



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

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Hymns: (OLAM: Ent: 449; Off: 288; Com: Jesus, remember me; Rec: 515)

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97(98):5-9 **R: The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.**

Sat	12/11/22	10:00 Mon	Mem. Of St. Josaphat, Bishop	Holy Souls
		12:30 CTK	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Alan Broth (Anni.)
		18:00 OLAM		Helen Nessim (Get Well)
Sun	13/11/22	10:00 CTK		Bridie Scally (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM		Vincent (Jimmy) Molloy
Mon	14/11/22	08:00 Con.	Feria	John Walsh
		09:30 Mon.		Fr Irek Chodakowski
Tue	15/11/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Fr Jurek & his sister Roza
		10:30 CTK		Evelyn Butler
Wed	16/11/22	08:00 Con.	Feria	Vivienne Boylan
		09:30 Mon.		Members of Mikula Family (RIP)
Thu	17/11/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Deceased members of Banat family
		10:30 OLAM		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
		12:00 CTK		Maureen Heffernan
Fri	18/11/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Fr Paul Johnston
Sat	19/11/22	10:00 Mon	Feria	Vince Phelan
		12:30 CTK		Mary Kinsella (RIP)
		18:00 OLAM		Michael King (Anni.)
Sun	20/11/22	10:00 CTK	Feast of Christ The King	Frank King (RIP - Ann)
		11:30 OLAM		Bridie McGrath (RIP)
		15:00 CTK		Holy Hour: Pray for the departed

Prayers for the Holy Souls: As November is the month of remembrance - when we are even more aware of the loss of loved ones and wish to remember them, and all of the Holy Souls, particularly those who have no-one to pray for them – there will be a number of dedicated Masses held for this purpose across both Parishes. Individuals named on the lists parishioners have provided will remain on the altar for all masses and remembered in prayer, both personally and collectively. Brown envelopes, clearly marked “**November Dead List**”, are available at the back of Church for anyone wishing to have the passing of family and friends recognised in this way.

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 Annie Avantaggiato and Marguerita Campbell who all died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Blessing of Graves (North B’ham): Rectory Rd (Sutton): Sun 20th Nov 2.30pm; **Witton:** Sun 27th Nov 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 4th December at 3:00pm.

Live Streaming of the 10.00 Mass on Sundays is now active again

It has been tested for the last 2 Sundays on YouTube and is working well. Please go to the Christ the King YouTube Channel to watch the Mass or click on the link via the Parish Website to be transferred directly. I would like to thank Sam Dosumu especially for his work in making this happen. I know it is a valued lifeline for those who wish to follow our Parish Mass but are unable to attend in person.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose:	£ 397.50	
Envelopes:	£ 87.50	
2 nd Collection:	£ 233.24	(Johnson Association)
Standing Orders:	£ 206.69	
Total:	£ 924.93	

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose:	£ 151.31
Envelopes:	£ 156.20
2 nd Collection:	£ 142.34
Standing Orders:	£ 51.92
Total:	£ 501.77

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2nd Collections: There will be a second collection **NEXT** weekend in aid of the Catholic Youth Service.

Ministries For Next Weekend:

Christ the King		
Sat 12:30	Minister Of the Word	Kathleen Foxall
	Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Deacon Gary
Sun 10.00	Minister Of the Word	John McCarthy
	Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Deacon Gary

Our Lady of the Assumption		
Sat 18:00	Minister Of the Word	Graham Green
	Extraordinary Minister of HC	Mary Quinn
Sun 11.30	Minister Of the Word	Ian Kennedy
	Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Deacon Dominic

Xmas Craft Fayre – Sat 26th Nov: As there are **only 2 weeks left** until our major fundraising event of the year, we would welcome any donations of Cakes, Adult/Children's gifts, alcoholic drinks, Chocolate items or Xmas Cards/Tags/Paper/Decorations. These can be brought to the **Café/School Reception any weekday morning or to Sun Mass.**

Meeting for those who help at Christmas Fayre: Mon 14/11/22 at 7:00pm in the Presbytery.

Raffle Tickets: Thank you to all who have taken Raffle books away with them, whether for their own use or to try and get family/friends/colleagues to purchase a 50p ticket. As in previous years, we are offering 3 cash prizes ((£250, £150 or £100) as well as other prizes). If anyone could help with donations (monetary or prize gifts, whether individually or perhaps through sponsorship from your place of work, this would be much appreciated. **(If anyone needs additional books, these are available at both Churches, within the School and at the New Heights Café).**

Like the dew on the mountain, Like the foam on the river,

Gospel Commentary – Fr Donagh O'Shea, OP: *Like the bubble on the fountain, Thou art gone, and for ever.*

The above romanticism was very popular in the 1800's, and some examples have a high cringe factor: Yet, of course, what they were saying is true. Life is transient, everything is passing away. They were rather different from us: they felt that life was always slipping away from them; we feel that we have to be forever trying to catch up with it. We are always desperately trying to keep abreast or to surpass ourselves. A million advertisers, with their excited voices, have had their effect: 'Now!' 'New!' 'Latest!' 'Biggest!' We have become like dogs straining at the leash.

How can we think about end-times when we are always just beginning? How can we think about the world coming to an end when it hasn't come into being yet? Yet that is what the Liturgy asks us to do this Sunday.

In reaction to the secular ideology of restless acquisition, many religious people make tradition and permanence the bedrock of their faith. Yet this too is odd; how can we be so dedicated to resisting change when the Scriptures say everything is destined for destruction?

Early Christians believed the end of the world and the Second Coming were imminent. As the years went by and nothing happened, they had to get used to a longer wait. Peter had to find an answer to the 'scoffers' who said, 'Where is the promise of his coming...?' All things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!' (2 Peter 3:4-5). Very cleverly, he quoted Psalm (89)90:4, 'To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone. No more than a watch in the night.' This may have given solace to the people of his own time, but it gave goose-pimples to the people of the year 1000 AD! They were quite certain that the end would come with the turn of the millennium; was it not written in 2 Peter 3:8 and Revelation 20:3? But, again, the end did not come.

Confident predictions of the world's end have been made in almost every century since the 1st. The 19th and 20th Centuries were especially rich in them. Various sects even gave a precise closing date: 21st March 1843, 22nd October 1844, 27th June 1850.... The 20th Century was even more fruitful than the 19th: 1914, 1915, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1925, 1941, 1975 and 1994. But we are still here! Like the word of God, the earth seems to stand firm forever. The only things that pass away are the predictions of its end.

Everything within the whole is passing, but the whole is still here. Isn't death final enough for those gloomy forecasters? Why do they want to bring down the house with them? As for the Scriptures, yes there was an apocalypse in the year 70 AD: the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and scattered the nation. But the world, at large, kept going, and so did the Jewish people. As for the Second Coming, it is an integral part of Christian belief: 'Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.' But no date is given. Hope is not the same as prediction. The Liturgy celebrates a threefold coming of Christ: the historical birth in Bethlehem, his coming at the end of time, and in between, the birth of Christ in the soul (and in our world) in the present moment.

'Not people die, but worlds die in them,' wrote Yevtushenko. When you die, the world ends, in a real sense. When a generation passes, a world passes away. Is this a horror story? Surely not. It is sad, but not horrible. It is death that keeps us young! If it wasn't for death, we would go into a profound hibernation, mentally, spiritually and every way. We would become the horrible living-dead that Swift imagined in *Gulliver's Travels*. Secretly, the world we are always trying to hold together is the ego: *my skin, my security, my money....* The profound religious tradition passed down to us is not a guarantor of any of these things. It is a promise of the unimaginable mercy of God that lies beyond them.