



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



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Hymns: (CTK: Ent: 27; Off: 393; Com: 36; Rec: 180) (OLAM: Ent: 19; Off: 360; Com: 27; Rec: 155)

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50(51): 3-4,12-13,17,19

R: *I will leave this place and go to my father.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 10/09/22	10:00 Mon	Memorial of St. Monica 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vivienne Boylan
	12:30 CTK		Ellen M Mullan (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM†		Susan Jones (RIP)
Sun 11/09/22	10:00 CTK	Feria	The Flynn Family (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Elizabeth Bridge (RIP)
Mon 12/09/22	09:30 Mon.	Mem of St. John Chrysostom	Peter Chieu Nguyen (RIP)
Tue 13/09/22	09:30 Mon. 12:00 CTK		Peter Tho Nguyen (RIP) Gary Taylor (RIP)
Wed 14/09/22	08:00 Con.†	Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross	John Casey (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		John Roche (RIP)
Thu 15/09/22	09:30 Mon.	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	Private Intention (TS)
	10.30 OLAM		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12.00 CTK		Kathleen McCarty (RIP)
Fri 16/09/22	09.00 CTK	Memorial of St Cornelius, Pope	Jack Foxall (RIP)
	10:30 Mon.		Rosemary Pugh (RIP)
Sat 17/09/22	10:00 Mon	Feria	Janina Mikula
	12:30 OLAM†		Carole Smith
	18:00 OLAM		Martha Conway (sick)
Sun 18/09/22	10:00 CTK	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	John McKenna RIP
	11:30 OLAM		Peter M T Doan (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..

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 and Robert Connelly 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.

Funeral: Robert Connelly in Maryvale on Thu 29/09/22 at 12:00.

Wedding: Please pray for Thomas Machin and Freya Scott who will tie the knot before God and his Church next Saturday 17/09/22 at Christ the King Church.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO SATURDAY MASS NEXT WEEK: Due to a wedding at Christ the King on Sat 17/09/22 at 12:00, the **12:30 Mass due to be held at Christ The King that Saturday will be celebrated at Maryvale instead.**

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

Dates For Your Diary:

- 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.

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

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Last Week's Collection OLAM		
Loose:	£	
Envelopes:	£	
Standing Orders:	£	51.92
Total:	£	

2nd Collection: There will be a **2nd Collection at all masses this weekend** for the Catholic Education Service. There will similarly be a **2nd Collection next weekend** for Catholic Evangelisation (Home Missions).

Gospel Commentary – Fr Donagh O’Shea, OP

The Gospel reading for today is the entire 15th chapter of Luke's Gospel. It appears to be all about 'lost property': the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son. This is bound to strike a chord with all of us, because there is no-one who doesn't feel lost in some way. Jesus told these three stories in response to the Pharisees who accused him of consorting with sinners – people who had lost their way.

But, to be more exact, these parables are not about being *lost*, but about being *found*. Each of them underlines the *joy* of the finder: God's joy in seeking and finding what is lost. 'Rejoice' is the key word at the end of each story. These stories are Jesus' revelation of what God is like. He had a vivid imagination and could have invented any kind of story, but he invented these.

To appreciate a story, you have to notice not only what is in it but also what isn't in it. It would have been difficult for most story-tellers to avoid adding qualifying phrases, cautionary asides, morally improving maxims. We want to balance everything and let no one get off too lightly. This is because we don't believe in the power of a story; we think the power lies in the moral extract we squeeze out of it – "moralic acid," Nietzsche called it. This means we don't believe in imagination or appreciate its power to shape our life. Beneath all our rationality there are a few images—or perhaps just one—that give our life its shape; and all our rationality is a playing-out of these images. At the heart of a great deal of modern philosophy there was the image of the human being as a kind of Mr Spock (of *Star Trek*). One of my favourite texts in this connection is Nietzsche's description of the *Übermensch*—the Superman, or human being of the future—as "free from the happiness of serfs, redeemed from gods, fearless and fearful, great and solitary." Another is Iris Murdoch's description of the hero of so many modern novels and books of moral philosophy: "free, independent, lonely, powerful, rational, brave." The power of an unacknowledged image is hard to exaggerate. Imagine what someone harbouring such an image would say about God. But we don't have to imagine; we know. They said "God is dead." How so? All the divine attributes (except mercy) had collapsed into the human ego. *We were now God* – but what a shrivelled God!

Jesus could have invented any kind of story to reveal what God is like. That he invented these is a matter of immense significance. God rejoices to find what is lost. It doesn't require any moral extracts because its appeal is much deeper than thought. It works in us, it shapes us if we allow ourselves to dwell in it.

Day of Recollection: 17th September on remembrance of St Francis receiving stigmata.

The Franciscan Sisters invite you to a half-day retreat at the Convent, starting at 3:00pm with Holy Mass, followed by a talk on St Francis, and ending about 6:00pm.

Statement of His Eminence, Cardinal Vincent Nichols on the death of Her Majesty, the Queen:

On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'

Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unflinching way in which she fulfilled that declaration.

Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.

In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'

This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.

Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.

Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace.

We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother. God save the King.

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

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.