



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

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## Responsorial Psalm – Ps 70(71):1-6,15,17

**R:** *My lips will tell of your help.*

### MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 29/01/22	12:30 CTK	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	Ed McKeown (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Mr & Mrs McLoughlin
Sun 30/01/22	10:00 CTK		Maria Ban (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Carmel Purcell (RIP)
Mon 31/01/22	08:00 Con.†	<b>St John Bosco, Mem</b>	Lily Clarke
	09:30 Mon		Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue 01/02/22	09:30 Mon	<b>Feria</b>	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wed 02/02/22	08:00 Con†	<b>Presentation of the Lord, Feast</b>	Delia & Frank Murphy
	09:30 Mon†		Michael Collins
Thu 03/02/22	09:30 Mon†	<b>Feria</b>	Kitty Byrne
	12:00 CTK†		Simon & Michelle
Fri 04/02/22	09:30 Mon†	<b>Feria</b>	Veronica Finnerty (RIP)
Sat 05/02/22	10:00 Mon	<b>St Agatha, Mem</b>	Yvone Baker (RIP)
	12:30 CTK	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	John Mitchell (Anni.)
	18:00 OLAM†		Frank King (RIP)
Sun 06/02/22	10:00 CTK		Nancy Byrne (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		James McDonald (RIP)

**RIP:** Please pray for Nuala Gallagher and Leslie Richardson who died recently. May they rest in peace.

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

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

### 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, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Daniel Kelly, Sean Butler, Sr Marie, Patricia Nash, Mandy Hawkes, Alberto Bolongaro, Arjun Paul, Teresa Webb, Mary Hickey, Sean Mulkeen, especially Vera Whelan and our deacon, Jack, whose kidneys have started to fail. Please pray for them and their families.

**Dates for your diary:** Parish Visit to Oscott College: on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February afternoon, from 3:00pm – 7:15pm. Please put your name and contact number on the list in the porch if you plan to come. If you have any special dietary requirements, e.g. allergies or vegetarian ..., please let Fr. The-Quang know.

### 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 (Fr Donagh O'Shea OP)

It often appears in the gospels that just after people had been acclaiming Jesus, they turned on him. They went along with him for a while, thinking that he was party to their dream - part of their dream - but soon they discovered that he was not. Their dream was everyone's dream: that "we" are superior to all others. There is a built-in contradiction in this, but it doesn't seem to wake us up. Jesus disturbed their sleep, and so they tried to throw him over a cliff. He praised foreigners and pagans, and that could not be allowed to stand.

I heard a wise word from a neighbour: "You can never get enough of what you really don't want." Deep down you don't want it because it doesn't satisfy any real hunger in you. The reason it doesn't satisfy you, you imagine, is that you are not getting enough of it; so you multiply it. But multiplying it does not satisfy you; it only multiplies your disgust. What you need is a different diet. This is true not only of bodily food, but of mental and spiritual food as well. Trashy novels will never fill your heart and soul, no matter how many you read. Spirituality without the edge of truth will disgust you in the end.

Jesus can be relied on to disturb our dreaming, if we allow it. This is the problem: we cling more desperately to our dreams than we normally know. We have to see and admit that much of our waking life is a succession of dreams. We see the world largely through language: through descriptions that we have heard, through thoughts and memories, through fears and hopes, some of which may be partly our own, but most of which we have wholly caught from other people. Language is like an updraft of air that can lift us right off the ground. It takes a great deal of effort to stay down. Animals do so effortlessly; we have to keep on striving.

We can even use the words of Jesus as a way of staying asleep. "People are just thirsting for the truth, Father!" said a contemplative nun to me, laying her hand on her heart, dimming her eyes, and inclining her head to one side. "Ireland is in darkness," she said, "and our vocation is to bring the light." I soon discovered what she meant by light and by the truth: a tiny cluster of nervous, rigid cant-phrases, with no life and no power to give life. Anything that fell beyond that narrow beaten track she called 'New Age'. She is not representative of her kind, thank God, but all over the world there are millions of people clinging to dreams and calling them divine revelation. The test is not the words we repeat, but the kind of life we lead. "It is not those who say to me, 'Lord, Lord', who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but those who *do* the will of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

### Last Week's Collection CTK

Envelopes	£ 42.00
Loose	£ 262.32
St. Orders	£ 206.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 511.01</b>

### Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 115.20
Loose	£ 93.87
St. Orders	£ 33.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 242.53</b>

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**Synod Conversations:** we are encouraged to get engaged in dialogue within the parish community so that everyone can express their concerns about their spiritual well-being. Meetings will be arranged for parishioners, who are serious about their existence in the Church, to come for dialogue. The areas we need to look at are Evangelisation, Formation, Worship, and Social Outreach. You may find the following questions helpful for composing your thoughts: In what situation am I? How did I get here? Am I happy with it? What impact has it on the parish community? Am I concerned about it? To where do I want to get? What do I want to see practised in the parish? If I want to move on, what am I prepared to leave behind? Of what sort of promised land do I dream?

The first meeting for the parishioners of Our Lady of the Assumption and the parents of the children in Maryvale Primary School is on **Mon 07/02/22 at 7:00pm in Maryvale Community Centre.**

**Request from SVP:** A family is looking for a washing machine. Please contact one of our members if you know of one available. Thank you.

**Look Up Project:** People in the Diocese are invited to the online relaunch of this project which started six years ago when the Archdiocese joined forces with the Medaille Trust to raise awareness of modern slavery in our communities. The relaunch will be on the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. The online event takes place on Tue 8<sup>th</sup> February from 6pm to 7pm. A number of parishes were visited by a representative of the Trust and awarded a 'Make the Pledge' certificate. Find out more about the Project on: <https://www.medaille-trust.org.uk/news/article/the-look-up-project>.

## FORGET ME NOT SING-ALONG

Sing-along for people with Dementia, other disabilities and anyone else who'd like to come along. 1 hour of fun, singing and socialising. **£5 PER SESSION (CARERS FREE) NO BOOKING REQUIRED. JUST TURN UP**

**WHEN?** Every Monday at 1:15pm Doors Open 1pm

1 Hour Session at St John's Centre, Christ The King Church, Warren Farm Road, Kingstanding, B44 0QN

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