



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

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**Hymns:** (CTK: Ent: 98; Off: 96; Com: 501; Rec: 403) (OLAM: Ent: 83; Off: 82; Com: 460; Rec: 369)

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

**R: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

## MASSSES THIS WEEK

Sunday Obligation has been reinstated by the Bishops

Sat 04/06/22	12:30 CTK	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	Antony Gilbert (Anni.)
	18:00 OLAM		John Foley (RIP)
Sun 05/06/22	10:00 CTK		Mick & Bridie Scally (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Nancy & Vincent Owens (RIP)
Mon 06/06/22	08:00 Con.	Mary, Mother of the Church, Mem	Elizabeth Lynch (Anni.)
	09:30 Mon.		Senior Maria Green
Tue 07/06/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Maria Green Junior - Recovery
	<b>11.15 OLAM</b>		<b>Funeral Service - Patrick J Bradley</b>
Wed 08/06/22	08:00 Con.	Feria	Francis Coogan (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Michelle Green (Recovery)
Thu 09/06/22	09:30 Mon.	<b>Feast of Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</b>	Nan McMahon
	12:00 CTK		Catherine Byrne (Anni)
	<b>18:00 OLAM†</b>		<b>Confirmation - Maryvale Primary CS</b>
Fri 10/06/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	<b>12:00 CTK</b>		<b>Requiem Mass – Sheila Ferns</b>
	<b>18:00 CTK†</b>		<b>Confirmation - CTK</b>
Sat 11/06/22	10:00 Mon	St. Barnabas, Mem	Jack Foxall (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Mary Delargy (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Kitty Heaney
Sun 12/06/22	10:00 CTK	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b>	Breege Russell
	11:30 OLAM		Madeline Church (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.

## 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, Jo Teece, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Kyle Billing, 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.

**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.

**RIP:** Please pray for David James Condon and Michael Francis Ryan who died recently. May they rest in peace.  
Funerals: David Condon – Fri 17/06/22, 11:00, OLAM; Michael Ryan – Tues 21/06/22, 11.30, CTK.

**Date for your Diary:** Refresher day for parish liturgical ministers. **Sat 18/06/22.** 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 Donaghy O'Shea OP

"Without the Holy Spirit," said Ignatius of Laodicea (Orthodox Metropolitan, at the third assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppsala, in 1968), "God is distant, Christ is merely an historical figure, the Gospel is a dead letter, the Church is just an organisation, authority is domination, mission is propaganda, liturgy is only nostalgia, and the work of Christians is slave labour. But with the Holy Spirit, Christ is risen and present, the Gospel is a living force, the Church is a communion in the life of the Trinity, authority is a service that sets people free, mission is Pentecost, the liturgy is memory and anticipation, and the labour of Christians is divinised."

The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. The feast of Pentecost is an annual invitation to the Church to look into itself and discover its soul. It is tempted, like all of us, to keep looking the other way.

In one sense it is more natural to forget about one's inner life and to get on with one's work. If you always have to worry about your heart or your liver, etc., you will not take risks or do a lot of work. A healthy person can just go to it.

The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church, and there is a sense in which that Spirit likes to work unseen, undeclared.

"It is not those who say to me, 'Lord, Lord!' who will enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mat 7:21). Adapting Jesus' words we could say, It is not those who say 'Holy Spirit!' who will enter the kingdom of heaven. It is those who live by the Spirit. During the 2nd Vatican Council an Eastern bishop complained that there was little mention of the Holy Spirit in the documents. But something tells us that talking about the Spirit is not the same thing as living by the Spirit.

However, we do have to pay attention to that inner place, to see by what spirit we are being driven. If you never paid any attention to your health you would be asking for trouble. Today's feast is a reminder.

But obviously there is much more to it than this. Traditional images of the Holy Spirit are: Fire, Wind, Water, Cloud, Dove.... Why such strange images? All of them (except 'dove') have indeterminate boundaries or no boundaries at all. They are reminders that we should not dare to restrict the activity of the Spirit to a few things we can understand.

*O Dove, O Flame, O Water, Wind and Cloud...!*

*O love that lifts us wholly into God!*

The Holy Spirit lives in us but is not confined in us. The Holy Spirit is God; rather than being diminished in us, it "lifts us wholly into God," as the poet said. Any soul is for expansion, not constriction. Things that have no soul – sticks and stones – are restricted entirely to themselves; plants have a certain ability to reach beyond themselves, for food and for propagating their species; animals still more. But human beings are able to reach vastly beyond themselves and touch the depths of everything. This capacity is enlarged infinitely by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, so that we can touch even the depths of God. "The Spirit searches all things," St Paul wrote, "even the deep things of God. For who knows the thoughts of a person except the person's own inner spirit? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us" (1 Cor 2:10).

In a daring image the same poet, Jessica Powers, wrote that silence is a sort of decoy of the Holy Spirit. Just as hunters attract the flying birds out of the sky by placing a plastic or wooden model of them on the ground, we call down God's Spirit by our silence.

*The decoy of silence,  
hope's unuttered sigh,  
that the Ultimate Silence  
drift down from the sky.*

**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.

### Last Week's Collection CTK

Envelopes:	£ 100.00
Loose:	£ 324.62
Standing Orders:	£ 206.69
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection:	£ 78.85
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 710.16</b>

### Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes:	£ 165.95
Loose:	£ 105.72
Standing Orders:	£ 33.46
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection:	£ 120.21
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 425.34</b>

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#### Prayer Intentions during this month

**5th** - "As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we recall the fruits of the Spirit that are present in our lives. We pray that in our church's mission to serve the poor, broken and unborn, it would be anchored in love, joy, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

**12th** - "We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings."

**19th** - "As we celebrate Father's day, we pray for all fathers who are expecting a child. That they would find peace in their changing circumstance, and would be a source of support for the child's mother as they prepare for their child to enter the world."

**26th** - "We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them."

**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 which take place in the parish (Children's Liturgy, Sacristans, Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Musicians, Servers, Live-streamers) to work together for a better appreciation of the Church's liturgy.