:30 OLAM		Rachel Rea, Fr Michael and all at Oscott

Congratulations: to Stephanie Savage and Jordan Burrows who tied the knot before God and his Church on Friday 06/08/21 at the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale. May they allow their commitment to each other to be made perfect by the love of God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, 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, Alberto Bolongaro, Mandy Hawkes.

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.

Prayer Reflection

Lord, we often complain about: our bad health, our failures, the friends who let us down, our parish community, society today with its materialism, its selfishness, its crimes. How can anybody say that you are with us? But Jesus tells us to stop complaining; unless you were drawing us we would not be where we are. The people we live with, the situations we find ourselves in, all are your gift to us and they can raise us up to your presence. In fact they can raise us up on the last day.

"Our prayer has had a beginning because we have had a beginning.

But it will have no end. It will accompany us into eternity

and will be completed in our contemplation of God." ...Carlo Carretto

Lord, we thank you for moments of deep prayer; we can only come to them because you draw us there and we know that they will take us beyond the last day.

Lord, we thank you, those of us who preach the Word, for calling us to be part of this mystery.

People are there, listening to us as they listen to other speakers, but they cannot really come to us unless you draw them. On the other hand, those words of ours, poor though they may be, can raise them up so high that they are beyond the reach of death and of all that can harm them.

Lord, we have known Jesus all our lives, but for a long time he was someone far away who taught abstract truths. Then, one day, we experienced conversion and it was as if we understood life for the first time.

We understood, then, what was written in the prophets: "They will all be taught by God."

Teachings that had seemed abstract we now heard addressed personally to us, and we really learned from them. That is what it means to come to Jesus.

We know that no one has seen you, but we have met the one who came from you and has seen you.

Lord, how true it is that one who believes has an eternal life. When we put our trust in absolute values, truth, justice, the equality of all men and women, the care of little ones we are taken out of ourselves, out of our present history and become part of eternity.

Lord, many people take it for granted that their destiny is to be inferior to others; they are convinced that they will always fail, they will never overcome their faults, they will remain forever in bondage. There are leaders who encourage this attitude, content to give people bread in the wilderness and let them die there.

Lord, send us leaders, spiritual guides, like Jesus who will give us a different kind of teaching, feeding us with another kind of bread, one that comes from you, and help us to experience that we have it within us to be free and creative, that we are born not to die in bondage but to live forever.

Lord, our culture leads us to think that people can only help others by their power, their wealth or their achievements. We have even come to think that Jesus helped people like that.

But the bread that he gave others to eat was his weakness, his flesh:

- he made himself vulnerable to children

- he asked the woman at the well for water and Zacchaeus for hospitality

- on the cross he was so human, so much 'flesh' that the good thief could speak words of encouragement to him.

It is by sharing our weakness that we give life to others.

Lord, we thank you for our mothers: they gave us their flesh that we might live.

Lord, our churches are big and beautifully decorated, with imposing statues. But the heart of all is Jesus under the form of simple bread. It is still true that he gives his flesh for the life of the world.

Lord, we pray for our leaders, in the Church and in the State. Teach them that they cannot give life to others by their words, but only by giving their flesh.

Michel DeVerteuil - Lectio Divina with the Sunday Gospels www.columba.ie

Last Week's Collection CtK

Envelopes	£ 104.00
Loose	£ 213.71
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 524.40

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 151.00
Loose	£ 128.51
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 312.97

Thank you for your kind donations.

Message from Angela Madigan

To Fr. The and all my friends at Christ the King: A big thank you for your prayers, cards and get well messages during the last few weeks. I couldn't have got through it all without all your help. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions. God bless you all. Angela.

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.

Part-time vacancy for Donation Support Officer

The Missionary Society of St. Columban in Britain is seeking a part-time Donation Support Officer 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 or visit: www.columbans.co.uk. Deadline for applications: Midnight on Sunday 22nd August 2021