



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

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Hymns: OLAM: E: 53; O: 449; R: 285.

**Communion Hymn:** Lord, Jesus Christ, your light shine within us. Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me. Lord, Jesus Christ, your light shine within us. Let my heart always welcome your love.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

**R: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

### MASSES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat	04/03/23	Lent Feria	10:00 Mon	Sr Deirdre Michael (RIP)
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	12:30 CTK	Clara Perry (Ann)
Sun	05/03/23			18:00 OLAM
		10:00 CTK		Annie Rochford (Anniversary)
Mon	06/03/23	Lent Feria	11:30 OLAM	Mary Finn (RIP)
			08:00 Con.†	Tom Murphy & Family
Tue	07/03/23	Lent Feria	09:30 Mon.	Holy Souls
			09:30 Mon.†	Bridget Quinn (Anni.)
Wed	08/03/23	Lent Feria	12:00 CTK	Billy & Una Delahunty (RIP)
			08:00 Con.†	Luke Byrne (100th Birthday)
Thu	09/03/23	Lent Feria	09:30 Mon.	David Cotton (Get Well)
			09:30 Mon.†	Alan & Stephaie Holland (RIP)
Fri	10/03/23	Lent Feria	10:30 MPS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
			12:00 CTK	Muriel Cowan
Sat	11/03/23	Lent Feria	14:00 CTK	<b>Winifred Wagstaff - Requiem</b>
			09:00 CTK	Fr. Kevin (RIP)
Sun	12/03/23	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	09:30 Mon.	Liturgy of the Word with Communion Service
			11:00 CTK	<b>Margaret Weir - Funeral Service</b>
Sat	11/03/23	Lent Feria	09:15 OLAM	<b>Tracy Parsons - Requiem</b>
			10:00 Mon	Sr Deirdre Michael (RIP)
Sun	12/03/23	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	12:30 CTK	Maureen D'arcy (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Tia-Mae Calman (Ann.)
Sun	12/03/23		10:00 CTK†	Luke Byrne (100th B'day)
			11:30 OLAM	Paddy Walsh (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, Joanne Fields and David Cotton. **Please pray for them and their families.**

**RIP:** Please pray for the souls of Winifred Wagstaff, Kellan Whitehouse, Tracy Parsons, and Winifred Maher who died recently & all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Funerals:** W Wagstaff: CTK, 09/03/23, 14:00; T Parsons: OLAM, 11/03/23; K Whitehouse: CTK, 17/03/23, 11:30; W Maher: OLAM, 27/03/23, 12:00.

**Stations of the Cross:** This devotion is held at Christ the King Church every Friday at 7:00pm during Lent.

**Please pray for** Emma Cure and her children, Courtney Shanahan and her daughter who will be baptised at Easter.

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

**Last Weeks' Collection CTK**

Loose:	£	339.27
Envelopes:	£	97.80
Standing Orders:	£	206.69
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>643.76</b>

**Last Weeks' Collection OLAM**

Loose:	£	203.52
Envelopes:	£	173.00
Standing Orders:	£	51.92
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>428.44</b>

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend for CAFOD Lenten Fast Day which was on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Christ the King		4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> March	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> March
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	Patience	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Angela & Joyce	Marianne & Sr Michele

**Luke Byrne Celebrates His 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March** and, apart from celebrating with his immediate family and close friends on the day, he would also like to have a spiritual celebration and an opportunity to give thanks to God for his longevity of life and the many blessings he has received. In order to fulfil this wish, plans have been made for this to centre around the **10:00 am Mass at Christ the King on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March** with family and the Christ the King community, he fondly regards as his friends. After the Mass, a "gathering" will then take place in the St John's Centre, with refreshments, where everyone will have an opportunity to speak to Luke, to share memories of him and his beloved wife Delia over the years. We (the family) look forward to seeing you there, and to spend time in prayer, thanksgiving and chat for his long happy and fruitful life in faith.

