



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



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Hymns: (CTK: Ent: 449; Off: S; Com: 381; Rec: 555) (OLAM: Ent: 410; Off: 449; Com: 345; Rec: 508)

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137(138):1-3,6-8

R: *On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 23/07/22	10:00 Mon	St. Bridget, Feast 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Intentions of Krystyna Mikula-Deegan
	12:30 CTK		Bridie/Bill Kelly, Patrick Fitzmaurice (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		John Roche (Anni)
Sun 24/07/22	10:00 CTK†		Muriel Cowan (B'day)
	11:30 OLAM		Sheila Ferns (RIP)
	15:00 OLAM		Fr Steven Fleming's First Mass
Mon 25/07/22	08:00 Con.†	Feast of St. James (Apostle)	Margaret Head
	09:30 Mon.		Maura Rahahan (RIP)
Tue 26/07/22	09:30 Mon.†	SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Patricia Morrisroe (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Margaret Drewett (sick)
Wed 27/07/22	08:00 Con.†	Feria	Josie Fahey RIP
	09:30 Mon.		Kath Butlin (RIP)
Thu 28/07/22	09:30 Mon.†	Feria	Martin Reynolds (Sick)
	13:00 CTK		Thomas McGuire – Requiem Mass
Fri 29/07/22	09.30 Mon.†	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus (Mem)	Marie Brady (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Margaret & Charles Butcher (RIP)
Sat 30/07/22	10:00 Mon	Feria	Frank Brady (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Neil Broth
	18:00 OLAM		Anthony McLoughlin
Sun 31/07/22	10:00 CTK	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Bill Rice RIP
	11:30 OLAM †		Fr Steven Fleming

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:** **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.

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 7th August at 3:00pm.

Rosary Beads: There is a box at the back of Church for any donated rosary beads to be sent to converts, refugees and prisoners in both the UK and overseas.

Congratulations to Fr Philip Wrigley and Fr Steven Fleming, who have been recently ordained to the presbyteral order. May they persevere to the end as faithful servants of the Lord.

New Dawn in the Church: Catholic Charismatic Family Pilgrimage Conference 01-05 August 2022 in Walsingham. If interested please register at www.newdawn.org.uk. Closing date: Sat 30/08/22 at 3:00pm.

APF Mission Boxes: If you have a red APF Mission box, can you please hand them in after any Mass, so that the contents can be emptied and the combined amounts forwarded to the Missions. If anyone would like to have a box within their home, please let Fr. The know. Many thanks for your continued support for the Missions.

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

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.

Last Week's Collection CTK	
Loose:	£ 278.14
Envelopes:	£ 69.10
Standing Orders:	£ 206.69
Total:	£ 553.93

Last Week's Collection OLAM	
Loose:	£ 114.97
Envelopes:	£ 106.00
Standing Orders:	£ 33.46
Total:	£ 254.43

Thank you for your generous support

Gospel Commentary – Fr Donagh O'Shea, OP

The version of the "Our Father" that we are used to is from Matthew's Gospel, but today's reading gives us Luke's version. You notice that it is shorter. In place of Matthew's 'Our Father in heaven', Luke says simply, 'Father'. That longer phrase is so characteristic of Matthew's writing style (he uses it twenty times in his gospel, but Luke never) that it is seen as entirely his own and not Jesus'. Jesus probably said simply, 'Father'.

It seems to us a strange request: "Lord, teach us to pray." Jews prayed every day since childhood. Why would they ask him now to teach them to pray? The meaning of it seems to be this: they were asking him for a distinctive prayer as his disciples. John's disciples had a special kind of prayer, but Jesus' disciples apparently did not. In answer to their request, he taught them the "Our Father". This makes it very special: it is not just any prayer; it is a distinctively Christian prayer.

But look now: there is no mention in it of any of the Christian mysteries! There is no mention of Jesus, nor of his passion, death and resurrection, there is no mention of the Trinity.... What sense can we make of this?

I remember standing some years ago at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, surrounded by Jews. It is a great privilege to stand there beside them, at the only remaining part of the Temple which was destroyed by the Romans in the year 70. I thought of Jesus, a Jew, as I stood there groping in my mind for words. There is no mention of him in his own prayer, the "Our Father". I realised that any Jewish person at that Wailing Wall could pray the words of the "Our Father" and not find them the least bit strange. Jesus was among his own people. But how then can the "Our Father" be a Christian disciple's prayer?

Some time later, it came to me: if there is no mention of Jesus, his life, death or resurrection, nor of any of the Christian mysteries, it is because this was his own prayer. In prayer, he was seized by a single awareness: the Father; he was not thinking about himself. When we pray the "Our Father" we are not praying to him, but with him; we are praying his prayer. We are so close to him that we cannot see him; like him, we see only the Father. We are, as it were, inside his head, looking out through his eyes: seeing the Father, and seeing the world as he sees it. We are totally identified with him – we are indeed his disciples. We are praying through him. All our prayers end with the phrase, "through Our Lord Jesus Christ...." At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, we say, "Through him, with him, in him...."

If Jesus sometimes seems absent, it is because he is everywhere. He has drawn the whole world into his heart.

Community meal (sponsored by Dr Deedar Singh Bhomra of Aylesbury Surgery) on Sunday 31/07/22 at 16:00, at New Heights Centre. People from both parishes are welcome. Please ring Sandra on 07985607091 to book a place.

Barnardo's Report: An independent review undertaken by the charity Barnardo's on behalf of the Archdiocese of Birmingham in relation to the management of concerns about Joseph Quigley, a priest in the Archdiocese, is now available on the Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk.

The Trustees of the Archdiocese of Birmingham have accepted this review and its 18 recommendations in full and you can also see the full response on the website. As an institution it is for the present Bishops and Trustees to take corporate responsibility, to apologise, learn and ensure best safeguarding practice now and in the future. There has been a significant amount of positive change in Diocesan safeguarding practice. However, these recommendations will help inform ongoing learning and improvement within the Archdiocese.

Convent in Hawthorn Road: the General Chapter of the Sisters Minor of St Francis has decided to establish canonically the Sisters' community in Hawthorn Road, Kingstanding. This decision has received both support and blessing from the Archbishop. The parish of Christ the King are delighted to welcome the Sisters back to Kingstanding.

Prayer Intentions for the month:

24th - *For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities.*

31st - *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.*