



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

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 23(24):1-6

R: *Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 30/10/21	12:30 CTK	Solemnity of All Saints	Mary Josephine Fahey
	18:00 OLAM†		Kitty Heaney
Sun 31/10/21	10:00 CTK		James & Elizabeth Ormsby (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Josie Deasy (RIP)
Mon 01/11/21	08:00 Con	Feria in OT – Wk 31	James Phelan (RIP)
	09:30 Mon		Vince Phelan
	12:00 CTK		Christopher McGuinness (RIP)
Tue 02/11/21	09:30 Mon	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	Janina Mikula
	12:00 CTK		Raymond Duigou (RIP)
Wed 03/11/21	08:00 Con	Feria in OT – Wk 31	Krystyna Mikula-Deegan
	09:30 Mon		Vincent Courtney (RIP)
Thu 04/11/21	09:30 Mon	St Charles Borromeo, Mem	Krystyna Mikula-Deegan
	10:15 OLAM		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12:00 CTK		Catherine McCormac (RIP)
Fri 05/11/21	09:00 CTK	Feria in OT – Wk 31	O'Dwyer family of Stourbridge (RIP)
	09:30 Mon		Ellan Whelan (Anni.)
	12:00 CTK		Michael Fitzmaurice (RIP)
Sat 06/11/21	10:00 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 31	Dominic Van Thuc Nguyen (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Isaac Richards (RIP)
Sun 07/11/21	18:00 OLAM	32nd Sunday in OT	Grace Deane (RIP)
	10:00 CTK		Andrew Comeford
	11:30 OLAM		Special Intention (GT)

RIP: Please pray for Kenneth Southern, Michael Fitzmaurice and William P Atkinson. May they rest in peace.

Bible Study with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the church of Our Lady of the Assumption every Tuesday at 7:00pm.

Rosary Group: meeting every Wednesday in Christ the King Church at 3:30pm.

Children's Liturgy at Christ the King Church will recommence on Sun 07/11/21. The children won't be coming on to the altar on their return from the liturgy. Instead, they will go back to their families in the congregation.

Meeting for Parents of Confirmandii of Maryvale Primary School on Tuesday 2nd Nov at 14:00, and of Christ the King School on Wednesday 3rd Nov at 08:45.

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, Vanda Strlikovska-Czeczko, Alberto Bolongaro, Mandy Hawkes, Arjun Paul.

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>)

'Poor in spirit' is not the same thing as 'poor'. 'Many are poor against their will,' wrote St John Chrysostom (+ 407), 'people who are victims of outer circumstances.... But here the Lord called blessed those who are poor by their own choice. Thus he begins at once at the root, pulling up *pride* which is the root and source of all evil, setting up as its opposite humility as a firm foundation.'

If the Sermon on the Mount is a summary of all Christian teaching, the Beatitudes are a summary of the Sermon on the Mount. Here, then, if anywhere, we have the essence of the Gospel. If you went to school around the same time that I did, you will still remember (we had to memorise them) the forty Catechism questions and answers on the Ten Commandments. Yes, there were forty: What is commanded, and what is forbidden by each of the ten; then a parallel set: What *e*lse is commanded and what *e*lse is forbidden by each of them. But we were never told what was commanded or forbidden or even recommended by the eight Beatitudes. The Ten Commandments are basic rules of morality, but the Beatitudes are a measure of how far beyond this the Gospel calls us.

The morality of the Ten Commandments is a morality that can be measured: it is possible to say exactly where you are with them, ticking the ones you broke and the degree of breach. Christians may come to believe that they have no sin just because they haven't been in breach of the Commandments. The morality of the Beatitudes is harder to quantify: how poor in spirit are you? How meek, gentle, merciful...? You can never say "I've reached it!" A Christian has no grounds for becoming self-righteous. We can never even begin to think that we are better than someone else – because there is no way to measure it.

None of the virtues mentioned in the Beatitudes are the virtues of superman, none are the virtues of the heroes of fiction. They are not the virtues of a person saturated with a sense of his or her own success, but of a person saturated with the consciousness of God.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Envelopes	£ 145.80
Loose	£ 282.75
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 635.24

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 142.50
Loose	£ 347.92
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 523.88

Thank you for your generosity

Next Week: Second Collection for the Johnson Association

Parish General Meeting: Thursday 11th Nov, at 7:00pm in Christ the King Church.

Altar Servers who started serving before the pandemic and would like to serve again please contact Andrew Leadbetter on ctkliturg@outlook.com

Blessing of Graves: Erdington Abbey: 7th Nov, 13:00, Sutton New Hall: 7th Nov 14:30, Oscott: 13th Nov 15:00, Sutton Coldfield (Rectory Road): 14th Nov 14:30, Handsworth and Witton: TBA.

Dates for your diary: Parish Visit to Oscott College: on Sunday 13th February afternoon, from 3:00pm – 7:15pm.

Christmas Cards and Calendars are available in Piety Stall of both churches. Please do take a look.

Monthly Community Meal (Funded by Aylesbury Surgery) in St John's Centre this Sunday 31st October at 4.00 pm. Please book in with Sandra on 07985607091.

Certificate of Catholic Practice: required by oversubscribed Catholic Secondary Schools can only be signed by Fr The-Quang for those children who have been attending mass with their families in the parish church at weekends and on holydays of obligation over the five years prior to the application to the school. If you intend to ask Fr The-Quang to sign one please make sure that your child sign the attendance book from year 1.

Forget me not Sing-along every Monday, 1:15pm at St John's Centre: for people with Dementia, other disabilities and anyone else who would like to come along for 1 hour of fun, singing and socialising. £5 per session (carers free). No booking required.

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

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

Prayer Intention this month:

31/10/21 - As we celebrate all Saints, and their lived examples of loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, we pray for the courage to follow in their footsteps, by supporting the poor, the helpless and the unborn.