



**The Parishes of
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and
Christ the King, Kingstanding**

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Hymns: OLAM: E: 312; O: 335; C: 408; R: 369.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13. **R: The Lord is compassion and love.**

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 18/02/23	Feria in OT	10:00 Mon	Sr. Deirdre Michael (RIP)
	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Joe McKeown (Ann)
18:00 OLAM		Patricia Nevit (RIP)	
10:00 CTK		Patricia Tams (Anni.)	
Sun 19/02/23		11:30 OLAM	Michael McMahon (RIP)
		08:00 Con.†	Mr & Mrs H Byrne & family
Mon 20/02/23	Feria in OT	09:30 Mon.	Wladyslaw & Eleanora Banat
		09:30 Mon.†	Private Intention
Tue 21/02/23	Feria in OT	12:00 CTK	Mr & Mrs E Kerrigan & family
		08:00 Con.†	Walter Murphy RIP
		09:30 Mon.	Margaret Gasson (RIP)
Wed 22/02/23	Ash Wednesday	12:00 CTK	John Mohammed (Ann.)
		19:00 CTK	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
		09:30 Mon.	Ciara Ward (RIP)
Thu 23/02/23	Thursday after Ash Wed.	10:30 CTK	John Fields - Requiem
		09:30 Mon.	Maurice Carrig (RIP)
Fri 24/02/23	Friday after Ash Wed.	11:00 OLAM	Paul Guilfoyle - Funeral service
		10:00 Mon	Bronislawa & Jozef Banat (RIP)
Sat 25/02/23	Saturday after Ash Wed.	12:30 CTK†	Louis Kent (RIP)
		18:00 OLAM	Donald Smith (RIP)
		10:00 CTK	Thomas Murphy & family
Sun 26/02/23	1st Sunday of Lent	11:30 OLAM	Maura Ranahan (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.**

RIP: Pray for the souls of John Fields (CTK, 23/02/23, 10:30), Paul Guilfoyle (OLAM, 24/02/23, 11:00), Winifred Wagstaff (CTK, 09/03/23, 14:00), Margaret Weir (CTK, 10/03/23 11:00), Tracy Byrne (OLAM, 11/03/23 09:30) and Kellan Whitehouse (CTK, 17/03/23, 11:30), and who all died recently and all anniversaries at this time.

Mass for Travellers with the Archbishop: on Sun 05/03/23 at 15:00. All welcome.

Ordination to the Priesthood: Please pray for Br. Joseph Casson who is going to be ordained priest on Wed 26/07/23. We hope he can come back to celebrate his first mass in Maryvale in the Summer.

Walk With Me booklets and calendar are now available for every household. Please make time for prayer.

RCIA meeting on Thurs 23/02/23 in the Guild Room at 7:00 pm.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose:	£	370.55
Envelopes:	£	80.79
Standing Orders:	£	206.69
Total:	£	658.03

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose:	£	220.29
Envelopes:	£	171.00
Standing Orders:	£	51.92
Total:	£	443.21

CAFOD Family Fast Day (Fri 03/03/23) – Lent Appeal (Sun 05/03/23)

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

Christ the King		18 th /19 th Feb	25 th /26 th 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	John McCarthy	Stephen Clarke
	Minister of Holy Communion	Angela & Joyce	Miriam & Sr Michele

Welcome To Fr Philip Wrigley: We extend a warm welcome to Fr Philip Wrigley, who was ordained in the summer, but visited us several times in the previous 12 months as the leader of the house group from Oscott College associated with this parish. He will be here with us for the weekend.

Are You Planning To Have Your Child Baptised? If so, please speak to Fr The-Quang at the Sunday mass that you attend and come to the next monthly meeting, held at Christ the King Church, on Sun 5th March at 3:00pm.

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.

Fund-raising Idea: After the success of the New Christmas Craft Fayre in November we very much hope to do it again this year. To help us plan ahead, if you have any Gifts that might not be suitable for you, instead of passing them on to a Charity Shop, please consider donating them to the parish to either be used as tombola prizes at the Fayre or to support parishioners in need throughout the year. Any donations can be left with Cath Madden at the School or Margaret who helps Fr. The out in the Presbytery. If you can help, it would be very much appreciated.

25th Feb: Half day of recollection for the people of the two parishes, at the Convent, starting at 15:00 and ending around 18:00. This monthly event is a great opportunity to create a stronger communion among us all, to reflect on God's Word and spend some time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome.

Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea: How many songs are about love? Nearly all of them. How many novels? About half; the rest are about criminal activity. How many poems? Not many good ones; the theme is somehow too predictable. But the American poet Jessica Powers, a Carmelite nun, wrote a memorable one. After she had scattered some ideas about it in the usual way, some deeper wisdom spoke in her, asking,

*Did you sow this seed around your house, or in the neighbour's garden
or any nearby acreage of need?*

No? then it will not grow in outer places.

Love has its proper soil, its native land; its first roots fasten on the near-at-hand.

She captured the tendency in all of us to place love (and all the things that challenge us) at a distance. We place them at a distance (1) in time, or (2) in place.

1. We are always willing to *postpone* good things, someone said, but bad things we do right away. We would like to postpone faith, hope and love: to put them over the horizon and into the future. But fear, greed and anger we attend to immediately. Love is one of the good things - the very best, St Paul said ("the greatest of these is love" 1 Cor. 13:13) - so we tend to postpone it. But somewhere deep in us there is the wisdom to know that love is for now or never.
2. And we wouldn't mind loving people who are at a safe distance, as Jessica Powers let us see in that poem. When I love I make myself vulnerable. But if I am afraid of that I won't love.

If only we could do the good things now and postpone the bad things! What a world it would be if our love were as quick and as warm and as long-lasting as our hate! A wise man said a startling thing to me once: "There's no future". I thought he was expressing despair about the country or the modern world.... But he didn't seem at all a despairing kind of person. Quite the contrary. "There's no future," he repeated cheerfully. "The future exists only in your head, nowhere else. It is only an idea. So don't tell me what you're going to do in the future. Tell me what you're doing now."

That thought has deep roots, going all the way down to my personal identity. If I ask myself the question, "Who am I?" that wise man would have me ask myself, "What am I doing *now*?" If I don't love the people and the things around me *now* I am not a loving person and I can have nothing to say about love. If I am not forgiving my enemies now, I'm denying my Christian identity. We don't say, "Give us tomorrow our daily bread". We want real bread, not an idea of bread. Real things are for now. And God, too, is for now. If I don't love now I know nothing about God. "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love" (1 Jn 4:8).