



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



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Hymns: OLAM: E: 410; O: 571; C: 506; R: 312

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24

R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat	15/04/23	Easter Saturday	10:00 Mon	Janina & Krystyna	
		Second Sunday of Easter <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	12:30 CTK†	Pat & Gill Walsh (Ann)	
18:00 OLAM	Tommny Murtagh, Margaret & Peter Harvey (Ann)				
10:00 CTK	Karl Hay (RIP)				
Sun	16/04/23		11:30 OLAM	James Green (Ann.)	
Mon	17/04/23	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.†	Tommy Beirne (RIP)	
			09:30 Mon.	Private Intention	
Tue	18/04/23	Easter Feria	09:30 Mon.†	Maria Wright (RIP)	
			12:00 CTK	Lee Woolman (RIP)	
Wed	19/04/23	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.†	Margaret Head	
			09:30 Mon.	Christina, Eileen & Suzanne	
			11:00 OLAM	Kathleen Sheils - Requiem	
Thu	20/04/23	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.†	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES	
			09:30 Mon.	Bernadette Duggan (RIP)	
Fri	21/04/23	Easter Feria	09:30 Mon.	Wendy Gasson (Birthday Thanks)	
			12:00 CTK	Michael Canavan (RIP) Bday	
Sat	22/04/23	Easter Feria	10:00 Mon	Peter Nguyen Van Khang (RIP)	
			Third Sunday of Easter	12:30 CTK	Kevin Berns (Ann)
				18:00 OLAM†	Annie McDonnell (Ann.)
Sun	23/04/23		10:00 CTK	Lawrence Tams (Anni.)	
			11:30 OLAM	Margaret Morrison (Ann.)	

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.

Anniversaries: Easter Sunday: Deacon Jack Foxall, Mick Clarke; Kathleen Butlin (15/04/23)

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 Michael Riordan, Michelle Green and Margaret Gannon who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

Funerals: Kathleen Sheils: OLAM, Wed 19/04/23, 11:00; Bishop David McGough: St Chad's, Thu 20/04/23, 12:00; Michelle Green: OLAM, Mon 15/05/23; 11:00; Margaret Gannon: OLAM, Wed 17/05/23; 11:30.

SANCTUARY LAMP: The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is **dedicated throughout the month of April, for members of the Walsh family circle**, both living and deceased.

EASTER OFFERINGS: Thank you very much for your generous offerings to myself at Easter. You and your families are constantly in my prayers. Fr. The.

Christ the King		15 th /16 th April	22 nd /23 rd April
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen Foxall	Kathleen Foxall
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa Wilkin	Ordinary Ministers
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Angela	John
	Minister of Holy Communion	Ordinary Ministers	Marianne & Joyce

VOTE FOR MARYVALE: Voting is now open for the current round of grant funding from Tesco's. The Maryvale Community Project, which runs activities for the elderly/people with disabilities, is one of the 3 finalists to receive a grant of between £500 - £1,500, but to be successful, **THEY NEED YOUR VOTE!** It won't cost you a penny more but, if you shop in any Tesco outlet (big or small) in the surrounding areas – you can pick up a blue token at the till each time you shop (at any time over the next 3 months) and place it in the perspex container marked "**Maryvale**" as you leave the store. **THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO DO.** (At the New Oscott Supermarket its "neck and neck" at the present time, but early days)!!

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 this by clicking on the live Link on the Parish Website, <http://www.christ-theking.org.uk/> and then watching the Live Service, or going into YouTube, typing in Christ the King Kingstanding in the Search Bar and then clicking the "Live" picture screen that shows up. This can also be watched later. Please let other Parishioners that access our Masses know that this is now available.

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 7th May at 3:00pm.

Clergy Training Fund: The Clergy Training Fund is used to pay for the training of new priests and permanent deacons. There is an appeal at all Masses this weekend for people to sign up to make regular donations. Gift aid/standing order forms and envelopes are available at the back of Church for those who would like to contribute to this important work.

Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea:

The year was about 90 A.D. John's generation was disappearing; none of the younger Christians had known Jesus in the flesh, nor had they witnessed his appearances after the Resurrection. John's Gospel wants to include them. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe".

Thomas refused to believe what he had not seen; later he saw and believed. What did he see? Nothing that a sceptic couldn't reasonably doubt. "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced, even if someone rises from the dead" (Luke 16:30). It takes more than eye-witnessing to make faith. A faith that restricts itself to what is evident to the senses and reason is faith in reason, not faith in God or in Jesus.... Religious faith is not a balance of evidence, but an opening of the mind and heart to God.

Is our faith then "irrational"? The traditional answer is "no": it is not *against* reason, but *beyond* it, nevertheless overlapping in part. There is a strong temptation to remain within that overlap, effectively reducing the faith to a kind of "philosophy for the millions". If a person wanted to discredit the faith, the best way would be to argue weakly in its favour. In rejecting the arguments, people would also reject the faith. Sadly, this is just what we often do.

An argument is like a lock; we talk about 'clinging' an argument. It is always useful to ask yourself what you have won when you have won an argument. What have you pinned down and enclosed, what do you now have in your grip? It can often be a lonely thing to win an argument; you are left with a little patch that you have identified with yourself, and you have missed the wide world – and possibly caused your opponent to miss it as well.

The disciples had locked themselves in. Fear was their motive, as it is the motive behind all locks. Suddenly, "Jesus came and stood among them". It does not say that he knocked on the door and asked to be admitted: they would not have believed him anyway. It does not say he rattled keys in the lock: that would have frightened them even more. Inexplicably, against all sense and reason, he stood among them; he stood within the tight circle of their fear. Fear is a lock that can be opened only from the inside. Jesus still stands within the sealed and guarded heart, if we dare to let ourselves believe it.