



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



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Hymns: OLAM: E: 67; O: 477; C: 455; R: 28.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39(40):2,4,7-10

R: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 14/01/22	10:00 Mon	Feria	Holy Souls
	12:30 CTK		Christine Green
	18:00 OLAM		Kitty Heaney
Sun 15/01/23	10:00 CTK	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gerry Gorman (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM†		Dr. Linus Teku Fon (Anni.)
Mon 16/01/23	08:00 Con.†	Feria	Elizabeth Mitchell (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Private Intention (SN)
Tue 17/01/23	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Margaret Crosby
	12:00 CTK		Thomas Fitzpatrick
Wed 18/01/23	08:00 Con.†	Feria	Julie (Shelia) German
	09:30 Mon.		Maria Wright (RIP)
Thu 19/01/23	09:30 Mon.†	Feria	Mary & Mick McDonald (RIP)
	10.30 MPS		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12:00 CTK		Seamus Dignan (RIP)
Fri 20/01/23	09:00 CTK	Feria	Daisy Glenn
	09:30 Mon.†		Fr. Joyce (RIP Bday Ann)
Sat 21/01/23	10:00 Mon	Feria	Holy Souls
	12:30 CTK		Angela Caffery
	18:00 OLAM		Patricia Whelan (Ann.)
Sun 22/01/23	10:00 CTK0†	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	John O'Brien (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Paul Thompson (Anni.)

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 1:30pm.

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, 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 and Angela Madigan. **Please pray for them and their families.**

RIP: Pray for the souls of Peter Nguyen Duc Khang who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. Eternal rest grant onto 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 5th February at 3:00pm.

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School is consulting to change their school admissions criteria for the 2024/2025 intake. Details can be found on the school website www.cardinalwiseman.net under 'School Admissions' – 'Proposed Admissions Arrangements 2024-2025'. If you wish to comment on these proposals, please contact the school admissions team directly at enquiry@cardinalwiseman.net.

Last Week's Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 288.12
 Envelopes: £ 93.50
 Standing Orders: £ 206.69
Total: £ 588.31

Last Week's Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 222.69
 Envelopes: £ 184.00
 Standing Orders: £ 51.92
Total: £ 458.61

Thank You For Your Generous Support

Christ the King		14/15 JAN	21/22 JAN
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen Foxall	Kathleen Foxall
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa Wilkin	Sue Nugent
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	John McCarthy	Stephen Clarke
	Minister of Holy Communion	Angela & Marian	Joyce & Sr Michele

Christmas and Easter meals

The team of four (Carol, Eddie, Sean and Noran) which has organised these meals for over 14 years is going to stand down this Easter. We are looking for a new team which would take on this rewarding voluntary work. The main tasks involve shopping, food preparation and cooking and serving on the day in question. We have moved to doing these meals on the eve of Easter and Christmas. The old team would be very happy to support during a handover period. There is also a wider team of volunteers who provide support New Heights also provides a lot of support. If you would like to have a chat about this please phone Sean on 07867783204.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 27th March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing (with supplement of £150.00 for single occupancy). Price includes flight, all transfers, a 4-night stay at the Knock House Hotel on a full-board basis. All entertainment and day trip excursions to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre and National Museum. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175 557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea: In part of the Book of Isaiah called '2nd Isaiah' (Ch 40-66) there are four songs/poems of exceptional interest, the 2nd of which is the 1st reading today. All four concern a mysterious figure called 'The Servant of the Lord', which is usually taken to mean the nation, Israel, personified; or an individual representing the nation. In the 4th poem, the Servant is said to suffer and die, though innocent, and thus, to atone for the sins of his people. "He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely, he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed" (53:3-5). This makes it impossible for Christians not to see this figure, the "Suffering Servant," as a glimpse of Christ, centuries before his birth in Bethlehem. So uncanny is the likeness, that these parts of the Book of Isaiah have been called "a 5th Gospel."

The 1st song (today's reading) announces that the Servant will "restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel." In other words, he will unite God's people. And he will be the light of the world. In the Gospel reading, we see Jesus taking his first steps to unite God's people in a new community. After centuries of waiting, it seems to happen suddenly. "The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus" (1:38). Soon, many more would follow. That phrase 'Lamb of God' must have stayed in John's imagination It runs through his Gospel from beginning to end. It even appears in the book of Revelation (also written by John or his disciples). That first impression never faded.

The phrase 'Lamb of God' was not new; it was a reference to the slain lamb in Exodus, whose blood set the people free from slavery in Egypt. Every year at Passover the Jews recalled this event, and a lamb was slaughtered in the Temple. John the Baptist said, in Jesus, we have the real "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." This phrase also echoed the 4th poem quoted above: "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter" (53:5). In John's Gospel, this theme is expertly woven into the story. The ancient instructions for killing and eating the Passover lamb said, "You must not break any bone of it" (Exodus 12:46). And so, John says, the soldiers did not break Jesus' legs as he hung on the Cross but pierced him instead with a lance. Later, near the end of the century, in John's apocalyptic vision he saw "between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered" (Revelation 5:6). This strange expression is a reference to Christ who died and was raised again to life.

At Mass we are present at the fulfilment of what all the ages before us have longed for. "Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it" (Matthew 13:17).