



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



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Hymns: (OLAM: Ent: 94; Off: 41; Com: 364; Rec: 312)

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 121*(122):1-2,4-5,6-9

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 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	1st Sunday in Advent	John McManus
	11:30 OLAM		Crissie Hyland (RIP)
			Queen Elizabeth II (RIP)
Mon 28/11/22	08:00 Con.	Advent Feria	Marie Wright (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Holy Souls
Tue 29/11/22	09:30 Mon.	Advent Feria	Mary & John Walsh
	12:00 CTK		Hugh McCallion (RIP)
Wed 30/11/22	08:00 Con.	Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle	Noel Ryan (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Marie & Frank Brady (RIP)
Thu 01/12/22	09:30 Mon.	Feast of St. Edmund Campion	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	10.30 OLAM		James Fisher (Birthday)
	12.00 CTK		Bruce Sherwin (Illness)
Fri 02/12/22	09.00 CTK	Advent Feria	Patricia Morrisroe (RIP)
	10:30 Mon.		Marie McNee
	12:00 CTK		Denis Doyle (RIP)
Sat 03/12/22	10:00 Mon	Mem. of St. Francis Xavier	Mary Hall (Anni.)
	12:30 CTK		Alan Maxwell & Stephen Cusack (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Kay Ollerenshaw (B'day)
Sun 04/12/22	10:00 CTK	2nd Sunday of Advent	Vincent Jordan (Illness)
	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 Margaretta (Rita) Campbell and Gerry Jones who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Margaretta Campbell's funeral: Wed 07/12/22, OLAM, 12:00.

Blessing of Graves (North B'ham): Rectory Rd (Sutton): 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.

Xmas Craft Fayre: After much anticipation and hard work on behalf of so many within our combined parishes and Christ The King School, the Fayre took place this weekend. Unfortunately, we are unable to include the outcome of this important fundraising activity at the time of "going to print", but will announce the total amount raised in next week's bulletin. Again, many thanks to everyone who helped with the planning, donated prizes/bought and sold raffle tickets, volunteered on the Friday evening to set everything up, helped out on the day and supported the event in any way - **your input was most appreciated**. In fact, we couldn't have done it without you, so **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for showing your support for the Parish and for each other.

2nd Collection: There will be a second collection **NEXT WEEKEND** for the poor parishes of the Diocese.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose:	£ 399.25	
Envelopes:	£ 87.50	
2 nd Collection:	£ 229.57	(Catholic Youth Service)
Standing Orders:	£ 206.69	
Total:	£ 923.01	

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose:	£ 232.31
Envelopes:	£ 155.50
2 nd Collection:	£ 135.74
Standing Orders:	£ 51.92
Total:	£ 575.47

Thank you for your generous support

Ministries For Next Weekend:

Christ the King		
Sat 12:30	Minister Of the Word	Kathleen Foxall
	Extraordinary Minister of HC	Theresa Wilkin
Sun 10.00	Minister Of the Word	Patience
	Extraordinary Minister of HC	Joyce

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

Gospel Commentary – Fr Donagh O’Shea, OP

Years ago a friend of mine in Italy took her elderly computer to be repaired. The man in the shop glanced quickly at it and said, “That is not a computer, signora; it is a domestic appliance – è *un elettrodomestico*.” Today, our computers and ipads and mobile phones, though much smaller, are thousands of times more powerful than those early PCs. They have penetrated everywhere; they have found their way into our lives, to the point that we could scarcely imagine life without them. This came home to me recently when a 90-year-old lady said to me, “Why don’t you google it?” (I had just uttered the words, “I don’t know”.)

There are many things, however, that we google to no avail. We can find *information* about every subject, but information is not the only kind of knowledge. There are other kinds of knowledge that do not come at the tapping of a few keys. There is *understanding*, which no one can do for you; there is *wisdom*, which doesn’t come to order, but comes only when we are ready for it.

Jesus is called the incarnation of the *Logos*, the *Wisdom* of God. The theme of Advent is that we have to *wait* for him to come. Waiting is something we have more and more trouble with, and computers are driving the pace: ‘zero wait state’ is considered the goal – no waiting at all. Advent is like a four-week course on how to wait.

When we have to wait a long time, we tend to nod off to sleep. Advent is about waiting... *but not falling asleep*. “Stay awake”, Jesus often said (Mt 24:42; 26:40; Mk 13:33; etc.). ‘Awake’ means attentive to what is happening – attentive to the present, not dreaming about the past or the future. This is the wisdom of the ages.

Let me quote here a few short passages from early Christian writing (3rd, 4th, and 5th centuries) in deliberate contrast to the computer age. No, we won’t throw out our computers – I am using one to write this and you are using one to read it – but it may be helpful to dwell on ancient wisdom at the beginning of Advent.

Commenting on today’s Gospel reading, Origen (3rd century) wrote: “All who listen to the depths of the Gospel and live it completely... care very little about whether the end of the world will come suddenly and all at once, or gradually and little by little.... What is important is to be vigilant.”

John Chrysostom (4th Century): “If ordinary persons knew when they were going to die, they would surely be striving earnestly at that hour. In order therefore that they may strive, not at that hour only, the Lord does not tell them the hour or day. He wants to keep them on their toes looking for it, that they may be *always* striving.”

And from the 5th Century, the *Incomplete Commentary on Matthew*, a comment on the verse ‘If the head of the household had known the hour at which the thief would arrive.’ “The head of the household represents the human soul, the thief is the devil, the house is the body, the doors are the mouth and ears, and the windows are the eyes. Like the thief who gains access through the doors and windows to despoil the householder, the devil also finds easy access to the soul through the mouth, ears and eyes to take a person captive. This is why Jeremiah wrote, “For death entered through our windows.”

Bishop Challoner Training School Alliance works with Catholic schools in the Birmingham area to help new trainee Teachers into this rewarding profession. Primary and Secondary School Direct places are available. Information Event is on **Thursday 1st December 10am** or **Thursday 5th January 10am** (online). School Experience Days are also offered for an insight into life in a school and they will be on **Wed 7th Dec 22** and **Wed 4th Jan 23**. If interested please visit www.bctsa.org for details, or email trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 27th March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights’ in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.