



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



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Hymns: OLAM: E: 8 (4vs); O: 285; C: 317; R: 128

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26(27): 1,4,13-14 **R: The Lord is my light and my help.**

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 21/01/22	10:00 Mon	Feria	Holy Souls
	12:30 CTK	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Angela Caffery
	18:00 OLAM		Patricia Whelan (Ann.)
Sun 22/01/23	10:00 CTK0†		John O'Brien (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM	Paul Thompson (Anni.)	
Mon 23/01/23	08:00 Con.†	Feria	Rose Lewsley (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Private Intention (AX)
Tue 24/01/23	09:30 Mon.	Mem. Of St. Francis de Sales	Helen & George Nessim
	12:00 CTK		Patricia O'Neil (Poorly)
Wed 25/01/23	08:00 Con.†	Conversion of St. Paul, Feast	Teresa Mary Watts (Ann)
	09:30 Mon.		Ela, Christopher, Henryka & Lucien Czapiewski (RIP)
Thu 26/01/23	09:30 Mon.†	SS Timothy and Titus, Mem.	Krystyna & Emil Banat (RIP)
	10:30 MPS		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12:00 CTK		Sr Scholastica Cahalan
Fri 27/01/23	09:00 CTK	Feria	Catherine Finucane (Surgery)
	10:30 Mon.		Krystyna & Janina Mikula
Sat 28/01/23	10:00 Mon	St. Thomas Aquinas, Mem.	Private intention
	12:30 CTK†	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ed McKeown (Ann)
	18:00 OLAM		Bernard Nevin (RIP)
Sun 29/01/23	10:00 CTK		Brendan Courtney (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM	Judy Kennedy	

No mass on 31st due to Sr. Deidre Michael's funeral.

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.**

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.

RCIA meeting on Thurs 26/01/23 in the Guild Room at 7:00pm.

APF Red Mission Boxes: Could anyone registered as holding a red Mission Box at home please bring these into Church over the next 2 weekends, so that the contents can be counted and the money, very kindly donated by the individuals concerned, can be forwarded to the Mill Hill Missionaries to support their life-changing work in many countries.

Last Week's Collection CTK	
Loose:	£ 355.54
Envelopes:	£ 79.40
Standing Orders:	£ 206.69
Total:	£ 641.63

Last Week's Collection OLAM	
Loose:	£ 200.04
Envelopes:	£ 182.21
Standing Orders:	£ 51.92
Total:	£ 434.17

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Christ the King		21/22 JAN	28/29 JAN
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen Foxall	Kathleen Foxall
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue Nugent	Theresa Wilkin
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Stephen Clarke	Patience
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce & Sr Michele	Angela & Marian

Christmas and Easter Meals: The Organising Team of four (Carol, Eddie, Sean and Noran) - which has organised the Festive meals for over 14 years - is going to stand down this Easter. We are therefore looking to recruit some "new blood" to take on this rewarding voluntary work just twice a year on the eve of Easter and Christmas Day. The current team are very happy to support during a handover period and would wish to point out that there is also a wider team of volunteers involved and a lot of organisational support from New Heights. The main tasks involve shopping, food preparation, cooking and serving on the day in question. If you would like to have a chat about this, please phone Sean on 07867 783204.

Lourdes Pilgrims: Alex and Ryan, who have been Altar Servers within the Parish for the past 9 years, have the privilege of going on the Archdiocese pilgrimage to Lourdes at the end of May with their school, where they will be helping sick pilgrims who would be unable to experience Lourdes without the assistance of volunteers. As they have to meet their own costs (£650 each), which needs to be paid to the school by the end of March, they need to undertake a variety of fundraising activities in the next 6 weeks, including holding cake sales at the end of Mass, and are also willing to assist with any odd jobs that people might have, such as car washing, gardening, house cleaning, and anything else that parishioners may need help with. Nearer the time, they would also be happy to take petitions for any parishioners and bring back some holy water if requested. It goes without saying, they would be very grateful for any financial support/prayers.

Carer Required: An elderly lady in the parish requires some support on 3 half-days a week at the rate of £11.50 per hour. Whilst references would need to be sought, anyone interested in providing such care should, in the first instance, make contact with the family on 07944 598759.

Secondary School Maths Tuition: If needed please ring 07716331678.

Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea: The first and third readings at every Sunday Mass are designed to echo each other, making a theme for the day. It is not always equally successful, but today they are a perfect match.

In the first reading the scene is this: in 732 or 734 B.C. an Assyrian king, Tiglath-Pileser III, captured great numbers of Galileans and brought them into exile and slavery. "King Tiglath-Pileser of Assyria came and... carried the people captive to Assyria" (2 Kings 15:29). Nevertheless, the prophet Isaiah is addressing a message of hope to them: "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned". Many centuries later, Jesus of Nazareth would go to live in that very part of the country where the people had been taken into slavery. Because of the geographical coincidence, the words of the ancient prophet came spontaneously to mind. To the people of his own time, Jesus too would be a light of hope in dark times. God appeared now to be fulfilling the prophecy made long ago by Isaiah.

Jesus is the bearer of *light*: "I am the *light* of the world," he said (John 8:12; 9:5). Without light, a way is not a way in practice: you can't follow it. He is also the bearer of *joy*: "You have multiplied the nation," said Isaiah (first reading). "You have increased its *joy*; the people rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest." Isaiah spoke these words in a time of utter depression for the people. Perhaps this is the test of real joy: whether it can cut through thick atmospheres of gloom.

When we say today that something is all "light and joy", we don't usually mean it as praise; we usually want to say that it is superficial. We have lost the capacity to have a straight relationship to light and joy: these seem unreal to us. We are more at home in darkness and gloom: they seem more real, more the inside story. Wherever we see something that is healthy we want to dig under it and expose its unsightly roots. Have you ever noticed a great hatred of life in people who have lost their inner direction? It is sometimes to be seen even in the cleverest people.... Many seem to have lost the capacity to take anything at face value. But we all know people whose faces are not a mask, whose thoughts and emotions are full of light and truth, who know real joy in their lives. Most of them lead ordinary unspectacular lives, but they should be our heroes.

A division in a family is a pain that never goes away. It casts a shadow over every family event – every wedding, every birthday, every Christmas.... The same is true of divisions in the Church, because we are God's family. We need *light*, and we need *joy*. We need them as urgently as we need food and air.