



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



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Hymns: (OLAM: Ent: 27; Off: 219; Com: 463; Rec: 35)

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33(34):2-3,17-19,23. *R: This poor man called; the Lord has heard him.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

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)
Mon 24/10/22	08:00 Con.	Feria	Dorothy Eyre (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Maria Wright (RIP)
	11:30 CTK		Requiem - Joeleen Brazier
Tue 25/10/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Kitty White (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Requiem - Brendan Farrell
Wed 26/10/22	08:00 Con.	Feria	Bishop Howard Tripp (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Private Intention (TS)
Thu 27/10/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Maria Pham Thi Ly (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Jane McCarty (RIP)
Fri 28/10/22	09.30 Mon.	Feast of SS Simon & Jude (Apostles)	Maria Nguyen Thi Hoi (RIP)
Sat 29/10/22	10:00 Mon	Feria	Emil Banat & Krystyna Banat (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Linda Ollerenshaw (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		John Roche (RIP)
Sun 30/10/22	10:00 CTK	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gerald McMorro (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Eva Green (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 Joeleen Brazier, Brendan Farrell, Margaret Evans (Bishop David's mother) who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Funerals:** Joeleen Brazier: CTK Monday 24th Oct, 11:30; Brendan Farrell: OLAM Tue 25th Oct, 11:30. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.**

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.

Blessing of Graves (North Birmingham): 5th Nov - Oscott Cemetry 3pm; 6th Nov - The Abbey Cemetry 1pm; 6th Nov - New Hall Cemetry 2.30pm; 20th Nov - Rectory Road Cemetry 2.30pm; 27th Nov - Witton Cemetry 2pm.

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.

2nd Collections: There will be a second collection at all masses **THIS WEEKEND** in aid of Missio.

Last Week's Collection CTK	
Loose:	£ 197.02
Envelopes:	£ 135.20
Standing Orders:	£ 206.69
Total:	£ 538.89

Last Week's Collection OLAM	
Loose:	£ 197.18
Envelopes:	£ 182.45
Standing Orders:	£ 51.92
Total:	£ 431.55

Thank you for your generous support

Ministries for next weekend

Christ the King		
Sat 12:30	Minister Of the Word Extraordinary Minister of H.C.	Angela Madigan Sue Nugent
Sun 10.00	Minister Of the Word Extraordinary Minister of H.C.	Patience Joyce McCarthy

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

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 online 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

Prayer has been called "an hour of truth." But it has to be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. No doubt the Pharisee was telling the truth: he was living an upright life, he was doing everything he claimed to be doing. But he was not praying; he was giving God an inventory of his good deeds: "I fast, I give 10% of my income...." He could not be accused of having a low self-image: he prefaced it all by saying, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers...." His high opinion of himself depended on his low opinion of others.

Yes, we have to wear that cap and see if it fits. Most of us would be too clever to boast openly of the things we do, but there are subtle ways of putting others down in order to make ourselves appear better. How does it work? I am not sure what I am in myself (or I am afraid to look), so I develop an eye for the worst in other people. It allows me to feel, "I'm not as bad as they are, or at least no worse." I am aware of all the time I have wasted, all the big and small acts of cowardice and meanness, all the betrayals: I feel shabby, so I focus on other people's rags. This is not a decent way to live, and deep down I know it.

We live in a culture of suspicion. There is a generalised suspicion that goodness is hypocritical. This clears the coast for anyone who wants to belittle others and what they do. The trouble is that there's a half-truth in it. A lot of 'virtues' actually come from the opposite of virtue; they are attempts to prove that I am not what I am. Cowards become daredevils, lonely people become gregarious, weak people look for ways of getting power. 'Virtues' can be over-reactions to the unpalatable truth of what I am. Everything hides its opposite within itself – that is, if there has been no real transformation, but only repression.

But what a dead-end this suspicion is! I may appear very clever if I am able to unmask false virtue, but if it means that I don't believe in virtue any more, then I am the real loser. What drives me now is not a passion for truth and honesty, but the Pharisee's self-congratulation: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people."

Jesus said, "Love your enemies." Love your opposite. Then you cannot clothe yourself with their vices. You may even see that their vices are sometimes the unrepressed form of your own virtues, and you can learn a kind of compassion and encouragement instead of criticism. It is always useful to ask yourself, Why is this person *my* enemy? He touches something painful in me, reminds me of something I would rather forget. In the end I may even learn to say, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" That is the sincerest form of prayer: it is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.