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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 14(15):2-5

R: *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 28/08/21	12:30 CTK†	22nd Sunday in OT	Clara Perry (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Paddy Finn (Anni.)
Sun 29/08/21	10:00 CTK		Theresa Davoren (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Pete & Mairi Weston (60th Wedd. Anni.)
Mon 30/08/21	09:30 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 22	Anton Van Tat Nguyen (RIP)
	12:00 CTK†		The Fields family
Tue 31/08/21	09:30 Mon†	Feria in OT – Wk 22	Anthony Abii (Anni.)
	12:00 CTK		Mary Waldron Healy
Wed 01/09/21	09:30 Mon†	Feria in OT – Wk 22	Grace Dean (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Elizabeth Kelly (Anni.)
Thu 02/09/21	09:30 Mon†	Feria in OT – Wk 22	Sheila & John Deegan (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Mr & Mrs Connelly (JA)
Fri 03/09/21	09:30 Mon	St Gregory the Great -Feast	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12:00 CTK		Philomena Fields (Requiem)
Sat 04/09/21	10:00 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 22	Alan & Stephanie Holland (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Kathleen Moran (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Jean Brown (Anni.)
Sun 05/09/21	10:00 CTK	23rd Sunday in OT	Alexander McKenna (Anni.)
	11:30 OLAM†		Joan O'Grady (RIP)

Baptism Booking: Parents who would like to arrange for their children to be baptised are to speak to Fr The-Quang after weekend mass. Please make sure you have your details (names of child and parents plus contact details) on a piece of paper.

Wedding booking: Could those who plan to get married in either the church of Christ the King or of Our Lady of the Assumption please see Fr. The at least a year before the wedding.

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.

RIP: Please pray for Veronica Finnerty and Winnifred Teresa Cornish who passed away 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.

Gospel Reflection (<https://goodnews.ie/calendar.shtml>)

History is not the past; it is the present looking at the past. By placing the Pharisees before our eyes in so many readings the Liturgy is clearly calling us to see ourselves in them.

Like them, we know that it is much easier to deal with outer, visible things than with the inner world of attitudes: with the heart. And so, like them, we tend to evaluate ourselves and others in purely external ways: the number of prayers we recite, the amount of money we give, etc. There is nothing wrong with external things, but there is also an inner world that shapes and gives meaning to the external. When we make religion a 'business' we turn the inner spirit into an external 'thing'. The German philosopher, Hegel, one of the most influential thinkers of the 19th century, wrote: "The Holy as a mere *thing* has the character of externality; thus it is capable of being taken possession of by another to my exclusion; it may come into an alien hand, since the process of appropriating it is not one that takes place in the Spirit.... The highest of human blessings is thus thought to be in the hands of others." This was not written about the historical Pharisees, but about Christians who developed a similar attitude to theirs. It is difficult to retain a clear vision of the Gospel: that "God is Spirit, and those who worship him should worship *in spirit and in truth* (John 4:24). We are forever in danger of stepping into the shoes of the Pharisees. What the Pharisees lacked in spectacular fashion was any kind of interiority or depth; their minds were turned outwards, to rules and casuistry. What matters, Jesus said, is not what goes into a person from the outside, but what comes out from the inside. Religion is not about *things*, it is about *you!* It is about the kind of response you make to the world, to others, and to God. It is about whether that wonderful 'chemistry' of the Gospel is happening in you: the kind of 'chemistry' that can turn bad stuff into good, curses into blessings, suffering into prayer. The spirit of faith is hard to keep in sight at all times, yet it is meant for all times. It is the most sublime wisdom, yet it is meant to be very practical and not just a philosophy, a way of thinking. One way to make these ends meet is to identify religion with a few very visible practices. This is what the Pharisees and others did in the time of Jesus, and it is a constant temptation for ourselves.

Last Week's Collection Ctk

Envelopes	£ 116.00
Loose	£ 185.52
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 508.21

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 136.75
Loose	£ 193.67
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 363.88

Rotas at Christ the King for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: If you are a reader or a Eucharistic minister and would like to be back on rota, please notify Andrew on ctkliturg@outlook.com with indication of whether you are a reader or Eucharistic minister and of which mass you attend.

Confirmation Preparation for the young people who go to Secondary School and have not been confirmed will take place every Saturday at 10:45am at Christ the King Church, starting from Sat 04/09/21.

Mass Intention: Please note that the prayer intention for every mass published on the Newsletter is the celebrant's intention. It, however, does not stop attendants coming with their own prayer intentions. All the intentions offered during mass by the celebrant and the congregation are like sunflowers under the sun: they are never too many to get the full benefit of the warm sunshine.

Minibus to Church on Sunday: We are proposing to start using the minibus again for Sunday Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption. We need to have at least 7 passengers for this to be viable. If you would like to make use of this door to door service, please contact Fr The. Also it would be useful to have a volunteer driver to help Tony H.

Leading Others in Prayer

Over the past decades, many people's regular experience of prayer together has been liturgical prayer - mostly led by a priest. This has led to a de-skilling of our Catholic community.

Prayer - which should be the most natural of things for us as Christians, gifted with the Holy Spirit - has been something we feel awkward about, uncertain of, and often enough just back away from.

In consequence, prayer as a family is less common. Many people are uncertain what to do when someone dies and friends and family gather - even when they are all Catholic friends and family. Teachers can be very uncertain about what to do when leading prayer in a classroom. Friends can be uneasy about joining together in common prayer.

This is something that needs some attention for our general health as a community - and as individuals.

If you would like to be part of a *fun and hands-on workshop* that will

- introduce you to the basics of leading prayer - in any setting
- provide simple resources that can be used in any setting and with anyone

then please email Fr Allen Morris at stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk. Once names are in he will then contact you to see what will be the most convenient time/date for participants.