



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



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Hymns

(CTK: Ent: 61; Off: The Summons; Com: 301; Rec: 145) (OLAM: Ent: 53; Off: 563; Com: 270; Rec: 122)

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

R: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

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	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Alexander McKenna (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Maria Wright (RIP)
Mon 05/09/22	08:00 Con.	Feria	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	09:30 Mon.		Krystyna Mikula Deegan
Tue 06/09/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Annual Mass for Benefactors
	12:00 CTK		Michael Clarke (RIP)
Wed 07/09/22	08:00 Con.	Feria	Kathleen Murphy RIP
	09:30 Mon.		Bridie Reilly (RIP)
Thu 08/09/22	09:30 Mon.	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin	Catherine (Illness)
	10:45 CTK		Brendan Courtney - Requiem
Fri 09/09/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Maria Le Thi Tam (Anni.)
	12:00 CTK		Wesley Patrick Bye (RIP)
Sat 10/09/22	10:00 Mon	Feria	Vivienne Boylan
	12:30 CTK		Ellen M Mullan (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Susan Jones (RIP)
Sun 11/09/22	10:00 CTK	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Flynn Family (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Elizabeth Bridge

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, Mary Mahon, Mary Wright, Robert Connolly and John Casey** 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.

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.**

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.

The Children's Liturgy Group will resume on Sunday 11th September at 10.00 Mass.

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

There will be a 2nd Collection next weekend for Catholic Education Service.

Appeal for Clothing/Shoes: If anyone has any clothing/shoes in good condition which could be sold to raise funds for the Children's Air Ambulance, a metal container has been erected in the front car park of the Maryvale Community Centre for donations, which would be gratefully received.

Job Opportunity – Caretaker (37.5 hrs) at St. Paul's Girl's School, Edgbaston: For further details or an application pack please telephone school (0121 454 0895) or download from our website, www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk
Closing Date: 15th September.

Consultation: At the Parish Council meeting this week, a number of parishioners raised concerns about the impact of energy costs in relation to heating Church buildings, especially as the Church is classed as a "commercial" organisation, which does not benefit from any price cap. The problem is especially acute at OLAM where, to ensure adequate warmth in the winter for the Saturday evening Mass, for the 30-40 parishioners attending, the heating has to go on at 11 am. Various suggestions were discussed in detail at the meeting and it was agreed that parishioners be consulted on a proposal that - during the winter months (effectively October to March) - the 6 pm OLAM Mass be transferred to Christ the King, where the building will already have been heated for the lunchtime Mass at 12.30. Feedback on the proposal would be welcomed and can be given to any Parish Council Member.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose:	£	359.02
Envelopes:	£	113.00
Standing Orders:	£	206.69
Total:	£	678.71

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose:	£	97.64
Envelopes:	£	188.50
Standing Orders:	£	51.92
Total:	£	338.06

Thank you for your generous support

Gospel Commentary – Fr Donagh O'Shea, OP

Commentators rush to explain that the Semitic expression "hate father and mother" does not actually mean that in English. It means "to love less". So why do English translations still say "hate"? When I paid for a pencil in a shop in Paris, the assistant said, "Merci infiniment!" There was no chance that she was infinitely thankful for the couple of centimes, but it was the polite thing to say. Literal translation often sounds absurd.

The translator is a traitor, the Italians say: *traduttore traditore*. You can betray the original sense by going beyond it, or by not going as far as it. Either way, there is a risk. I suppose translators of the New Testament feel that it would be a worse betrayal to water down the meaning of what Jesus said.

"To another, Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead.'" (Luke 9:59). Apparently, it does not mean that his father had died; it means that the man wanted to stay at home *until* his father died. He was mapping out his future; he would get around to discipleship later on. But Jesus made discipleship a matter of immediate urgency. Discipleship, he is saying, is deeper than family ties.

"Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." The cross stands for stark choice. Its very shape suggests contradiction. Jesus has the right to ask us to carry our cross, because he carried his, and was broken by it. It was the Pharisees, not he, who liked to "tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; while they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them" (Mt 23:4).

Our life's crosses will not look like his, but they will have the same meaning. It was prophesied about him that he would be a sign of contradiction (Luke 2:34); it is from this sign that we have our identity as Christians.

Dates For Your Diary:

- 8th September at 7 pm in the Guild Room, Christ the King: Introductory Meeting for any adults wishing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church.
- 23rd September at 7 pm in the Convent of the Sisters Minor of St Francis: Benediction led by Deacon Gary
- 24th September at 11 am in the St John's Centre: Confirmation preparation programme begins for anyone who is not at Christ the King Primary School. This will be led by Deacon Gary and other members of the Evangelisation and Catechetics Group.

Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies

4th - "Tomorrow, we celebrate the feast of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for her intercession as we the church seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that, like her, we would become models of support and charity to all in society."

11th - "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."

18th - "We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings."

25th - "Today we celebrate International Daughters Day. We bring to mind all daughters currently developing in the womb. That they would be loved and protected at all costs, and that they would all be given the opportunity to experience life outside the womb."