



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



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Hymns: OLAM: E: 219; O: 37; C: 368; R: 526.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94(95):1-2,6-9 **R: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 11/03/23	Lent Feria	10:00 Mon	Sr Deirdre Michael (RIP)
	3rd 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)
Mon 13/03/23	Lent Feria	11:30 OLAM	Paddy Walsh (RIP)
		08:00 Con.	Holy Souls
Tue 14/03/23	Lent Feria	09:30 Mon.	Fr. Kevin (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Theresa McElhinney (RIP)
Wed 15/03/23	Lent Feria	12:00 CTK	Bernadette Bromage
		08:00 Con.	Theresa Mulvihill
Thu 16/03/23	Lent Feria	09:30 Mon.	Jozefa & Henryk Szmalec (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Lisa Marie (RIP) & Her Family
		10:30 MPS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
Fri 17/03/23	St. Patrick, Bishop Patron Saint of Ireland	12:00 CTK	Joanne Fields
		09:00 CTK	Annie Smith (RIP)
		10:30 Mon.	Siser Ehna (RIP)
Sat 18/03/23	Lent Feria	11:30 CTK	Kellan Whitehouse - Requiem
		10:00 Mon	Private Intention
Sun 19/03/23	4th Sunday of Lent	12:30 CTK	Dora McKeown (Ann)
		18:00 OLAM	Michael Foley (RIP)
		10:00 CTK	David Ward
		11:30 OLAM	Maria Wright (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.

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

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 Kellan Whitehouse and Winifred Maher who died recently & all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Funerals:** K Whitehouse: CTK, 17/03/23, 11:30; W Maher: OLAM, 27/03/23, 12:00.

"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 Seminarists 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 1st one, on **Mon 6th March, will focus on Palm Sunday**, with the events of **Maundy Thursday** being considered on **Mon 13th March, Good Friday on 20th March** and ending with the events of **Holy Saturday on 27th March**. Please consider participating in these unique events which have been arranged to enable us to fully understand and prepare for Eastertide.

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

Last Weeks' Collection CTK

Loose: £ 374.94
 Envelopes: £ 87.00
 Standing Orders: £ 206.69
Total: £ 668.63

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 208.44
 Envelopes: £ 134.00
 Standing Orders: £ 51.92
Total: £ 394.36

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Last Week's Collection for CAFOD:

CTK: £296.87

OLAM: £178.90

Christ the King		11th/12th March	18th/19th March
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	Theresa	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Ordinary Ministers	Ordinary Ministers

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.

Luke Byrne Celebrates His 100th Birthday on Wed 8th 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 12th 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 have prompted us to look at innovative ways of covering the 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 1st 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 or email enquiries@new-heights.org.uk

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>

New Live-Streaming System: We have had a new Audio Visual System installed for Live-Streaming of Services, especially the 10.00 Sunday Mass and Funerals. You can access the Stream by clicking on the Link from our Website and then clicking the small circular Icon next to Christ the King on the YouTube link, or going into YouTube, typing in Christ the King Kingstanding in the Search Bar and then clicking the "Live" picture screen that shows up. Please let other Parishioners who access our Masses via the Internet know that this is now available.

Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea: Any storyteller would wish to have been the author of this story; it is one of the best-loved passages in the New Testament. The way in which the woman is led from incomprehension to dawning deeper awareness at a deeper level is splendid. The setting and the imagery (well and water) hold the story together and lead the reader, along with the Samaritan woman, to that deeper level.

The image in the second part of the story is bread. These two images then – bread and water – hold the entire scene together. Bread and water are simple realities in themselves, but how essential! Hunger and thirst are able to command our full attention. Every reader of the story soon realises that Jesus is speaking of a deeper hunger and thirst. The emptiness of the heart is an even more painful condition than physical hunger.

We know all about this today, despite (or because of) the many things we fill our lives with. We can imagine - but sometimes scarcely - what a deeply satisfied heart would feel like. The great 19th-century preacher C.H. Spurgeon let loose a torrent of eloquence on this subject. The disciple of Christ, he wrote, "finds in religion such a spring of joy, such a fountain of consolation, that he is content and happy. Put him in a dungeon and he will find good company; place him in a barren wilderness, he will eat the bread of heaven; drive him away from friendship, he will meet the 'friend that sticketh closer than a brother....' Sap the foundation of his earthly hopes, but his heart will still be fixed, trusting in the Lord. The heart is as insatiable as the grave till Jesus enters it, and then it is a cup full to overflowing. There is such a fulness in Christ that He alone is the believer's all."

It is very heroic language, certainly, pointing to a far horizon, making us aware how close and narrow are the horizons we settle down with. Still, it is good to be reminded that hopes, like horizons, keep on expanding forever – provided that we are moving.