



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

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(CTK: Ent 252 Off 104 Com 619 Rec 518;

OLAM: Ent 230 Off 86 Com 568 Rec 477)

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 96(97):1-2b,6-7,9

**R: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**

## MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday Obligation has been reinstated by the Bishops

Sat 28/05/22	12:30 CTK	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <i>World Communications Day</i>	Arthur McKeown (Anni.)
	18:00 OLAM		Anne Melvin (RIP)
Sun 29/05/22	10:00 CTK	Dedication of the Church, Solem.	Mary Cassidy (Anni.)
	11:30 OLAM		Neil Shaughnessy (RIP)
Mon 30/05/22	08:00 Con.	The Visitation of the BVM, Feast	Bernie Rickets (get well)
	09:30 Mon.		Janina Mikula
Tue 31/05/22	09:30 Mon.	St Justin, Mem	Merial Norbury
	12:00 CTK		Sean Butler (RIP)
Wed 01/06/22	08:00 Con.	<b>Easter Feria</b>	Nancy Levell (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Krystyna Mikula Deegan
Thu 02/06/22	09:30 Mon.	St Charles Lwanga, Mem	Eugeniusz Mikula (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Mary Warldron Healy (sick)
Fri 03/06/22	10:30 Mon.	Easter Feria	Elizabeth Bridge (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Sr Mary Ireland (RIP)
Sat 04/06/22	10:00 Mon	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	Antony Gilbert (Anni.)
	12:30 CTK		John Foley (RIP)
Sun 05/06/22	18:00 OLAM		Mick & Bridie Scally (RIP)
	10:00 CTK		Nancy & Vincent Owens (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM†		

**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.

**Ordinations** of the two deacons associated with our two parishes are taking place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster (Rev. Philip Wrigley) and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham (Rev Stephen Fleming). Please pray for them both as they are preparing for their ordination and future ministry.

## 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, 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, Rose Lewsley and Carol Timmis. Please pray for them and their families.

**RIP:** Please pray for Sheila Ferns and Patrick Joseph Bradley who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Funerals: Patrick Bradley – Tue 07/06/22, 11:15, OLAM; Sheila Ferns – Fri 10/06/22, 12:00, CTK.

**Date for your diary:** Refresher day for parish liturgical ministers. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, Fr Allen Morris will be hosting a refresher day for ministers of Holy Communion, readers and musicians at St Nicholas, Boldmere. It is offered free of charge. The day starts at 10.00 with coffee and finishes at 3pm after a Holy Hour. It is divided into two parts to enable people to come for as much or as little as they like. The morning is devoted to the ministry to the sick and the housebound. The afternoon to the ministry of readers and musicians. There is a lunch break at 12 for which you are asked to bring your own food but tea and coffee will be available throughout the day. We are always in need of new ministers in all of these fields. This day would be an excellent way of introducing potential new recruits to these ministries as well as providing a refresher for old hands. **Existing ministers, please try to come to this event and think about those you might invite to come along with you with a view to adding them to the team.**

## **Gospel Commentary – Fr Donagh O'Shea OP**

The anthropologist Colin Turnbull lived for two years with a Ugandan tribe, the Ik, and described his experiences in a book called *The Mountain People*. They are seen as utterly brutish, selfish and loveless. They never sing, and they laugh only at one another's misfortunes. They turn their children out to forage as soon as they can walk, and they abandon the old to starvation. Presumably they were once a normal easy-going people, but the government took over their lands to create a national park, and these hunter-gatherers were reduced to farming the poor hillside soil, at which they failed miserably. Along with their way of life they lost their culture and even their humanity. It is a depressing picture.

The biologist Lewis Thomas, in *The Lives of a Cell*, sketched a theory about them – and about human beings in any society. "The solitary Ik, isolated in the ruins of an exploded culture, has built a new defence for himself. If you live in an unworkable society you can make up one of your own.... Each Ik has become a group, a one-man tribe of its own.... This is precisely the way groups... from committees to nations, behave.... In his absolute selfishness, his incapacity to give anything away, no matter what, he is a successful committee. When he stands at the door of his hut, shouting insults at his neighbours in a loud harangue, he is a city addressing another city.... Nations are the most Ik-like of all.... For total greed, rapacity, heartlessness, and irresponsibility there is nothing to match a nation. Nations, by law, are solitary, self-centred, withdrawn into themselves." He concludes, "We haven't yet learned how to stay human when assembled in masses. The Ik, in his despair, is acting out this failure, and perhaps we should pay closer attention."

There are lessons here for Christian community too. Despite hearing the Gospel, times without number, we are capable of living instead by the gospel of greed. Society breaks down around us, and we fail to create Christian community, receding into ourselves and living out our lives as solitary egos. The ego is my false identity; it is the identity I forge for myself in early childhood and build upon for the rest of my life, unless radically called into community. It is the fundamental lie about who I am. It is not really an identity, it is a strategy for survival, security and comfort. For this reason the ego cannot love, though it can produce an imitation of love, for strategic purposes. Whenever it pretends to form community with others there is a built-in flaw.

What is meaning? It is to know the fragment in relation to the whole. A madman is so-called because his talk and actions are unrelated to a wider structure. Cut a piece out of a picture and it is meaningless. Put it back and there's a thrill of recognition. This is the small thrill of jigsaw puzzles. Today many people are like isolated fragments of a jigsaw puzzle, with no desire to be part of anything. W.H. Auden once said, "We have to learn to love one another or die."

The prayer of Jesus: "that they may be one in us" has seldom been so urgent.

### **Last week's collection CTK**

Envelopes	£ 114.00
Loose	£ 466.77
St. Orders	£ 206.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 777.46</b>

### **Last week's collection OLAM**

Envelopes	£ 115.50
Loose	£ 78.75
St. Orders	£ 33.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 227.71</b>

This weekend's Second Collection is for Catholic Communications

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**Are you planning to have your child baptised?** Please come to the meeting at Christ the King Church on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 3:00pm.

**SVP Report:** Dear partitioners I just wanted to share with you some of the details included in our annual report which is sent to head office at the end of the financial year.

From April 2021 until March 2022, we completed 790 visits, delivering over 400 grocery parcels/vouchers, 21 items of furniture and 29 clothing parcels. In total we spent approximately 1229 hours assisting those in need within our local community. We would not have been able to achieve this without your generosity, so I want to say a sincere thank you to you all from myself and all the members. Please keep us and those we support in your prayers. Kind regards. Theresa.

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** 22/07/22 – 25/07/22, coach from Christ the King. Please contact Chris Walsh on 07984082712 or Nora Abbott on 624 3850.

**Liturgy Team meeting** at Christ the King Church on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 22 at 19:00. The meeting is meant to form a team of people from different liturgical activities (Children's Liturgy, Sacristans, Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Musicians, Servers, Live-streamers) in the parish who will work together for a better appreciation of the Church's liturgy.