



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

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Hymns: OLAM: E: 572; O: 86; C: 493; R: 304

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 111(112):4-9

**R: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.**

### MASSES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

<b>Sat</b> 04/02/23	10:00 Mon	Feria	Holy Souls
	12:30 CTK		John Mitchell (Ann)
	18:00 OLAM		Jim Reeves (RIP)
<b>Sun</b> 05/02/23	10:00 CTK	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Christy Lamb (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Margaret Gasson (RIP)
<b>Mon</b> 06/02/23	08:00 Con.†	St Paul Miki & Companions, Mem.	Paul Carrie & Shaun Avery
	09:30 Mon.		Mark McLoughlin (RIP)
<b>Tue</b> 07/02/23	09:30 Mon.	Feria in OT	Margaret Gasson (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Karl Hay (RIP)
<b>Wed</b> 08/02/23	08:00 Con.†	Feria in OT	Sandra Pearson
	09:30 Mon.		Tom & Sadie Kennelly
<b>Thu</b> 09/02/23	09:30 Mon.†	Feria in OT	Jack Duigou (RIP)
	10:30 MPS		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12:00 CTK		Mrs M Judge & family
<b>Fri</b> 10/02/23	09:00 CTK	St Scholastica, Mem.	Pipus & Avery families
	10:30 Mon.		Private intention
<b>Sat</b> 11/02/23	10:00 Mon	Feria in OT	Paudie Holland (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Annette Deeley
	18:00 OLAM		John & Annie McDonnell (RIP)
<b>Sun</b> 12/02/23	10:00 CTK	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Gareth Friel (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Patrick Finn (RIP)

**Bible Study** with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the Guild Room at Christ The King **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 Angela Madigan and Joanne Fields. **Please pray for them and their families.**

**Pray for the souls** of Anne Fitzgibbons, Winifred Wagstaff, Paul Guilfoyle & John Fields who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.

**Funerals:** Ann Fitzgibbons: Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11:00, CTK; Winifred Wagstaff: Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Mar at 13:00, CTK.

**Are You Planning To Have Your Child Baptised?** If so, please come to the next monthly meeting, to the next monthly meeting, to be held at Christ the King Church on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 3:00pm.

**Last Two Weeks' Collection CTK**

Loose: £ 747.18  
 Envelopes: £ 193.61  
 Standing Orders: £ 206.69  
**Total: £ 1,147.48**

**Last Two Weeks' Collection OLAM**

Loose: £ 394.32  
 Envelopes: £ 267.20  
 Standing Orders: £ 51.92  
**Total: £ 713.44**

**(Above figures are for the last 2 Weeks)**

Christ the King		4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Feb
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	Theresa	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce McCarthy	Miriam & Sr Michele

**RCIA meeting** on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February in the Guild Room at 7:00pm.

**Male/Female Volunteers Needed for Dementia Lunch Club at Maryvale:** Kind-hearted, fun-loving individuals needed to befriend and support a lovely group of 10-12 elders - all of whom are "young at heart", living life to the full, with varying degrees of dementia – and provide a well-earned rest for their loved ones. Support would be needed from 9.30 – 2.15 on a Mon or a Wed at Maryvale Centre, Old Oscott Hill. Lots of fun activities on offer – crafts, games, quizzes, live music – lunch provided and good company on tap. If interested or want to know more, contact Sharon on 07495 711695.

**Christian Youth Group:** A new Youth Group, led by 2 of the Sisters and a small group of like-minded young adults from the parish, has been formed to engage with young people over the age of 13 within our 2 parishes, providing young people with an opportunity to make new friends, build social skills and confidence, gain leadership skills and celebrate their faith and sense of community. An initial meeting has already been held and the next meeting will take place in the Guild Room at the side of Christ The King Church at 7.00 p.m. on Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. If you are aged 13+ (and up to the age of 22) please come along and see what's on offer. It may be just what you need in your life, or maybe you will end up being "the person who makes a difference in the lives of others". Why not give it a go!!

**Secondary School Maths Tuition:** If needed please ring 07716 331678.

**A visit from Fr Philip Wrigley:** Fr Philip Wrigley, who was last year's leader of the house group from Oscott College, was ordained in his Diocese in the Summer. He is coming back for a visit at the weekend 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a voluntary collection for him next weekend.

**APF Red Mission Boxes:** Could anyone registered as holding a red Mission Box at home please bring these into Church, 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.

**Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea:**

"You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world." In the rite of Baptism, there is use of salt and light. "Once you were darkness," wrote St Paul, "but now in the Lord you are light" (Eph. 5:8). Saints and mystics, of all times, have played on this image of light as a way of speaking about God. The word 'divine' comes from a Sanskrit root, 'div', which means 'to shine'.

Light is from beyond our world; it is from the sun. Without sunlight, this planet would be a dark place. There would be no life, because every living thing owes its existence to light and is a form of light. We can never be self-sufficient. We are part of the physical system and we could never exist on our own. It is useful to remember this, after we have read a lot of statements about our being the crown of creation, etc.

The same is true of our spiritual reality. It would be as strange to think oneself spiritually self-sufficient as physically so. "Once you were darkness, now *in the Lord* you are light" (Eph. 5:8).

Does this mean that you are not really light at all? We have to look carefully. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (Jn 8:12; 9:5). But he also said, without qualification, "*You* are the light of the world" (Mt 5:14, today's reading). Are we to imagine that these lights are 'equal' in some sense? Meister Eckhart (14th Century) gave a useful image for this. He imagined the sun reflected in a mirror. "The sun sends forth its light-rays both from the mirror and from the sun's depth, and yet suffers no diminution". The reflection in the mirror is a sun, and yet the mirror is still just a mirror. Are the lights 'equal'? Yes and no. So it is with God, he said. "God is in the soul with His nature, with His being and with His Godhead, and yet He is not the soul."

The light in us is totally a received light, it is a gift. Yet, it is as truly ours as if it came from ourselves. This is because what God gives is not something added to the outside of our being; it is our being itself. God's giving is not a loan, God pours himself out in his gift, the Meister said. "I declare in all truth, by the eternal and everlasting truth, that into anyone who has abandoned self, right down to their ground, God must pour out His whole self in all His might, so utterly that neither of His life, nor His being, nor His nature, nor of His entire Godhead does He keep anything back, but must pour out the whole of it as fruitfulness into that person who, in abandonment to God, has assumed the lowest place."