



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



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Hymns: (CTK: Ent: 79; Off: Screen; Com: 59; Rec: 329) (OLAM: Ent: 65; Off: 50; Com: 51; Rec: 301)
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14(15):2-5 **R: *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.***

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

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| Sat | 16/07/22 | 10:00 Mon | Feria | Sr Mary Ireland (RIP) |
| | | 12:30 CTK | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Ted McKeown (Anni.) |
| | | 14:00 CTK | | Mass of Convalidation: Steven & Mary Baker |
| | | 18:00 OLAM | | Sadie & Tom Kennelly |
| Sun | 17/07/22 | 10:00 CTK | | Feria |
| | | 11:30 OLAM | | Intentions of Janina Mikula |
| Mon | 18/07/22 | 08:00 Con. | Feria | Therese Douglas (Bday) |
| | | 09:30 Mon. | | Mr Czeslaw Trapszo (RIP) |
| Tue | 19/07/22 | 09:30 Mon. | Feria | Janis Erglis, Di Piro family & Rino Claringio (RIP) |
| | | 12:00 CTK | | Margaret Day (Anni.) |
| Wed | 20/07/22 | 08:00 Con. | Feria | Joyce & John McCarthy (Ann) |
| | | 09:30 Mon. | | Michael Monaghan RIP |
| Thu | 21/07/22 | 09:30 Mon. | Feria | Stephen & Hajni O'Reilly (SI) |
| | | 10:30 OLAM | | PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES |
| | | 12:00 CTK | | Leo Francis McCarty (RIP) |
| Fri | 22/07/22 | 09:30 Mon. | St. Mary Magdalene, Feast | Fr Simon Ellis (Thanksgiving) |
| | | 12:00 CTK | | Josie Fahey (RIP) |
| Sat | 23/07/22 | 10:00 Mon | St. Bridget, Feast | Intentions of Krystyna Mikula-Deegan |
| | | 12:30 CTK | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Bridie & Bill Kelly, Patrick Fitzmaurice (RIP) |
| | | 18:00 OLAM | | John Roche (Anni) |
| Sun | 24/07/22 | 10:00 CTK | | |
| | | 11:30 OLAM | | Sheila Ferns (RIP) |
| | | 15:00 OLAM | | Fr Stephen Flemming's First Mass |

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 15th at 13.15, CTK; **Thomas McGuire:** Thu 28th at 13:00, CTK; **John Kelly:** Thu 04/08/22 at 12.00, CTK; **Josie Fahey:** Thu 11/08/22 at 11.00, CTK.

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.

Message from Joyce and John McCarthy:

Joyce and John would like to thank everyone for their Masses, Cards, good wishes and kind comments during and after their Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass last Sunday. We were very touched and grateful for people's acknowledgement of the personal milestone in our lives. We also wish to thank Fr. The for his kind words and for arranging and conducting the Ceremony. It was also special to have the involvement of our daughter Hannah. Thank You.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Please remember in your prayers parishioners who are undertaking a pilgrimage to Walsingham next weekend. We wish them a safe journey and spiritual renewal whilst away

Ordinations: Please continue to pray for Rev. Stephen Fleming, who will be ordained at St. Chad's Cathedral next Saturday (23rd July).

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

The Children's Liturgy at 10.00 Mass will finish on Sunday 18th July for the Summer. It will begin again when School Term begins in September. Joyce, Marian, Jenny and Jo wish to thank all the children who have attended since we began again and we look forward to seeing you when we recommence. Thank you to your parents as well.

A Health and Safety Co-ordinator for CTK is needed. If you can help, please speak to Fr. The-Quang after mass at the weekend.

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 – Maternity cover for the Project Manager within New Heights, the charity which is closely linked to this parish, is required from September.. All the details can be found at <https://uk.indeed.com/viewjob?t=project+manager&jk=64e16eea47291868&ga=2.40645474.1911012303.1655989698-302308674.1643897968>

Last Week's Collection CTK

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| Envelopes: | £ 172.50 |
| Loose: | £ 329.70 |
| Standing Orders: | £ 206.69 |
| 2 nd Collection: | £ 194.40 |
| Total: | £ 903.29 |

(Apostleship of the Sea)

Last Week's Collection OLAM

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| Envelopes: | £ 230.00 |
| Loose: | £ 98.48 |
| Standing Orders: | £ 51.92 |
| 2 nd Collection: | £ 230.00 |
| Total: | £ 570.40 |

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Gospel Commentary (Fr Donagh O'Shea): Many people are now familiar with the work of Andrei Rublev (14th Century Russian icon painter and, in particular, with his 'Old Testament Trinity': picturing the three angels welcomed by Abraham (Genesis 18). Christians see this scene as a prefiguring of the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. This icon is also called 'Welcome to the Stranger'. Anyone praying with this icon for any length of time will feel that the invitation is somehow mutual: the three figures are inviting you to sit at table with them; you are invited into the life of God. In the Gospel reading, Jesus is welcomed into the house of Martha and Mary. The link between the two readings is hospitality. Like the three Genesis figures, Jesus is a wanderer, a pilgrim; and he is invited into the house. (The disciples on the road to Emmaus also met him as a wanderer and invited him in: See Luke 24.)

The two sisters' style of hospitality is very different: Mary just sits in his presence, whilst Martha wants to have everything right for him. Mary gives him nothing but her attention, Martha gives him everything except her attention. He was usually surrounded by crowds: sometimes the bustle was so great that the disciples hardly had time to eat (Mark 6:31). But now the sisters had him all to themselves and could question him and listen to him without interruptions, away from the din of controversy. It was not a moment to be missed. But Martha missed it, through her very eagerness to have everything right for him.

It is a familiar story: you hear versions of it from wives, sometimes from husbands, very often from young people, especially teenagers. There is a recognised type called 'compulsive helpers', who don't consider what you want but what they want for you. Of course, no-one knows how much of this applies to Martha, but it applies to people you and I know. This type of person needs to be needed, so they hover, meddle, and control; they want others to depend on them; they are generous, but they expect a return for what they do for you; they sacrifice themselves, but you hear all about it; some of them are good at making people feel guilty, and they have a knack of making others look somewhat helpless. What they fear most of all is that they might not be needed, so any show of independence from you brings out the worst in them. Meanwhile, they are peculiarly blind to their own motivation, and they feel overlooked and victimised by others. They need to be needed – but more fundamentally they need to be loved.

Still, in John 11:5, it is down in black and white that "Jesus loved Martha," and her sister Mary and brother Lazarus. This makes it clear that Jesus valued active service and not only contemplation. The story of Martha and Mary comes directly after the story of the Good Samaritan (last Sunday's Gospel reading). No doubt he saw her strengths, and he knew what remedy to apply to her shortcomings.

In the past, there was an unfortunate tendency in the Church to see monastic contemplative life as a "higher" form of the Christian life. Every form of the Christian life is beset with its own problems. The ego is able to burrow in anywhere, and the contemplative ego is no better than the active, and frequently worse.

In John, Chapter 11, it took a crisis to show another difference between Martha and Mary, and this time it was Martha who looked good. Their 'high' and 'low' stations were reversed. The crisis was their brother's death. There, Martha shines; she went out to meet the Lord *where he was to be met*, and had a profound conversation with him, while "Mary stayed sitting in her house." You can take her 'house' to mean her inner self. The besetting problem with contemplatives is that they can come to love their own interiority above all else: above their neighbour, and even above the Lord. There is no hospitality there, but a terrible staleness; and this is the ego's trademark. For you never know where hospitality will take you. "Let me tell you, that to approach the stranger / Is to invite the unexpected..." (T.S. Eliot)