



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



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Hymns: (OLAM: Ent: 175; Off: 414; Com: 131; Rec: 290)

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 121(122):1-5 **R:** I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

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
Mon 21/11/22	08:00 Con.	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Crissie Hyland (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Marie Wright (RIP)
Tue 22/11/22	09:30 Mon.	St. Cecilia, Mem.	Holy Souls
	12:00 CTK		Sheila Ferns RIP
Wed 23/11/22	08:00 Con.	Feria	John & Sandra Mageean
	09:30 Mon.		Mark McLoughlin (RIP)
	10:30 OLAM		Annie Avantaggiato - Funeral Service
Thu 24/11/22	09:30 Mon.	St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Mem.	Krystyna & Janina
	10.30 OLAM		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12.00 CTK		Pat Blaney (RIP)
Fri 25/11/22	09.00 CTK	Feria	Norrie Calton
	09.30 Mon.		Private Intention
	11.00 OLAM		Alan & Stephanie Holland (RIP)
Sat 26/11/22	10:00 Mon	Feria	Kathleen McCarty
	12:30 CTK		Margaret Cusack (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Sheila Cassidy (Anni.)
Sun 27/11/22	10:00 CTK	1 st Sunday in Advent	John McManus
	11:30 OLAM		Crissie Hyland (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 Annie Avantaggiato and Margareta Campbell who all died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Funeral Services: Annie Avantaggiato: Wed 23/11/22, OLAM, 10:30;
Margareta Campbell: Wed 07/12/22, OLAM, 12:00.

Blessing of Graves (North B'ham): Rectory Rd (Sutton): Witton: Sun 27th Nov 2pm.

Parish Council Meeting: Mon 21/11/22 at 19:00 in Maryvale Community Centre.

Live Streaming Of The Sunday 10.00 Mass Is Now Active Again. It has been tested over the last 3 weeks 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. As this is a valued lifeline for those who wish to follow our Parish Mass, but are unable to attend in person, I would like to thank Sam Dosumu especially for his work in making this happen.

Last Week's Collection CTK		
Loose:	£	358.00
Envelopes:	£	92.40
Standing Orders:	£	206.69
Total:	£	657.09

Last Week's Collection OLAM		
Loose:	£	175.83
Envelopes:	£	155.00
Standing Orders:	£	51.92
Total:	£	382.75

Thank you for your generous support

2nd Collections: There will be a second collection **THIS 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	Stephen Clarke
	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	Kitty Thomas
Sun 11.30	Minister Of the Word	Ian Kennedy
	Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Deacon Dominic

Xmas Craft Fayre – Sat 26th Nov

Having spoken about our planning for the annual Xmas event for several weeks, it is now almost upon us, taking place as it will **NEXT SATURDAY**. If you had intended to bring in donations, but just never found the time, then such items (i.e. Adult/Children's gifts, alcoholic drinks, Chocolate items, Xmas Cards/Tags/ Paper/Decorations or Cakes) should be brought to the **Café/School Reception any weekday morning BEFORE FRIDAY**.

Raffle Tickets

Thank you to everyone who took Raffle books away with them, whether for their own use or to try and get family/friends/colleagues to buy a ticket. **CAN YOU PLEASE RETURN ALL MONIES AND RAFFLE STUBS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EVEN IF THEY ARE UNSOLD**, as we may be able to sell these in the remaining days. Getting the tickets in early helps us to un-staple and fold the individual tickets to be placed into the drum ahead of the Fayre. **(If anyone needs additional books, these are available at Church, within the School and at the Café).**

Gospel Commentary – Fr Donagh O'Shea, OP

In all four gospels Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" At that moment, it was Pilate who was sitting on a throne of judgment, and Jesus was a manacled prisoner before him, totally at his mercy, and soon to be put to death. When Christians assert that Christ is king they are not associating him with secular images of power; it is absurd to imagine him lined up with Henry VIII, for example, or Louis XIV or with any king we have ever seen or read about. Christians were persecuted by the Roman Empire for repeating that Christ was Lord and King, because this was taken to mean that he was looking for what Caesar had.

But Jesus is the exact opposite of an earthly king. When the feast of Christ the King was added to the Church's calendar in 1925, it was to make a statement about the hollow pretensions of Mussolini, who at that time had been ruling Italy for three years, and about the rising power of Hitler's Nazi Party, founded in 1920, and about all dictatorships.

The crown that Christ wears is a crown of thorns. To call Christ our king is a subversive declaration, as it was for the early Christians; it is to say that anyone who presumes to lead us must be prepared, like him, to wear a crown of thorns. It is to situate oneself in the tradition of the Hebrew prophets who declared that leaders must be shepherds of the people, caring for them, dealing wisely, and doing justice in the land. When Israel was about to choose its first king, God warned them through the prophet Samuel that a king would lord it over them, tax them harshly, and promote inequality and injustice. And that is what most of their kings did. We have to ask whether it is what the majority kings, emperors, and political leaders have done throughout history. Christ is Emmanuel, a name that means "God-with-us". He journeys with his people, leading us through the wilderness of our life, into death and beyond. It was when he was hanging on the cross that he was recognised by the thief, who asked to be admitted into his kingdom. The 19th Century Danish sculptor Thorvaldsen made a clay model for a statue of Christ the King, the arms raised in triumph. But the weight of the soft clay was too much for the inner structure and, in the morning, when he entered the studio, he saw that the arms had sagged downwards. At first, he was deeply disappointed, but when he looked at it again, he saw that it now expressed something deeper than triumph; it expressed welcome and forgiveness.

The Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer at today's Mass describes Christ as wanting to present to his Father "an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." We cannot but notice that the world is not really like that. That's the bad news. The good news is that there are seeds of this glory everywhere - and sometimes even fruit. Worldly kingdoms are built on power and wealth. But, where we see forgiveness, we are seeing the kingdom of God. Deep inside the black heart of the world at its worst, the seed of God's word is stirring with new life. "The kingdom of God is among you," Jesus said (Luke 17:21). But, we are still very far from seeing the harvest, so we have to pray, "May your kingdom come!" (Matthew 6:10).