



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



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Hymns: (CTK: Ent: 391; Off: 510; Com: 132; Rec: 195) (OLAM: Ent: 356; Off: 467; Com: 113; Rec: 175)

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 112(113):1-2,4-8 **R: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.**

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 17/09/22	10:00 Mon	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Janina Mikula
	12:30 OLAM†		Carole Smith
	18:00 OLAM		Martha Conway (sick)
Sun 18/09/22	10:00 CTK		John McKenna RIP
	11:30 OLAM		Peter M T Doan (Anni.)
Mon 19/09/22	08:00 Con.		Feria
	09:30 Mon.	Frank Gilhooly (RIP)	
Tue 20/09/22	09:30 Mon.	Mem of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Companions, M	Mary Gavin (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Julie Casey (RIP)
Wed 21/09/22	08:00 Con.	St Matthew, Feast	Kathleen Callan RIP
	09:30 Mon.		Alan & Stephanie Holland (RIP)
	10:30 MPS		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
Thu 22/09/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Fr Patrick Joyce (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Margaret Barney (RIP)
Fri 23/09/22	09:00 CTK	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Mem. (Padre Pio)	Fr Stephen Flemming
	10:30 Mon.		Mike (RIP) & Liz Holder
Sat 24/09/22	10:00 Mon	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Harvest Sunday</i>	Maria Chau T Nhut (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Sheila Ferns (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		John McDonnell (Anni.)
Sun 25/09/22	10:00 CTK	Julia Chambers	
	11:30 OLAM	Maria N T Chinh (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..

The Children's Liturgy Group at the 10.00 a.m. Sunday Mass has now resumed following the summer break.

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 Robert Connelly, John Casey, Maureen Heeley and Wendy White 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.

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 2nd October at 3:00pm.

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

2nd Collections: this weekend for Catholic Evangelisation; Next weekend in aid of Fr. Hudson's Society.

Triduum of St Francis - 1st – 3rd Oct: The Franciscan Sisters invite all to a three-days preparation for the feast of St Francis of Assisi (4th Oct). There will be talks given on these days (1st – 3rd) at 18:00 by Br Loarne Ferguson (OFM Cap) at the Convent. On the 4th Oct, Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr Gerardo Fabrizio at 18:00. For further details please visit www.sistersminorofsainfrancis.com/news/ or call 0121 350 0716.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose:	£ 394.53	
Envelopes:	£ 88.00	
2 nd Collection:	£ 152.84	(Catholic Education Service)
Standing Orders:	£ 206.69	
Total:	£ 842.06	

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose:	£ 224.93
Envelopes:	£ 117.00
2 nd Collection:	£ 146.78
Standing Orders:	£ 51.92
Total:	£ 540.63

Thank you for your generous support

Community meal (sponsored by Dr Deedar Singh Bhomra of Aylesbury Surgery) on Sunday 19/06/22 at 16:00, at New Heights Centre. People from both parishes are welcome. Please ring Sandra on 07985607091 to book a place.

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.

Death/Funeral of Her Majesty, The Queen: Following the statement from His Eminence, Cardinal Vincent Nichols contained on last week's bulletin, the thoughts and prayers of many will this weekend be offered up for the repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth, who has been lying in state in Westminster Hall these past few days ahead of her funeral at Westminster Abbey on Monday. Prayers will likewise be said for her grieving family and, especially, for her son Charles - His Majesty the King - as he assumes his new office, even as he mourns his mother. May the divine Lord guide him and give him the strength he needs to rule with wisdom, kindness and humility.

Gospel Commentary – Fr Donagh O'Shea, OP

Everyone has trouble with this parable. Depending on their own general attitude, commentators call it 'difficult', or 'puzzling', or 'messy and morally ambiguous'.... The ancient commentators had trouble with it too. They wriggled as best they could. "When the owner praised the unjust steward it wasn't praise in a real sense," said St Augustine, "it was praise in a diminished sense." And by moralising on each verse individually they generally managed to overlook the story as a whole. Even the earliest interpretations of the parable, reflected in the Gospel itself, seem strained. There are three or four of them in this passage, not just one as you would expect; and some of them are only loosely attached to the story. It is as if people didn't quite know what to do with this parable.

All the characters in the story are rather shady; there is not a single shining light. In Palestine, debts were often paid in kind, not in money; so this story is more realistic than it sounds to us. The steward is an embezzler, and the debtors were quite happy to co-operate in his embezzlement. Even the owner seems to be a rascal; instead of being shocked, he admired the cleverness of the embezzler and praised him for what he had done.

What are we to make of it?

Someone once said that there are two kinds of people in the world: those who think that there are only two kinds of people in the world, and those who don't! He added that many people see the world as a western movie in which all the good guys wear white hats and all the bad guys wear black hats. They always count themselves among the good people, of course, and they think they are cozying up to God and Jesus. Almost any page of the Gospels would show them that Jesus was *not* on the side of the 'good' people of his day. He was not on any side. And quite a few of the 'good' people you meet today, had they been contemporaries of Jesus, would have been among the crowd shouting, "Crucify him!" He was not a respectable person.

The unquestioned assumption at the time was that God loved virtuous people and hated sinners. Sinners were God's enemies, and therefore enemies of all virtuous people. The whole religious system, with its hierarchy and its laws, was built around this. By the way he consorted with sinners, Jesus was not just introducing new ideas, but toppling the system, and he paid the price for it.

"Love your enemies," he said. To the religious authorities this meant, "Love God's enemies." How could you love someone if you saw no redeeming features in them? He saw goodness in foreigners, pagans, sinners of every kind. This was heresy. But he consorted with sinners in real life, so why should he not fill this parable with them? He never implied that a sinner was not a sinner; it was not in his nature to gloss over anything. "Go and sin no more" (Jn 8:11). But no disciple of his can ever claim that he/she has nothing to learn from sinners and 'non-people'.

A master had hundreds of disciples. All of them prayed at the appropriate time - except one, who was a drunkard. When he was about to die, the master called the drunkard to his side, and passed on to him all of his deepest teaching. The other disciples were dismayed and complained bitterly. The master said, "I had to pass on my wisdom to a man I knew well. The rest of you appear to be virtuous, but you only conceal your vanity, your pride and your intolerance. So I chose the only disciple whose defects I could see."

Invitation to webinar: Thank you for your support for seafarers and fishers on Sea Sunday. As a follow up, Catholic charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) invites you to join a webinar on **Tue 27th Sep, 7.30pm to 9pm GMT** to learn more about the issue of seafarer abandonment, and how donations like yours on Sea Sunday are supporting those in crisis. If interested, **please register in advance at www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment**

Dates For Your Diary:

- Fri 23rd September at 7 pm in the Convent of the Sisters Minor of St Francis: Benediction led by Deacon Gary
- Sat 24th Sept at 11 am in the St John's Centre: Confirmation preparation begins for anyone not at Christ the King Primary School. This will be led by Deacon Gary/members of the Evangelisation and Catechetics Group.