



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

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**Hymns:** (CTK: Ent: 547; Off: 627; Com: 342; Rec: 145) (OLAM: Ent: 502; Off: 578; Com: 317; Rec: 122)

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 15(16) 1-2, 5, 7-11

**R:** O Lord, it is you who are my portion

## MASSES THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

<b>Sat</b> 25/06/22	10:00 Mon	Immaculate Heart of Mary (Mem)	Mary Synott
	12:30 CTK		Sheila Ferns (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Mary Jones (RIP)
<b>Sun</b> 26/06/22	10:00 CTK	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Nancy Levell (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Grace Deane (RIP)
<b>Mon</b> 27/06/22	08:00 Con.†	Feria	Jack & Kathleen Foxall
	09:30 Mon.		Elizabeth Guest (Recovery)
<b>Tue</b> 28/06/22	09:30 Mon.†	St. Irenaeus (Bishop/Martyr) (Mem)	Kathleen Eustace (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Margaret O'Driscoll - Get well
	19:00 CTK		Theresa & George Radford (RIP)
<b>Wed</b> 29/06/22	09:00 CTK†	<b>Solemnity of Ss Peter &amp; Paul</b>	Betty Kavanagh (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Annie Rochford (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Paul Thurley (RIP)
	14:00 OLAM		Mgr John Heslin
<b>Thu</b> 30/06/22	09:30 Mon.†	Feria	Fr. Lawrence Crowe
	12:00 CTK		Julie Casey (RIP)
<b>Fri</b> 01/07/22	09:00 CTK	Feria	Dec O'Dwyer Family of Stourbridge
	10:30 Mon.		Mr. M. E. Connelly (1)
	12:00 CTK		Mr. M. E. Connelly (2)
<b>Sat</b> 02/07/22	10:00 Mon	Feria	Paul Lewsley (RIP)
	12:30 CTK†		Marie M Nee
	18:00 OLAM		Eric Pitt (RIP)
<b>Sun</b> 03/07/22	10:00 CTK	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Rita O'Leary (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Nancy Varga (RIP)

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

**Rosary Group:** meeting **every Wednesday** in Christ the King's at 3:30pm, preceded by Church cleaning at 2.30.

**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, Patricia Nash, Alberto Bolongaro, Arjun Paul, Teresa Webb, Rose Lewsley, Mary Hickey, Sr Marie, Carol Timmis and Carlos Beckford. **Please pray for them and their families.**

**RIP:** Please pray for the souls of Olive May Quinn, Owen Harrison and Thomas McGuire who died recently. May they rest in peace. Olive Quinn's funeral service will be held at Christ The King at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**Are You Planning To Have Your Child Baptised?** If so, please come to the next monthly meeting, to be held at Christ the King Church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 3:00pm.

**Rosary Beads:** A local Catenian member is collecting spare rosary beads to be distributed to Catholics in other countries and for prisoners in the U.K. There is a box at the back of Church for any donated beads.

**Volunteers Needed for Dementia Lunch Club at Maryvale:** Kind-hearted, fun-loving individuals needed to befriend and support a lovely group of 10-12 elders, all of whom are "young at heart", living life to the full, with varying degrees of dementia – and provide a well-earned rest for their loved ones. Support would be needed from 10.00 – 2.00 on a Mon or a Wed at Maryvale Centre, Old Oscott Hill. Lots of fun activities on offer – crafts, games, quizzes, live music – lunch provided and good company on tap. If interested or want to know more, contact **Sharon on 07495 711695.**

**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.

**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**

Loose:	£ 288.48
Envelopes:	£ 92.15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection:	£ 151.40
Standing Orders:	£ 206.69
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 738.72</b>

**Last Week's Collection OLAM**

Loose:	£ 91.42
Envelopes:	£ 93.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection:	£ 114.33
Standing Orders:	£ 33.46
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 332.21</b>

**Thank you for your generous support**

**Today there will be a second collection for the Peter's Pence.**

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

Alexandre Ledru-Rollin (Minister of the Interior during the 1848 Paris Revolution), looking down one day from his window at a mob passing by on the street said, "I am their leader; I must follow them." It sounds back-to-front, but is it? In a democracy, do we not elect leaders to follow us? Governments have Ministers of this and that: the word 'minister' means 'servant'.

On the one hand, if the people who presume to lead me are not serving any real interest of mine, then they are using me to serve their own interests. But how can they serve my interest when there are so many conflicting interests in society? They try to persuade me that their interests and mine coincide with 'the common good', but if they live in a society where few people care about the common good, they have to give each group the impression that they are going to serve that group's particular interests. Since it isn't always possible to juggle all these interests successfully we enter a world of persuasion, lies, flattery and spin, with occasional flashes of truth and integrity. Yet, somehow, it seems to work to some degree. "Democracy", said Churchill, "is a very poor form of government, but we have not found a better".

Jesus said that he came to serve and not to be served (Mt 20:28, Mk 10:45). Many politicians say something similar but, even as they speak, our eyes are drawn to their fat salaries, pensions and perks, and to how little like servants most of them appear. Nobody begrudges them a decent salary: they have families to raise, just like everyone else. But, when we see excess, we pounce. In some hidden recess of our minds, it may be, they are suffering comparison with a man who really came to serve and not to be served, and who had nowhere to lay his head. We can believe Jesus because he took nothing for himself. It's a credibility thing. Jesus is not begging for your vote, and so he can speak the truth to you from a pure mind. He is not asking to represent you, and so he doesn't need to flatter you. He is taking nothing for himself, and so he can ask you to give everything you have.

He does not come to you talking about economic deals. He never spoke about financial matters, except to say, "Render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar" (Mt 22:21; Mk 12:17; Lk 20:25), and to withdraw from financial arbitration (Lk 12:13-14). He doesn't speak in abstractions at all. He speaks to what is most personal in you. And so his appeal is universal. This is the paradox: what is most personal is most universal. Henri Nouwen saw this clearly and repeated it many times in his talks and his writing. "We like to make a distinction between our private and public lives and say, 'Whatever I do in my private life is nobody else's business'. But anyone trying to live a spiritual life will soon discover that the most personal is the most universal, the most hidden is the most public, and the most solitary is the most communal. What we live in the most intimate places of our beings is not just for us but for all people. That is why our inner lives are lives for others. That is why our solitude is a gift to our community, and that is why our most secret thoughts affect our common life."

Because Jesus touches the deepest part of your being, he touches the whole of your life, and so he has the right to ask you to follow him. He is not leading you a dance, pretending to lead while only following, pretending to follow while furtively leading. When he says he has come to serve you, you can believe him. He poured out his life and so he has the right to ask you to do the same.

**Bethsaida - Parish Youth Ministry Training Course:** An exciting opportunity has arisen for our parishes to take part in a **FREE** training course, which has been created by the Kenelm Youth Trust, certificated by the Archdiocese, and designed to enable volunteers to gain the tools and knowledge to engage in and grow parish youth ministry in their community. It is for **anybody and everybody**, so you are really encouraged to take a leap and learn something new!

**We are completing the course over these dates:**

Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> June: 7pm-9pm (on zoom)	Sat 09 <sup>th</sup> July: 10am - 2pm (in person, CTK Guild Room)
Wed 06 <sup>th</sup> July: 7pm-9pm (on zoom)	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> July: 7pm-9pm (on zoom)

The course will be provided by experienced professionals in the field of parish ministry, is **totally free**, and has been really popular in other parishes. We would love to see some faces from this parish! To get involved, or for more information, email Freya at: [freya.scott@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:freya.scott@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)