



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



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**Hymns:** (OLAM: Ent: 449; Off: 414a; Com: 298; Rec: 17)

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14

**R:** I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

<b>Sat</b> 29/10/22	10:00 Mon	Feria	Emil Banat & Krystyna Banat (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Linda Ollerenshaw (RIP)
	18:00 MCC		John Roche (RIP)
<b>Sun</b> 30/10/22	10:00 CTK	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Gerald McMorrow (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Eva Green (RIP)
			Bishop John Jukes OFM (RIP)
<b>Mon</b> 31/10/22	08:00 Con.	Feria	Anna McNulty
	09:30 Mon.		Marie Wright (RIP)
	<b>19:00 MCC</b>		Father Ireneusz's Intention
<b>Tue</b> 01/11/22	09:30 Mon.	<b>Solemnity of All Saints</b>	Carol Timmins
	12:00 CTK		Private Intention (AX)
<b>Wed</b> 02/11/22	08:00 Con.	<b>Feast of All Souls</b>	Maggie Reilly (sick)
	09:30 Mon.		Edretta King (RIP)
<b>Thu</b> 03/11/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	10.30 OLAM		Sandra & John Mageean
	12.00 CTK		Rose Moroney (RIP)
<b>Fri</b> 04/11/22	09.00 CTK	Mem: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Mr/Mrs Dorota & Gienek Nycz (RIP)
	10:30 Mon.		John Walsh
<b>Sat</b> 05/11/22	10:00 Mon	Feria	Maria & Stefan Nycz (Intentions Of)
	12:30 CTK		Carol McKeown (B'day)
	18:00 MCC		Alan Bagnall (RIP)
<b>Sun</b> 06/11/22	10:00 CTK	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Christy Lamb RIP
	11:30 OLAM		

**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 Liam Kehoe, Mark McLoughlin and Margaret Evans (Bishop David's mother) who all died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

**Blessing of Graves (North B'ham):** **Oscott Cemetery:** Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Nov at 3pm; **The Abbey Cemetery:** Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Nov at 1pm; **New Hall Cemetery:** Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Nov at 2.30pm; **Rectory Rd Cemetery:** Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Nov at 2.30pm; **Witton Cemetery:** Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Nov at 2pm.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> November at 3:00pm.

**Community Meal:** The monthly Community Meal, which is graciously funded by Dr. Bhomra's Surgery, will take place this Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> Oct) in the St. John's Centre at 16:00. People from both parishes are welcome. Please ring Sandra on 07985607091 to book a place.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:** There will be a second collection at all masses **NEXT weekend** in aid of the Johnson Association which support retired clergy.

## Ministries for next weekend

Christ the King		
Sat 12:30	Minister Of the Word	Kathleen Foxall
	Extraordinary Minister of H.C.	Theresa Wilkin
Sun 10.00	Minister Of the Word	Theresa Byrne
	Extraordinary Minister of H.C.	Marian

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

**Jo Teece:** Many Parishioners/Teachers/Parents & Friends of the Parish will be sad to know that Jo Teece, the wonderful Administrator and "life and soul" of the Presbytery and indeed Parish, since the days of Fr. Michael, Fr. Eamon & latterly myself, feels it is time to retire and would like to share the following personal words of farewell to us all:

**"It is with heartfelt sadness that I have had to stop working as Administrator for Christ the King and Maryvale Churches through ill-health. I have enjoyed my 16 years working there with lovely people and clergy - getting to know the parishioners and helping wherever I could. I will miss you all and will keep you in my prayers. God Bless - Jo xxxx"**

Jo did much of the organisation behind the scenes for many of the social/fund-raising events, such as the annual Bazaar and Parish Holiday to Olton Castle, and I am sure many friends and parishioners will join me in wishing Jo a long, happy and healthy retirement and to thank her for all she has done over the years.

**Raffle Tickets:** This is yet another task Jo had a significant hand in organising, so not to let her standards down, I hope parishioners will take away some books of tickets that are now available at the back of both Churches after the weekend Masses and can help us boost our fundraising efforts, in what I sincerely acknowledge are difficult times for many. Any help you are able to give is much appreciated, particularly if you can personally donate towards the Cash Prize, which has always been the first prize in our annual raffle, or are able to donate any other appropriate prizes, perhaps through sponsorship from your place of work.

**Christmas Craft Fayre – Sat 26<sup>th</sup> November:** As there are only 4 weeks left until our major fundraising event of the year, the proceeds of which helps our parish Charity – New Heights – to continue supporting people in need, can I remind you of the type of items we desperately need:-

31 Oct – 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Adult/Children's Gifts</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Alcohol/Drinks</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Xmas Paper/Tags/Cards/Decorations</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Chocolate Items</b>

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**.

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

Luke is the specialist in showing the value of poverty and the evils of wealth. He has more to say on the subject than any of the other Gospel writers. Even before the birth of Jesus, he has Mary praising God for having "filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty" (1:53). He shows us Jesus born in poverty, "and laid in a manger, because there was no place for them in the Inn" (2:7). In his version of the Beatitudes, Jesus says, "Blessed are you who are poor" (6:20), not "blessed are the poor in spirit," as in Matthew 5:3. And then, to make sure we don't miss the point, he adds, "woe to you who are rich" (6:24). He alone tells the parable of the rich man who had so much that he had to build bigger barns (12:16-20). He alone tells the story of the rich man feasting sumptuously while Lazarus sat begging at his door (16:19-31). With Matthew and Mark, he tells the story of the rich young man (18:18-23), and Jesus' saying that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God.

The stage is set for Zacchaeus the wealthy tax collector. Tax collectors were among the most despised people in society. The tax system itself ensured that. Their wages were the shekels they could extort from their own people over and above what they collected for the occupying Roman powers. Zacchaeus was "a chief tax collector," one of the best at his job. Everything that Luke has written about wealth prepares us for a fierce confrontation between Jesus and Zacchaeus. What we hear instead is an invitation to dinner.

On other occasions when Jesus consorted with "tax collectors and sinners," it was the Pharisees who complained. But on this occasion "*all who saw it* began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.'" All, even his own followers.

Where are we to situate ourselves in this scene? It comes natural to us to place the Pharisees among the 'baddies', thereby placing ourselves among the 'goodies'. But in this case we are inescapably included in the 'all'.

It's a trick of the mind to divide the world into camps. It provides an opportunity to place ourselves on the high ground (that's why we do it). But this time it is impossible. God's mercy doesn't follow the contours of the land as we map it. It doesn't restrict itself to the narrow channels that we construct leading (surprise!) to our own door. It floods out everywhere. We see this happening in the behaviour of Jesus.

It would be a useful exercise to make a top-ten list of villains: criminals, terrorists, financiers, politicians from the other side, a few industrialists.... In your imagination, sit down with them, one by one, in the company of Jesus, and see how the conversation goes....