**Sponsorship of The Sanctuary Lamp:** The economics of running the Parish has prompted us to look at innovative ways of covering various regular expenses. A number of Parishes have allowed people to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp, which is always lit above the Tabernacle, indicating the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar. I have been approached to allow this on our Sanctuary, so that those who wish to have a presence in remembrance of their families over the Altar, may do so. It has been proposed that we do this monthly, at a payment of £25 for a month to help with our costs and give Parishioners an opportunity to have a remembrance in memory of their loved ones on the Altar. We will make a list of people, initially starting from 1<sup>st</sup> April, so if you wish to do this for a month, please approach me and let me know.

**New Heights Vacancies:** Recruitment is taking place to fill the following vacancies within New Heights:-

- Community Response Worker – 20 hours, Mon-Thurs – Term Time Only (Fixed Term to Dec 2024)
- Café 'Warm Space' & 'Activities' Co-ordinator – 20 hours Mon-Fri (Temp 6 Month Contract)
- Finance Assistant – 8 hours per week, days/time to be arranged with Project Manager
- Self-Employed Cleaner (immediate start) 7 hrs per week – days/times to be arranged with Project Manager

For further information/an application pack - visit [www.new-heights.org.uk](http://www.new-heights.org.uk) or email [enquiries@new-heights.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@new-heights.org.uk)

**Gift Aid Envelopes** are available from this weekend. Those who have signed up for the Gift Aid scheme and would like to use the envelopes please help yourselves to a box & leave your name & envelope number for recording.

**One-off Fuel Energy Vouchers for those on low incomes are available.** Winvic/IMProperties will be featuring a pop-up energy voucher stand at Trussell Trust Foodbanks close to their site in Erdington. They will run this every Tue/Thu starting on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, during foodbank opening hours (12pm-2pm) until all 1,000 vouchers have been allocated. Details are available from a member of the SVP.

**"The Greatest Sign of His Love – A Journey Through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus"**. As part of the Parish's Lenten preparation, several Seminarians from Oscott are leading on 4 inspirational themed talks under the above title, all of which will be held at the Convent on Hawthorn Road at 7:00pm on each of the four Monday evenings in March. The 1<sup>st</sup> one, on **Mon 6<sup>th</sup> March, will focus on Palm Sunday**, with the events of **Maundy Thursday** being considered on **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> March, Good Friday on 20<sup>th</sup> March** and ending with the events of **Holy Saturday on 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Please consider participating in these unique events which have been arranged to enable us to fully understand and prepare for Eastertide.

**Estates Manager** position working for Father Hudson's Care across multiple sites in Coleshill. The role is full time (37 hours) with a salary of £35086-40152 and an on call allowance of £110 per week (usually on call 2 out of every 4 weeks). If you would like to discuss the Estate Manager position please call our CEO Andy Quinn on 07966 935533 (direct applicants only, no agencies), or see vacancy details and download an application form here <https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/vacancies/facilities-manager/337.htm>

**Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea:** The Transfiguration of Christ is recorded in the first three Gospels (Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9). The fourth does not recount the story, but John 1:14 could possibly be a reference to it: "We have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." And Peter wrote, "We were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father, when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain" (2 Peter 1:16-18).

This voice from heaven was heard before, at his baptism in the Jordan. The words were the same in all three gospels (except that Matthew says 'This is my Son,' while Mark and Luke write 'You are my Son'). In each case, a cloud overshadows him (the cloud was frequently an image of God's glorious presence in the Old Testament: for example, in Exodus 19:9; Leviticus 16:2; etc.). So, the scene is like a backward glance to the beginning of his work. It is also a glance to the future: it is like a moment's preview of the Resurrection. The beginning and the end of the story are brought together in one luminous moment.

In all three Gospels, this Transfiguration scene comes just after Jesus predicted his suffering and death for the first time. Death, and even the thought of death, freezes the action and brings the whole of one's life into a point. But that point is not a fading into extinction; it is a moment of Transfiguration. In this, lies the meaning of our own suffering too.