



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



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**Hymns:** (CTK: Ent: 518; Off: 243; Com: 104; Rec: S) (OLAM: Ent: 477; Off: 223; Com: 86; Rec: 152)

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 68(69): 14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37

**R: Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.**

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS**

<b>Sat</b> 09/07/22	10:00 Mon	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Thomas & Maria (RIP)
	12:30 CTK†		Gerry Gorman (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Vera Whelan (RIP)
<b>Sun</b> 10/07/22	10:00 CTK		Joyce & John McCarthy (Golden Jubilee)
	11:30 OLAM		Sean Carey
<b>Mon</b> 11/07/22	08:00 Con.†	St. Benedict (Abbot) Feast	Rev Gary O'Brien
	09:30 Mon.		Mr Czeslaw Trapszo (RIP)
<b>Tue</b> 12/07/22	09:30 Mon.†	Feria	Jack Foxall (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Nancy Byrne (RIP)
<b>Wed</b> 13/07/22	08:00 Con.†	Feria	Carol & Eddie McKeown
	09:30 Mon.		Mary Synott
<b>Thu</b> 14/07/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Eddie O'Reilly (RIP)
	10.30 OLAM		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12.00 CTK		Anthony Coogan (RIP)
<b>Fri</b> 15/07/22	09.00 CTK	St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Mem.	Pat Leadbetter (RIP)
	09.30 Mon.†		Mary Synott
	<b>13:15 CTK</b>		<b>Owen Harrison - Funeral Service</b>
<b>Sat</b> 16/07/22	10:00 Mon	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Sr Mary Ireland (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Ted McKeown (Anni.)
	14:00 CTK		Mass of Convalidation: Steven & Mary Baker
	18:00 OLAM		Sadie & Tom Kennelly
<b>Sun</b> 17/07/22	10:00 CTK		Theresa Dawren (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Gerry Gorman (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 Church at 3:30pm, following 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, Carlos Beckford, and Ann Wilkin. **Please pray for them and their families.**

**RIP:** Pray for the souls of Owen Harrison, Thomas McGuire, John Kelly and Mary (Josie) Fahey who died recently. May they rest in peace. Funeral Services: Owen Harrison: Fri 15<sup>th</sup> at 13:15, CTK; Thomas McGuire: Thu 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:15, CTK; John Kelly: Thu 04/08/22 at 12:00, CTK; Josie Fahey: Thu 11/08/22 at 11:00, CTK.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> August at 3:00pm.

**Rosary Beads:** We have received a letter of thanks for the rosary beads donated by parishioners. These will be sent to the Australian Northern Territory, to be distributed to Aboriginal converts and refugees from Indonesia. Further donations would be welcomed and there is a basket for these at the back of both Churches.

**Ordinations Of The Two Deacons Associated With Our Two Parishes Are Taking Place In The Coming Weeks:** On Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster (Rev. Philip Wrigley) and Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> July at St Chad's Cathedral, B'ham (Rev Stephen Fleming). Please pray for them both as they are preparing for their ordination and future ministry.

## Happy Birthday to Kitty Heaney

**Mass of Marriage Convalidation** for Steven and Mary Baker will take place on Sat 16/07/22 at 14:00. Please pray for them as they commit themselves to the Covenant of marriage.

**Weekend Accommodations for 6 seminarians attending Ordination** of Rev. Stephen Flemming are needed from Fri 22/07/22 till Mon 25/07/22. If you can help, please speak to Fr. The-Quang after mass.

**A Carer is needed** for an elderly, bedbound lady in the Boldmere area. £10 per hour, 3 hrs per day, 7 days per week. References required. If interested please ring 07415 395191.

**New Heights Project Manager Maternity Cover** - An exciting opportunity has arisen in relation to New Heights, the charity which is closely linked to this parish. It is maternity cover for the Project Manager post starting in September of this year. All the details can be found at

[https://uk.indeed.com/viewjob?t=project+manager&jk=64e16eea47291868&\\_ga=2.40645474.1911012303.1655989698-302308674.1643897968](https://uk.indeed.com/viewjob?t=project+manager&jk=64e16eea47291868&_ga=2.40645474.1911012303.1655989698-302308674.1643897968)

### Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose:	£	381.60
Envelopes:	£	103.90
Standing Orders:	£	206.69
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>692.19</b>

### Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose:	£	92.01
Envelopes:	£	127.71
Standing Orders:	£	33.46
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>253.18</b>

**Thank you for your generous support**

**Today, there will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.**

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

Here is one of the earliest interpretations of the story about the "Good Samaritan". The writer was Origen of Alexandria (c.185 AD - c.254): "The man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho is Adam. Jerusalem is Paradise. Jericho is this world. The thieves are the forces of the enemy. The priest is the Law. The Levite is the prophets. The Samaritan is Christ. The wounds are disobedience. The horse is the body of Christ. The inn that is open to all who wish to enter is the Church. The two denarii are the Father and the Son. The inn-keeper is the pastor of the flock, whose duty is to care. The Samaritan's promise to return indicates the Saviour's Second Coming." Origen was the father of the 'Allegorical Method', and this is an example of it at full tilt. It is rather strained at times, but it represented a determination that the Scriptures would not remain dead on the page, but would come alive in the present.

An even earlier writer, Clement of Alexandria (c.150 AD - c.215), also sees the Samaritan as Jesus: "Who can this neighbour be, but the Saviour himself? Who, but he, has had pity on us as we lay almost dead from the dark forces of this world, with so many wounds, so many fears and passions, so much anger, so much sorrow, so much deception, so many deceptive pleasures? Jesus alone can heal these wounds."

Left to ourselves, we might have interpreted this story in a purely moralistic way: here was a good model for us of practical charity. But, by putting this reading with others that are directly *about Jesus himself*, the Liturgy holds this ancient interpretation before us. The first thing about the Good Samaritan is that "he came near," while the priest and the Levite "passed by on the other side." In Jesus, the divine Person, the Word, came near to us, took on our flesh and lived among us. This is the only possible connection with the first reading: "The Word is very near to you." Likewise, the second reading is about God coming near us in Jesus: "He is the image of the invisible God."

In the moralistic interpretation of this story, the Good Samaritan would be oneself. We would see ourselves called to reach into our inner resources and produce the goods from there; we would be on the giving end. But, in this deeper interpretation, the Good Samaritan is Jesus, and we are the traveller fallen among robbers; we are on the receiving end. God, in Christ, has reached out to us. Leo the Great (Pope from 440 - 461) said, "Christ is the hand of God's mercy stretched out to us."

We are told to "go and do likewise." But we are told this at the end of the story, not at the beginning. By the end of the story, we have seen what our real resource is: it is not ourselves and our ambiguous generosity, it is God's bounty in Christ.

There is nothing so humiliating as to be the object of cold charity: the skimmed milk of human kindness. I had to share space for a number of years with an 18th-century fresco that showed some saint dispensing charity to beggars. He looked much more fixed in his role than the beggars did in theirs. I often wondered what he would do if there were no beggars. He needed them more than they needed him. Their luck might change, and one day they might feed themselves. Then he wouldn't know who he was. Charity always has a sick twist in it if it doesn't flow out through us from the heart of God.

### Vacancies at St Joseph's Care Home:

Situated in the beautiful surroundings of rural Warwickshire, St Joseph's Care Home offers a range of personalised services including residential care, specialised dementia care and short-term respite care in a friendly welcoming environment. With a dedicated and compassionate staff team who are passionate about making residents safe and happy in an environment that is just how home feels.

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