



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

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Responsorial Psalm – Ps 33(34):2-7

R: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

(CTK: 36 180 - 337 OLAM: 27 155 80 312 (omit vs 3&4))

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 26/03/22	12:30 CTK	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Bridie Kelly (B'day Anni.)
	18:00 OLAM†		Anna Byrne (RIP)
Sun 27/03/22	10:00 CTK		Hilda Mann (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Michael Collins and family
Mon 28/03/22	08:00 Con†	Lent Feria	Paul Canavan
	09:30 Mon		James Courtney (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Frank McClintock (RIP)
Tue 29/03/22	09:30 Mon†	Lent Feria	Thomas Matthews (Anni.)
	11:00 CTK		Requiem Mass – John Olive Butler
Wed 30/03/22	08:00 Con†	Lent Feria	Kathleen Stapleton (RIP)
	09:30 Mon		Teresa Doyle
Thu 31/03/22	09:30 Mon†	Lent Feria	Jim Doyle
	12:20 OLAM		Requiem Mass - Ann Davis
Fri 01/04/22	09:00 CTK	Lent Feria	Leonard McCarty (RIP)
	10:30 Mon.		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12:00 CTK		Gareth Friel (Get well)
Sat 02/04/22	10:00 Mon	Lent Feria	Maria Ban (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Wesley Patrick Bye (Anni.)
	18:00 OLAM		Kathleen Lysaght (Anni.)
Sun 03/04/22	10:00 CTK	Fifth Sunday in Lent	P J Lennon & family
	11:30 OLAM		Teresa Cawfield (RIP)

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.

Stations of the Cross: At Christ the King Church every Friday during Lent 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, Sr Marie, Patricia Nash, Alberto Bolongaro, Arjun Paul, Teresa Webb, Mary Hickey, Sean Mulkeen, Jack Foxall, Rose Lewsley, Julia Casey. Please pray for them and their families.

RIP: Please pray for William Riordan, Eileen Ismay and Fr Laurence Crowe who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Dates for your diary: Gary will give three talks under the general heading of "What are deacons for?" on Saturdays 19th and 26th of March and 2nd April. We will meet for a coffee at 11 am in the St John's Centre and finish comfortably in time to get ready for Mass at 12.30. Each session will end with an opportunity for Q & A.

Red Mission Boxes: Could those who have a red mission box please bring it to church to be emptied next weekend.

Easter Cards: There is a lovely selection of Easter cards for sale at the church piety stall.

Gospel Reflection (https://www.groupbiblestudy.com/engparables/16.-the-parable-of-the-prodigal-son?gclid=EAlaQobChMIm8y-3Mfj9glVhO7tCh0yogeaEAMYAyAAEgKtbfD_BwE)

The young son was tired of being in his father's house. He wanted to be a man and to experience the world outside of his father's government and eye. The father did not argue or try to reason with him. There are some lessons that a father cannot teach a son. They must be experienced. Pain is a good teacher. We cannot protect our children from the lessons that only pain can teach them. Young people have learned to rely on parents for all kinds of things, but some lessons are only gained when one stands on his own two feet. At some point in every home, the young must be released from the nest to fly on their own. The teenage years should be years when parents are teaching and preparing to release their children to grow up and be self-reliant. It is often a sad time when a young person is released from under their parent's care. Hopefully, godly character is formed before that time comes. Even when good parents have done their utmost to prepare youth for the world, he will sometimes walk away from all that he has learned.

Jesus said the younger son "set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living" (v. 13). Later, the elder son accuses his brother of being with prostitutes (v. 30), even though he has not yet even seen his brother. How does he know his brother has been squandering his father's property with prostitutes? It's highly likely that the brothers had talked about it together, i.e., the younger one trying to get his elder brother to come with him. Those that are intending to sin often find it difficult to do it alone. Sin likes company. Sin begins in the thought life. A man is not what he thinks he is, but what he thinks, he is (Anon). Stephen Charnock said: "As the image of the seal is stamped upon the wax, so the thoughts of the heart are printed upon the actions." Right thinking brings forth right living; remember that your thoughts are vocal to God. He knows all that we think. Evil and sinful thoughts will come to every person, but thoughts only become sin when we dwell on those thoughts, and they take root and germinate in the seedbed of our mind. One way of looking at it is this: we cannot stop the birds from flying around our heads, but we can prevent them from making nests in our hair...

The younger son began to think of returning home and what words he could say to make amends and be restored. He knows that he has no right to anything and that he must face the shame and scorn of the village and his elder brother. He is bankrupt of position, and he now is ready to be a servant of his father. I note that he does not mention God's name but, instead, uses the word, "I have sinned against heaven." To many Jews, the name of God is most holy ... It is possible that this young man was not only now respectful of God and eternal things but also especially of his father who loved him so much.

Repentance is not just feeling sorry for one's sin but changing our mind and direction in life. Until a person makes tracks to the Father's house, he is still merely under conviction of heart. But this young man prepared his speech and resolved that he would serve his father by being a day labourer in his fields. The words, "he got up and went to his father" (v. 20) describe his repentance. There have to be active steps and not just words. A person's will is involved.

The elderly father ... accepts the young son before he got his words off his chest ... There is no thought in the mind of the father about the stench of the pigsty that still hangs on the boy. He is just so pleased to see him! The father expressed his kindness before the son expressed his repentance. These words speak of God's kindness and His readiness to be reconciled to those who have been apart from His love. Finally, the young man, during sobs, I'm sure, manages to get out part of his speech that he had prepared. "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son" (v. 21). However, the father cuts him off and speaks to the servants that are with him to bring some things...

Formation of the Parish Council: If you think you can contribute to the parish by becoming a member of the Parish Council, please print off a copy of the Constitution in its amended version and a Nomination Form which you will also find on the website. All nomination forms with a signed copy of the Constitution must be handed in either to me or to Deacons Dominic and Gary after the Sunday Masses on 20th Mar 2022. If we need to hold elections, these will take place over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd April. The aim is to hold the first meeting of the new Parish Council on 25th April 2022 at 7pm (venue to be confirmed).

Born for this: A drama presentation of the Passion of Our Lord by Cardinal Wiseman at Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale on Thursday 7th April at 6:30pm. Tickets £3 on the door. All proceeds go towards the school's Lourdes Pilgrimage 2023.

Ukraine Sponsorship: The Seminarians of Oscott College are raising money to support the people of Ukraine. We are aiming to complete 100 laps of our grounds, that's around 100 miles in total! In addition, each seminarian will pray a rosary whilst completing his lap, as we believe that prayer is our most powerful weapon in the fight for peace. This event will take place from Friday 1st till Sunday 3rd of April. Please support us!

Proud 2 Profess: The Kenelm Youth Trust is hosting a totally free and exciting day of community, games, input and workshops at Oscott College on the 9th April. The event is for young people aged 11+, so bring a friend and have a great day, followed by a Palm Sunday Vigil Mass! If you want to get involved, or want to know more, email me - freya.scott@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

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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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