



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



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**Hymns:** (CTK: Ent: 61; Off: 213; Com: 355; Rec: 25) (OLAM: Ent: 53; Off: 195; Com: 329; Rec: 17)

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 116(117) **R: Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.**

## MASSES THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

<b>Sat</b>	20/08/22	10:00 Mon	St. Bernard, Abbot (Memorial)	Mark & Tom Mikula (Intentions of)
		12:30 CTK†	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	John Walsh (Anni.)
		18:00 OLAM		Rosemary Matthews
<b>Sun</b>	21/08/22	10:00 CTK		Gerry Gorman (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM	Veronica Finerty (Anni.)	
<b>Mon</b>	22/08/22	08:00 Con.†	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)	May McCabe (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.		Peter Hoang Ng (RIP)
<b>Tue</b>	23/08/22	09:30 Mon.†	Feast of St. John Wall, Martyr	Special Intention
		<b>12:15 OLAM</b>		<b>Patricia Blaney – Requiem</b>
<b>Wed</b>	24/08/22	08:00 Con.†	Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle	Jack Foxall (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.		Mr. & Mrs. Connelly
<b>Thu</b>	25/08/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Mrs. Marie Simpson
		12:00 CTK†		Anthony Fahey (RIP)
<b>Fri</b>	26/08/22	09:30 Mon.†	Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi	Eugeniusz Mikula (RIP)
		<b>12:00 CTK</b>		<b>Sarah Perry (Requiem)</b>
<b>Sat</b>	27/08/22	10:00 Mon	Memorial of St. Monica	Krystyna Mikula-Deegan
		12:30 CTK	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Carol & Eddie McKeown
		18:00 OLAM		Fred & Joyce Oakley (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	28/08/22	10:00 CTK		Joyce and John McCarthy
		11:30 OLAM†	Stuart Mason (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 and Carlos Beckford. **Please pray for them and their families.**

**RIP:** Pray for the souls of Patricia Blaney and Sarah Perry who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, 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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> September at 3:00pm.

**Notice:** There is a wedding at Christ the King on Sat 17/09/22 at 12:00. In effect, the 12:30 mass will be celebrated in Maryvale.

**A Refresher Day for parish liturgical ministers** at St Nicholas, Boldmere on Sat 10/09/22, starting at 10:00am and finishing at 3:00pm. Come for as much or as little as you like.

**March for Life UK:** Support this year's March for Life UK on Saturday 3 September in London.

After morning events and Mass, the March starts at 2pm from The Emmanuel Centre. Ends at Parliament Square at 4.30pm. The theme for this year's event is '10 Million Too Many' as this year we reach the figure of 10,000,000 for the amount of children whose lives have been legally ended by abortion since the Abortion act was passed in 1967.

Last Week's Collection CTK	
Loose:	£ 678.08
Envelopes:	£ 88.20
Standing Orders:	£ 206.69
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 972.97</b>

Last Week's Collection OLAM	
Loose:	£ 74.70
Envelopes:	£ 90.00
Standing Orders:	£ 51.92
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 216.62</b>

### Thank you for your generous support

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

I knew a gentle Indian nun who had lived a year in Europe and was beginning to get courage to comment on things. "Europeans are always asking Why?" she said, "and 'How much?' and 'What time is it?'" We want to *quantify* things; it's a way to feel in control. They are all good questions in themselves, but they are not the right questions in every situation. Jesus ignored the question "How many?" in this reading. He ignored a similar question in Matthew 24: about "when" the end will be.

We imagine the person with a question to be in a superior position, especially if he or she has a microphone in hand. We imagine them to be neutral, clear-headed, authoritative – almost like judges. And we imagine that we are morally obliged to answer every question. But a question can be just as confused and wrong-headed as a statement; it can be biased and belittling; it can express, while trying to conceal, a personal agenda; it can be trivial; it can be everything that a statement can be. In fact, even at its best, a question is just an ambiguous statement.

It is as necessary to pay attention to our questions as to our answers – especially in religious matters. "Who made you?" someone asked the little slave girl in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. "Don't think nobody ever made me," she replied, "I s'pect I growed." Her answer was better than the question. The questioner's image of God was of a craftsman of some kind: someone who makes objects and puts them there. We always have some image of God; it helps to hold some ideas and experiences and feelings together. But we know that no image can do justice to God. The trouble is when we have images that we are not conscious of having. Even very sophisticated people can be held captive by buried images of God. I once knew a moral theologian who had been a mechanical engineer before studying for the priesthood. His moral theology was a perfect piece of engineering: from an infinite tank grace flowed in to activate the four cardinal virtues, like pistons, which made the wheels of the moral life to turn.... It is very seldom that you get a simple theologian. Instead, you get a theologian-engineer, or a theologian-lawyer, or a theologian-journalist .... What makes the difference is the question we ask, and the way we ask it. A loaded question gives you back only what you loaded it with.

Will only a few be saved? That is a question that a statistician would ask. The mind works comfortably when its object is 'out there', in the third person, so to speak. But Jesus' reply was in the second person: "Strive to enter by the narrow door...." We have a tendency to survey our faith as if it were a landscape that did not include ourselves. But a genuine spiritual question is always intensely practical and personal. "What good deed must I do to possess eternal life?" asked the young man; and then "What more do I need to do?" (Mt 19:16, 20). They were real questions, even though he didn't prove capable of acting on the answers to them. He had the grace to go away "sad"; he didn't go away like the Pharisees thinking he was better than other people. There was hope for him. There is always hope for an honest person looking for the right way.

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

#### Free draw: Win a trip to Medjugorje with the Irish Centre

Win one week's all included package trip to Medjugorje for one person. This includes 7 nights B&B, return airport transfer and flight (up to €300 flight & luggage value). To be in with a chance to win go to our website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com). For more details tel. 00353 1443 4510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

#### Free safeguarding support for hosts of Ukrainian Refugees

A group of volunteers from Taye Training have collaborated to create an awareness course specifically for hosts of Ukrainian refugees. The short interactive course covers everything you need to know in terms of understanding trauma and safeguarding. With the increase in host places, the pressure from government to extend placements for 12 months, and the sheer numbers of innocent people fleeing Ukraine, we feel it is so important to help protect refugees and hosts who are opening up their homes. Tammy (Director) and Mike (facilitator) are both hosting refugees, and they with 15 other experts volunteered their time to create this free resource. It is short, relaxed and interactive. Please use this link <https://taye-s-school.thinkific.com/courses/Ukraine-Safeguarding-E-Learning> to have access to the free interactive awareness course which will help to keep your family and guest safe.

**Marriage Encounter Experiences:** Marriage Encounter England and Wales are offering opportunities to couples to experience a life-changing weekend as they prepare to spend their lives together. Couples across the Archdiocese of Birmingham who are married, or preparing to get married, can take part in-person or online.

The next experiences are:

- Marriage Encounter experiences are online on 24 and 25 September 2022 (via Zoom) and then in-person in Rugby from 18 - 20 November 2022.
- Engaged Encounter experiences are on 8 and 9 October 2022 in-person in Hallam, Sheffield and online on 12 and 19 November 2022 (via Zoom).

The Marriage Encounter experience offers the opportunity to refresh, enrich, deepen and bring love back into all relationships. The experience offers precious quality time to support lifelong relationships, personal and spiritual growth, all in a Catholic faith context