



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

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 114 (116):1-6, 8-9

R: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 11/09/21	12:30 CTK	24 th Sunday in OT	Theresa Keogh (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM†		Paddy Whelan (RIP)
Sun 12/09/21	10:00 CTK		Philip Power (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Pauline Hatfield (RIP)
Mon 13/09/21	08:00 Con	St John Chrysostom, Mem.	Mr & Mrs Connolly (JA)
	09:30 Mon		Peggy Whelan
	12:00 CTK†		Christine Barrett (RIP)
Tue 14/09/21	09:30 Mon	Exaltation of the Cross - Feast	Isabel Margaret Kay (JA)
	12:00 CTK		Ken Phillips (RIP)
Wed 15/09/21	08:00 Con†	Our Lady of Sorrows	Thanh & Ngoc
	09:30 Mon		Anthony Watts (Anni.)
Thu 16/09/21	09:30 Mon	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian, Mem	Isabel Margaret Kay (JA)
	12:00 CTK		Frank McClintock (recovery)
Fri 17/09/21	09:00 CTK	Feria in OT – Wk 24	Kathleen McCarty (RIP)
	10:30 Mon		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
Sat 18/09/21	10:00 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 24	Peter & Maria Le (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Peter Minh Thoai Doan (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Elaine Hird (RIP)
Sun 19/09/21	10:00 CTK	25 th Sunday in OT	Lillie & Frank Sayer (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Joseph Van Tho Nguyen (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 Strlikovska-Czeczko, Alberto Bolongaro, Mandy Hawkes, Arjun Paul.

RIP: Please pray for Patrick Foy and Eamonn Lutwych 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.

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

I heard someone described as "a priestly priest," and wondered what it meant. Whatever else it might mean, it meant that he matched perfectly somebody's idea of a priest - an uncertain distinction in itself. A priest of my acquaintance received a standing ovation after a sermon, and was glowing for days, until another priest said to him, "I shouldn't be so happy about it: Jesus preached and they crucified him; you preached and they gave you a standing ovation!"

Jesus was the exact opposite of what he was expected to be: he was an unmessianic Messiah. In the popular mind the Messiah was expected to be a powerful military and political leader who would bring his people to victory over all their enemies, in the name of God of course. When Peter called him Messiah, he was "sternly rebuked" and told not to repeat it. Instantly Jesus began to speak of suffering instead: "He began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering...and be put to death" (today's reading). Suffering and death were no part of the image of Messiah, but rather victory.

Christians speak of Christ's "victory over sin and death." He achieved this victory not by killing but by dying. St Augustine said he was "victor and victim; and *victor because he was the victim*." This striking expression reverses all our notions about victory and defeat. Indeed the Cross of Christ reverses all our values: success and failure, power and weakness, glory and shame, wealth and poverty, belonging and rejection, even life and death.... His greatest disciples understood this well: St Paul wrote, "I will not boast, except of my weaknesses" (2 Corinthians 12:5), and "when I am weak then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10). It is only by the grace of God that this revolution can shape our lives. We are blessed if we experience it at all, even if only in special moments. The hierarchy of the Western Church moved quite comfortably into the Imperial world of power and palaces and purple - the original secularisation of the Church. A cardinal in all his regalia is a much more secularised figure than a scruffy priest in denim. But fundamentally secularisation is a state of mind. What matters is that a disciple should "have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16).

Last Week's Collection Ctk

Envelopes	£ 93.50
Loose	£ 200.60
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 500.79

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 206.00
Loose	£ 174.61
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 414.07

Thank you for your generosity

This weekend: Second Collection for Catholic Evangelisation

Father Hudson's Care: On 25-26 September, the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support at times of adversity. Please Call 01675 434000 if you would like to donate outside of Mass this year. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Collection: from next week will be with baskets. Please feel free to use the box in the porch if you prefer.

Deacon from Oscott College on placement: As the academic year at Oscott College begins, we welcome Deacon Philip Wrigley and his fellow seminarians who join us for mass at the weekend. They will be involved in some activities to get a feel of parish life. Please pray for them, make them feel welcome and give them some encouragement.

Pro-life movement versus Satan: Talk given by Fr Bernard Murphy CFR at the upper Cloister Hall of the Oratory, Hagley Road, on Sunday 19/09/21, 3:00pm-4:30pm. For more information please call Isabel on 07773 501721 or izzyvs@gmail.com.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts Wed 29th September 2021. Eight Wednesday sessions, @7pm. Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

People with special needs and learning disabilities can be invisible to the Church. Sometimes this is because our parishes are not very good at offering welcome, even to the Church, where all should be sure of finding welcome, care and respect. To try and see how we might do better in our deanery, a meeting has been planned for Sat 16th Oct at 3pm, at St Nicholas church, 243 Jockey Road, B73 5US. The meeting is for people with special needs, of any age, especially those who live in this area. Their families are welcome too - should they wish to come. It is a chance to meet and listen and learn from people with special needs (and their families). If you would like to learn more and maybe take part, please email stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk or ring 0121 354 1763 .

Training and Formation for those called to the service of the Church at prayer

Sat 9th Oct – Day for Readers

Sat 6th Nov – Day for Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat 4th Dec – Day for Leaders of Prayer

The days take place at St Nicholas, 243 Jockey Road, Boldmere, B73 5US, 10:00am till 4:00pm.

Further details and booking forms are available at www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/training-for-ministers