



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



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Hymns: (OLAM: Ent: 410; Off: 114; Com: 49; Rec: 336)

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 120(121)

R: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 15/10/22	10:00 Mon	Mem: St. Teresa of Jesus	Private Intention (TS)
	12:30 CTK	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ted McKeown (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Jean Brown (RIP)
Sun 16/10/22	10:00 CTK		Maura Woods
	11:30 OLAM	Hugh & Teresa McHugh (RIP Ann)	
Mon 17/10/22	08:00 Con.	Mem: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop	Hugh McCallion (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Rosemary Pugh RIP
Tue 18/10/22	09:30 Mon.	Feast: St. Luke (Evangelist)	Bernadette Duggan (RIP)
	11:00 CTK		Requiem - Rose Lewsley
Wed 19/10/22	08:00 Con.	Feria	Bridget Walsh (Anni.)
	09:30 Mon.		Frank Gilhooly (RIP)
Thu 20/10/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Niamh Maloney
	10.30 OLAM		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12.00 CTK		Sheila Ferns (RIP)
Fri 21/10/22	09.00 CTK	Feria	Jack Foxall (RIP)
	10:30 Mon.		Joseph Hanlon (RIP)
Sat 22/10/22	10:00 Mon	Feria	Kazmierz Banat (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Pauline Whitherd (Anni.)
	18:00 OLAM		Br. Joseph Garron, SI
Sun 23/10/22	10:00 CTK	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Mission Day</i>	Thomas Murphy & Family
	11:30 OLAM		Anthony Stephen Watts (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 Rose Lewsley, Joeleen Brazier and Brendan Farrell who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Funerals: Rose Lewsley CTK Tue 18th Oct, 11:00; Joeleen Brazier: CTK Mon 24th Oct, 11:30; Brendan Farrell: OLAM Tue 25th Oct, 11:30.

Rosary before the Sat 12.30 Mass at CTK: Anyone interested in joining a rota to lead on the praying of the Rosary before the 12.30 Mass on a Saturday, should speak to Jo Fields.

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 6th November at 3:00pm.

2nd Collections: There will be a second collection at all masses next weekend aid of Missio.

Blessing of Graves (Deanery of Birmingham (North):

Oscott Cemetery: 5th November, 3:00pm; New Hall Cemetery: 6th Nov, 2:30pm; Rectory Road Cemetery: 20th Nov 2:30pm.

Ministries for next weekend

Christ the King		
Sat 12:30	Minister Of the Word	Angela Madigan
	Extraordinary Minister of H.C.	Theresa Wilkin
Sun 10.00	Minister Of the Word	Stephen Clarke
	Extraordinary Minister of H.C.	Angela Hooker

Our Lady of the Assumption		
Sat 18:00	Minister Of the Word	Graham Green
	Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Deacon Dominic
Sun 11.30	Minister Of the Word	Ian Kennedy Akash Paul
	Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Deacon Dominic

RCIA Meetings: Fortnightly meetings for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith will take place in the Guild Room at Christ The King Church on every other Thurs at 7.00 p.m. Next meeting is on 20th Oct.

A Family Marian Prayer Event on Sat 22nd Oct from 2 pm at St Thomas More's, Sheldon, B26 3HU to mark the Legion of Mary's Centenary Year with Holy Mass, Rosary Procession and Benediction. All welcome.

Christmas Craft Fayre – Sat 26th November: As mentioned in last week's bulletin, we rely heavily upon, and greatly appreciate, the donations made by parishioners in making our Christmas fundraising event the success it has always been, the proceeds of which enables us, as a parish, to continue supporting each other and our neighbours, in conjunction with our School community and New Heights. In order to help with planning, it would be helpful if donations could be brought in on a phased weekly basis as follows:

Week 1: Oct: 3 rd – 9 th	Adult/Children's Gifts	Week 5: 31 Oct – 6 th Nov
Week 2: Oct: 10 th – 16 th	Xmas Wrapping Paper/Tags/Cards/Decorations	Week 6: Nov: 7 th – 13 th
Week 3: Oct: 17 th – 23 rd	Alcohol/Drinks	Week 7: Nov 14 th – 20 th
Week 4: Oct: 24 th – 30 th	Chocolate Items	Week 8: Nov: 21 st – 24 th

Donations can be brought in to either the **New Heights Café or School Reception any morning during the week** or brought **to the Church on a Sunday**.

New Heights Survey: New Heights is our local community charity which has close links to this parish. They are carrying out a survey to help find out about what the local community needs are. The survey is a short one and only takes a few minutes to complete. This will be of great help in planning for the future. You can either complete the survey on line at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZXWPFXQ> or on paper. The paper versions can be placed in the boxes in the St Johns Centre, the Cafe or at the back of Church.

Gospel Commentary – Fr Donagh O'Shea, OP

There is a puzzle here. "I tell you, God will *quickly* grant justice to them." So why then do we have to "pray always and not lose heart?" Why do we have to *persevere*? If God is willing, even eager, to give us what we want, why do we have to keep on asking?

It isn't about God. There is no reluctance on God's side. Even nature gives you everything it is able to give at the time. The trees don't begrudge you fruit or shelter, the fields give you crops, the rivers flow willingly for you, the skies don't shy away. Likewise our Father in heaven: "If you who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:11).

It isn't about God, it is about us. I once knew someone who would never accept an invitation until he had been asked twice. He said he wanted to make sure that the invitation wasn't given out of mere politeness. This probably freed up his diary remarkably, but he was happy to know that he was wanted when he was invited a second time. We wouldn't want to say that God is being precious when God lets us ask again and again. But there is a parallel all the same. I'm afraid we do often ask God for things out of mere politeness and for the sake of good form. In the 'Prayers of the Faithful' at Mass, especially, we slip easily into this, gently reminding 'him' of his obligations and appealing to his better nature. "For the poor, the old, the lonely...." How could we take in such a vast swathe of human misery in one smooth phrase? I imagine God simply *unable to hear* smooth phrases. God listens to the heart, and there is often no echo of heart in the things we pray for.

We don't really want what we pray for. We want half of it. We want the bit that will make us comfortable. Or we want to be rid of the things that challenge us, the very things we prayed for yesterday, thinking they would make us comfortable. So we have to ask many times before we know what we want, or before we know with our whole being that we want it. Would I go through fire and water for it? If not, I don't really want it; I would like it but I don't want it. It's the difference between starving and being ready for your supper. If I really wanted it, God would give it immediately, granting that it was God's providence for me. "Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you" (Mark 11:23).

We want half of what we ask for, because we want to remain in control. If we threw ourselves fully behind something we would feel too vulnerable. We don't want to lose our grip. But faith means losing our grip, entrusting *ourselves*, not just a few details of our affairs, to God.