



**The Parishes of
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and
Christ the King, Kingstanding**

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Responsorial Psalm – Ps 1:1-4,6

R: *Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.*

(CTK: 61 627 66 403

OLAM: 53 578 56 369)

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 12/02/22	12:30 CTK	6th Sunday in OT	Joe McKeown (Anni.)	
	18:00 OLAM		Stephen Cusack (RIP)	
Sun 13/02/22	10:00 CTK		Jackie Conway (RIP)	
	11:30 OLAM		Joan McGrath	
Mon 14/02/22	08:00 Con. †		Ss Cyril and Methodius, Feast	The Banat family (RIP)
	09:30 Mon			Fr Jerzy & his sister Rose
	12:00 CTK	Mr & Mrs H Byrne & family		
Tue 15/02/22	09:30 Mon	Feria	Mgr Canon Peter W Lawler (Anni.)	
Wed 16/02/22	08:00 Con†	Feria	Bridie Mescall	
	09:30 Mon		Paddy Marsfield (RIP)	
Thu 17/02/22	09:30 Mon	Feria	Joe Callaghan (RIP)	
	10:30 OLAM		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES	
	12:00 CTK		Mrs M Judge & family	
Fri 18/02/22	09:00 CTK	Feria	Kathleen McCarty	
	09:30 Mon†		Jim Ranahan	
Sat 19/02/22	10:00 Mon	Feria	Janina Mikula	
	12:30 CTK		Michael McMahon (RIP)	
Sun 20/02/22	18:00 OLAM	7th Sunday in OT	Mary Stanley (RIP)	
	10:00 CTK†		Peter Ng Chieu (RIP)	
	11:30 OLAM		Dolora Spirez's Intentions	

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.

Parish Visit To Oscott College on Sun 13/02/22: The gate is open to welcome visitors from the three parishes (St Margaret Mary, OLAM and CTK) at 3:45pm. Tea and cakes will be served at 4:00pm. This will be followed by a guided tour around the college. Then after a break, we'll join the seminarians for Evening Prayer in the Chapel. If you have no means of transport, please speak to Fr. The-Quang after the weekend mass you attend.

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)

Matthew's first Beatitude says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (5:3), but Luke's says bluntly (today's gospel reading), "Blessed are you who are poor." If there was any danger of Christians evading the point by reading this metaphorically, or by thinking that this Beatitude was addressed only to other people, Luke sets the matter straight: "Blessed are *you who are poor*." And to make sure we get the point, he adds, "But woe to you who are rich."

It is true that there are some wealthy people who share their wealth generously. And it is possible to place our trust in God even if we are wealthy; but in most cases it is unlikely that we will. Many wealthy people think only of feathering their own nest, and buying themselves out of all difficulties. Let's not destroy all hope by saying that this is *deep* in our nature. In itself it is a superficial tendency. But it is possible, if we don't mind ourselves, to become superficial all the way down.

To rely on wealth for everything is to take the easiest course. It goes nowhere: it is a failure to reach out, and a failure to reach in. If I am trapped by wealth, I feel I don't have to reach out to others (and soon I get out of the habit of reaching out to God). And I don't have to reach into my interior resources (my pocket is not my interior). This ultimately isolates me from others and from my deepest self. We often hear of immensely wealthy people who have become virtual recluses. They have chosen to buy their own private world, and to worship Mammon, the god who can be bought. It must be a very lonely world. The only thing left for them is the "conspicuous display of wealth," and there are plenty of celebrity magazines in which to display it.

The curious thing is that these magazines have a huge circulation. The super-rich must represent some kind of dream that many people have. It is a fruitless dream, is it not? Our faith calls us to dream of a world of "justice, love and peace," and not only to dream of it but to work for it in every way we can. We have to watch our dreams, because we become what we dream. We are called to live a life that is radically different in its attitude to power and wealth, a life in which the world's values are devalued and what the world despises is held in highest regard. We always want more of something or other. There's a kind of black hole at the centre of our being. I know a man who lives a materially poor life but he devotes all his time to reading: newspapers, books, magazines, the internet.... Everything goes in, nothing comes out. It is just a variation on the same theme. There are many variations: greed for love, for recognition, for entertainment, for anything that will fill the void.

Luke's gospel has much to say to us about wealth and poverty: see, for example, the parable of the man who stored up treasures for himself (12:16-21), and the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (16:19-31). He is attempting to save us from the great deception.

Last two weeks' collections CTK

Envelopes	£ 209.00	78.80
Loose	£ 368.97	355.91
St. Orders	£ 206.69	206.69
Total	£ 784.66	541.40

Last two weeks' collections OLAM

Envelopes	£ 91.20	112.00
Loose	£ 111.63	126.34
St. Orders	£ 33.46	33.46
Total	£ 236.29	271.80

Thank you

To Noel Fields who arranged to have the Church roof safe and secure in memory of his mum, Phyllis Fields.

Children's Liturgy: will recommence on Sun 6th March.

Parish Council Update

You will know that there have been two meetings so far to discuss the setting up of a parish council. The latest draft of the Parrish Council is on our website and there are also some paper copies at the back of church. The next meeting to discuss this draft is at 7.00 pm on February 28th at the St Johns Centre. All are welcome to attend!

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:

Christ the King and the parents of the children in Christ the King Primary School is on **Wed 16/02/22 at 7:00pm in New Heights Centre.**

Prayer Intentions for the month:

13th - For all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for their protection and that of their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming love and support from all who surround them.

20th - For our society. That as a culture we would promote the value of life, and that we would seek the protection of all humans from the point of conception to natural death.

27th - For all considering abortion. We pray that the love and kindness of those around them would support pregnant women everywhere to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds.