



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



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Hymns: (CTK: Ent: 178; Off: 96; Com: 66; Rec: 514) (OLAM: Ent: 152; Off: 82; Com: 56; Rec: 473)

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67(68):4-7,10-11

R: *In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat	27/08/22	10:00 Mon	Memorial of St. Monica	Krystyna Mikula-Deegan
		12:30 CTK		Carol & Eddie McKeown
		18:00 OLAM		Fred & Joyce Oakley (RIP)
Sun	28/08/22	10:00 CTK	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joyce and John McCarthy
		11:30 OLAM†		Stuart Mason (RIP)
Mon	29/08/22	08:00 Con.	The Passion of St John the Baptist, Mem.	Kath O'Reilly (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.		Private Intention
Tue	30/08/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Ophthalmology Department Staff GHH
		12:00 CTK		Peter McGee (RIP)
Wed	31/08/22	08:00 Con.	Feria	Danny & Darren Fields (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.		Sheila & John Deegan (RIP)
Thu	01/09/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Jozef & Bronislawa Banat (RIP)
		12:00 CTK		John Butler (RIP)
Fri	02/09/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Vincenty, Ania, Helena, Sabina Mikula (RIP)
		12:00 CTK		Annie Rochford (RIP)
Sat	03/09/22	10:00 Mon	St. Gregory the Great (Pope)	Janina Mikula
		12:30 CTK		Field Family
		18:00 OLAM		Thomas Maher (RIP)
Sun	04/09/22	10:00 CTK	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Alexander McKenna RIP
		11:30 OLAM		Maria Wright

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 Ian Kennedy. **Please pray for them and their families.**

RIP: Pray for the souls of Brendan Courtney and Mary Mahon who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace. **Funerals:** Brendan Courtney on Thu 8th Sep, CTK, at 10:45am.

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 third and final publication of the required Banns.

Notice: There is a wedding at Christ the King on Sat 17/09/22 at 12:00. As a consequence, the **12:30 Mass due to be held at Christ The King that Saturday will be celebrated in Maryvale instead.**

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 next Sunday 4th September at 3:00pm.

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

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:	£	364.96
Envelopes:	£	65.00
Standing Orders:	£	206.69
Total:	£	636.65

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose:	£	94.54
Envelopes:	£	152.70
Standing Orders:	£	51.92
Total:	£	299.16

Thank you for your generous support

On 24-25 Sep the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people throughout the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support many of whom will be badly affected by the cost-of-living crisis. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Gospel Commentary – Fr Donagh O'Shea, OP

The economic system that operated in Palestine in the time of Jesus was a patron/client system. People were born into a 'place' in the system, and the way to hold or improve that place was to cultivate the patronage of someone a little higher up in the pecking order. This system was based on an assumption of inequality among people. In the hope of getting some slight perk from their patrons, the poor had to grovel before them, cap in hand, and learn flattery. This system never quite dies out, and when we get even a whiff of it today it brings out the killer instinct in us. It is terrible to think that in most parts of the world, for most of human history, it has been the normal way. In the first part of today's reading, Jesus seems to go along with it. Go sit in the lowest place, he says, but with your eye on a higher place; try to attract by a false humility. But he was only playing with the system, fine-tuning it, before throwing it away. And throw it away he did. 'When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you.' People are to be valued for what they are, and not for their usefulness to you. This is not a false self-serving condescension, but an awareness that we are all useless servants and that God is patron of all equally.

'Those people are worth a lot of money,' someone said of a rich couple. 'No,' said someone else, 'they *have* a lot of money.' The point is taken: human beings are not worth a penny, because they are priceless. Their intrinsic worth cannot be expressed in financial terms. 'Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for life does not consist in the abundance of possessions' (Luke 12:15).

I was once in a house that was valued at five million dollars (I knew the cabinet-maker who had installed the kitchen presses, and he invited me to see them before the family moved in!). It was the most vulgar and tasteless interior I have ever seen. In fact, there was no interior at all: it was all somehow outward; it was made to impress, and the effect was a feeling of desolation. Every object there seemed chosen for its price, not for itself. If this is what happens to *things*, imagine what happens to people when they are seen in purely monetary terms.

The word 'economics' comes from the Greek 'oikos' (house) and 'nomos' (law). You could say it means housekeeping. It is not about individuals accumulating as much as they can; it is about the 'household', the community. There is a related word, 'oikodome' (building), a favourite word of St Paul's. He calls his own work a service to the 'oikodome' of Christ (2 Corinthians 13:10). In a later letter, he (or someone of his school) pulled out all the stops with this word 'oikos' and the image of building: 'You are no longer strangers and aliens ('*paroikoi*'), but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household ('*oikeioi*') of God, built on ('*epoikodomethentes*') the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure ('*oikodome*') is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together ('*synoikodomeisthe*') spiritually into a dwelling place ('*katoiketerion*') for God. (Ephesians 2:19-22). The message is that we are not menials cow-towing to a patron and edging up to a better place at the table; we are part of one another, we are of 'the household of God.'

Deacon Gary's Parish Visiting Programme

On Tuesday 30th August, Gary will be completing his visits to the Westwood Road/Banners Gate and Warren Road/Warren Hill Road areas of the parish and will bring his programme to an end by walking along the parish boundaries. If you were not in when he came to your part of the world and would like to make arrangements for a specific visit, please see Gary after Mass.

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.

Warren Farm Care Home: We now have four fellow-Catholics living in Warren Farm Care Home opposite the Church. A care assistant has been accompanying three of them to the 10 am Mass over the past few weeks. The Care Home would welcome assistance in bringing all four across to comply with health and safety. If you could be part of a rota to help with this, please see Deacon Gary after Mass.

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.