



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



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Hymns: (CTK: ppt; OLAM: Ent: 220; Off: 336; Com: 139; Rec: 453)

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 44(45):10-12,16

R: *On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 13/08/22	10:00 Mon	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Thomas & Maria (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Phylis Fields (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		James Heaney (RIP)
Sun 14/08/22	10:00 CTK†		Delia Byrne (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Mary Hayes (RIP)
Mon 15/08/22	08:00 Con.†		Vince Phelan & Family
	09:30 Mon.		June Rose RIP
Tue 16/08/22	09:30 Mon.†		Michael Quinn RIP
	12:00 CTK		Fr Michael White
Wed 17/08/22	08:00 Con.†		Eugeniusz Mikula RIP
	09:30 Mon.	Private Intention	
Thu 18/08/22	09:30 Mon.	Jozefa & Henryk Szmalec (RIP)	
	12:00 CTK†	Joyce & John McCarthy	
Fri 19/08/22	09.30 Mon.†	Fr Irek Chodakowski (Intentions of)	
	12:00 CTK	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES	
Sat 20/08/22	10:00 Mon	St. Bernard, Abbot (Memorial)	Mark & Tom Mikula (Intentions of)
	12:30 CTK†	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	John Walsh (Anni.)
	18:00 OLAM		Rosemary Matthews
Sun 21/08/22	10:00 CTK		Gerry Gorman (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM	Veronica Finerty (Anni.)	

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..

Fri 19 Aug @ 7pm: **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer/Benediction** led by Deacon Gary.

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 Patricia Blaney and Sarah Perry who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Funerals: Patricia Blaney: OLAM, Tue 23/08/22 at 12:15; Sarah Perry: CTK, Fri 26/08/22 at 12:00.

Warren Farm Care Home (opposite the Church) now have four fellow-Catholics as residents. A Care Assistant has been accompanying 3 of them to the 10 am Mass over the past few weeks, but would welcome assistance in bringing all 4 across safely. If you could be part of a rota to help with this, please see Deacon Gary after Mass.

Free Preloved School Uniform available every Tuesday in August, 9:30-12:30 from St John's Centre. First come first served, stock is not guaranteed.

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.

Banns of Marriage between Thomas Machin and Freya Scott of the Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption. If anybody knows cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, please declare it. This is for the first time of asking.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose:	£ 317.44	(Thank you for your)
Envelopes:	£ 142.50	(Generous support)
Standing Orders:	£ 206.69	
Total:	£ 666.63	

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose:	£ 110.12
Envelopes:	£ 204.20
Standing Orders:	£ 51.92
Total:	£ 366.24

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 31/08/22, 7pm at Maryvale Community Centre. If you have matters you would like the members of the Parish Council to raise, please feel free to speak to them between now and the meeting.

Visit of the relics of St Bernadette, 7-10 October 2022: Viewing of the relics at St Joseph's Home, Coleshill is by invitation only. For details relating to all other sites (St Chad's Cathedral, the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford and The Immaculate Conception, Bicester), please see the Diocesan website. A letter from the National Organiser, Fr Dennis Touw, together with a poster and further details about the tour is also available via the diocesan intranet. Please indicate your participation by registering online as outlined in Fr Touw's letter.

Annual Novena of Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi: (18/08/22 until the Feast of Blessed Dominic on 26/08/22). O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God: Pray for us.

ADDITIONAL DATES FOR PARISH VISITING: Gary will be visiting the following areas of the parish on the dates shown: 19/08/22 (am) - Cranbourne Road to Kingstanding Rd area; 25/08/22 (am) - Hurlingham Rd/ Sidcup Rd/ Finchley Road/Kings Road area; 25/08/22 (pm) - Kings Road/Finchley Road area.

Mass Intentions Over The Summer Period: As you know, Deacon Gary is pursuing further studies at the Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium, in order to obtain his License in Canon Law. When out in Belgium, he assists as Deacon and preaches at the Church of St Kwinten. One of the priests in charge there, Father Tulimelli Srinivasa Rao, (Fr. Tuli for short) supports 40 semi-orphaned girls in a school in South Sudan and has asked whether we could send some Mass intentions to him in order to contribute to the income of the school and enable it to continue with its work. In some cases, this might be possible from those requests I receive from both parishes. If you would positively like to support our fellow Catholics in South Sudan, please make a note of that on the envelope with your Mass request.

Gospel Commentary – Fr Donagh O'Shea, OP

Muslims have a tradition that Mohammed was illiterate. It is a way of saying that the Koran was God's production, not his. This tradition is similar, as far as it goes, to the Christian teaching about Mary's virginity. One of the differences is that the normal way of nature requires only one author for a book, but two parents for a child. Muslims then can say that the Koran is not a human production at all, but Christians can say that Jesus is fully from God and also fully human. "Perfectus Deus, perfectus homo," says the Athanasian Creed.

Human. What is human? Many say human when they mean human pride. When the Roman emperor Nero saw his immense palace, the *domus aurea*, finally completed, having burnt down part of the city to make way for it, he said, "Ah, at last a house fit for a man!" Many who are less extreme than he (there have been very few who were more) would still think of human life as consisting in some degree of success, power, recognition....

By every standard of the day, Mary was only barely human. She was not only female in a world ruled by men, she was unmarried (though betrothed); she was young in a world that valued age; she was poor in a world that saw poverty as God's curse; she was a peasant remote from the centres of power. Yet the Liturgy calls her "the greatest honour of our race." (By the way, did the person who composed that line forget about Jesus at that point?) 'Human' must mean something deeper than power, recognition, and the rest.

Is she powerless then? "I am the servant of the Lord," she said, "let it be done to me according to your word." Does it confirm her in her identity as a powerless woman, passive and dependent? If so, then it confirms all women in that identity. But more: it confirms all disciples, all Christians – for Mary is seen as the perfect disciple, the model for all disciples, men as well as women. Was she powerless?

Far from it. As she crossed the hill country to visit her elderly cousin, she was not bearing a child for her husband, as other women did. She was in the role of a prophet. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you," as later the Spirit would overshadow Jesus at the Transfiguration (Lk 9:34), and the group of disciples in the upper room (Acts 1:8). In her, God is doing a new thing. She does not model conventionality and social compliance; she is in the line of Old Testament valiant women, as the *Magnificat* makes clear. In her the spiritual paradox of power and powerlessness is plain to see.

Prayer for the Unborn and Women facing crisis pregnancies:

14/08/22 - Today is the feast of St Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for his intercession as we the church seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that we would become models of support and charity to all in society.

21/08/22 - For the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond.

28/08/22 - That, as a church, we would improve how we look after those who are experiencing difficulty in their pregnancies and provide the care and support they need in welcoming their child to the world.