



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



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**Hymns:** (OLAM: Ent: 53; Off: 414; Com: 365; Rec: 473)

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 145(146):7-10 **R: My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

## MASSES THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

<b>Sat</b> 24/09/22	10:00 Mon	Our Lady of Walsingham <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Harvest Sunday</i>	Maria Chau T Nhut (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Sheila Ferns (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		John McDonnell (Anni.)
<b>Sun</b> 25/09/22	10:00 CTK†	Feria	Julia Chambers
	11:30 OLAM		Maria N T Chinh (Anni.)
<b>Mon</b> 26/09/22	08:00 Con.†	Feria	Desmond, Rose & Paul Byrne (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Bob Thompson (RIP)
<b>Tue</b> 27/09/22	09:30 Mon.	St. Vincent de Paul, Mem.	Patricia Blaney (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Mick Clarke (RIP)
<b>Wed</b> 28/09/22	08:00 Con.	Feria	Jack Foxall (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.†		Private Intention (TS)
<b>Thu</b> 29/09/22	09:30 Mon.	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Feast	Rosemary Pugh
	10:30 OLAM		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12:00 OLAM		Robert Connolly - Funeral Service
<b>Fri</b> 30/09/22	09:00 CTK	St. Jerome, Mem.	Stuart Mason (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.†		Joseph Nguyen (RIP)
<b>Sat</b> 01/09/22	10:00 Mon	St Therese of the Child Jesus, Mem.	Maria Le (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Kitty Byrne
	18:00 OLAM†		Eva Vasquez (RIP)
<b>Sun</b> 02/09/22	10:00 CTK	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	The Butler Family
	11:30 OLAM		Elizabeth Bridge (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, Mary Hickey, Sr Marie, Carol Timmis, Carlos Beckford, and Ian Kennedy. **Please pray for them and their families.**

**RIP:** Pray for the souls of Maureen Healy, Wendy White, Hugh McCallion and Rose Lewsley who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.

**Funerals:** **Robert Connolly:** OLAM Thu 29 Sept, 12:00; **Mary Wright** OLAM Wed 02 Oct; **Maureen Healy:** CTK Wed 5 Oct, 11:00; **John Casey:** Sat RI Sat 8 Oct; **Hugh McCallion:** CTK Mon 10 Oct, 11:00; **Wendy White:** CTK Tue 11 Oct, 12:15.

**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.

**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.

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

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment)**

For those of you who watched **Match of The Day** on Saturday just over a week ago you will know we now have 2 famous parishioners who were featured smiling brightly in the opening of the Aston Villa V Southampton Match. Jan and Charlotte who run the Piety Stall for us took Centre Stage.

It's been a good week for Villa supporters as Peter, our Church Warden, had a Birthday in the week just gone. I will just say it began with a 7. So let's sing out for Peter.

#### **Last Week's Collection CTK**

Loose:	£ 464.87	
Envelopes:	£ 63.00	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection:	£ 118.03	(Catholic Evangelical Mission)
Standing Orders:	£ 206.69	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 852.59</b>	

#### **Last Week's Collection OLAM**

Loose:	£ 289.13
Envelopes:	£ 166.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection:	£ 109.02
Standing Orders:	£ 51.92
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 616.07</b>

#### **Thank you for your generous support**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:** There will be a second collection at all masses this weekend in aid of Fr. Hudson's Society.

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

If living conditions continue to improve in this country,' someone said, 'we're going to run out of humble beginnings for our great men.' Humble beginnings have to be part of the story, because people like to be able to look down so that they can see how high they have climbed. Power and wealth are a real religion, with devotees all over the world, with its holy land—the wealthiest countries—and its holy cities, the financial capitals of the world. It has its temples, the banks, often the finest buildings in town. It has its ardent preachers, the advertisers. It even has its heroic stories that read just like the lives of the saints. A young boy from a poor family (read 'a hopeless sinner') begins with a paper round, gets a job as an office-boy, climbs and climbs, till he becomes a big man in the company; then he clinches his salvation by marrying into the company via the boss's daughter ('the unitive way, the mystical espousals').

It is God's greatest rival: the religion of Mammon. 'You cannot serve God and money,' Jesus said (Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13). This is because money has the capacity to touch the very depths of our soul. How can it do that? It has no poetry! There are no poems about money: I can't think of a single example. It could be that it only takes over souls that have no capacity for poetry. 'If you want to see what God thinks of money,' someone said, 'look at the people he gives it to!' In itself it is not an interesting subject. It is our need and our greed that lend it interest. It is, above all, a promise: that essential component of any religion.

Its promises, however, are always just for oneself (or one's family: one's larger self). Listen to the advertisers. The underlying creed is that life has nothing to offer but what can be purchased or won, and that there is nothing either good or bad beyond that. All others are either partners or competitors: people who can help or hinder you in your search for more of the same.

I am thinking, of course, of pure devotees. Many, as in every religion, are not true believers, or have mixed motives. There are wealthy people who have a real care for the half of the world that is malnourished. But there are others, like the rich man in the parable, who don't even notice Lazarus at their door, and who are therefore able to step over him without malice, keeping their own self-esteem intact. And there are others again who notice Lazarus but keep their self-esteem by throwing him a few scraps.

The religion of Mammon is a destructive cult. It not only destroys the poor by enriching its devotees at their expense, but it destroys the devotees themselves. They are creating 'a great chasm' between themselves and the rest of humanity, so that 'those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

Which characters does the story ask us to identify ourselves with? The rich man, named Dives in older translations? In fact, he is given no name in the gospels: 'dives' is just the Latin word for 'a rich man'; 'plousios' in Greek. The rich man has no identity except his wealth. No, we are not being asked to see ourselves as Dives. Lazarus, then? No, neither is it telling us to lie down at the rich man's door like Lazarus. The parable is telling us that we are the rich man's five brothers.

We have Moses and the prophets – but above all we have Jesus – to tell us to live by a different religion, a subversive religion that 'casts down the mighty from their thrones and exalts the lowly, that fills the hungry with good things but sends the rich away empty.' We are not told whether the five brothers changed their lives around. Why? Because we are the five brothers, and the story isn't over yet.

#### **The relics of St Bernadette will be visiting St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford and the Immaculate Conception in Bicester over the weekend of 7 - 10 October.**

*To ensure the comfort and safety of pilgrims, visitors are asked to register to attend with a dedicated timeslot. Please note that registering your time slot helps the venue understand expected visitor numbers - it is not a timed ticket, and entry to the venues will be by queuing.*

St Chad's Cathedral: Fri 7 Oct - Sat 8 Oct; Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford: Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Oct; Immaculate Conception, Bicester: Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. In order to register and view programme please visit:

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/stbernadette](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/stbernadette)