



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

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Hymns: OLAM: E: 413; O: 488; C: 464; R: 175

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23 **R: The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.**

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 29/04/23	Feast of St. Catherine of Sienna	10:00 Mon	Mr. & Mrs. Redding (RIP)
	Fourth Sunday of Easter	12:30 CTK	Sean McNally
18:00 OLAM		Grace Deane (Anni.)	
Sun 30/04/23		10:00 CTK	Margaret Gray and Bill Rice (RIP)
11:30 OLAM		Denis Eyre	
Mon 01/05/23	St Joseph, the worker, Mem.	08:00 Con.	Intentions of Gerard Cunningham
		09:30 Mon.	James Doyle (Get well)
Tue 02/05/23	St Athanasius, Mem.	09:30 Mon.	Private Intention
		12:00 CTK	Pete Brazil (RIP)
Wed 03/05/23	Ss Philip & James, Feast	08:00 Con.	Kathleen Shiels (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Brendan & Bernie Reilly (Get Well)
Thu 04/05/23	English Martyrs, Feast	09:00 OLAM	Mikula Banat & Czapiewski families (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
		12:00 CTK	Thomas Byrne (RIP)
Fri 05/05/23	Easter Feria	09:00 CTK	Marian, Tadek & Tolek Mikula (RIP)
		10:30 Mon.	Maria Stefan Nycz
		12:00 CTK	Canavan/Stapleton/Hayden Families (RIP)
Sat 06/05/23	Easter Feria	10:00 Mon	Maria TL Pham & Joseph VT Nguyen
		12:30 CTK	Kellan Whitehouse (RIP)
		18:00 OLAM	Eileen Zegiestowski (RIP Ann)
Sun 07/05/23	Fifth Sunday of Easter	10:00 CTK	James Fisher (Ann)
		11:30 OLAM	Fr. Matthew O.S.B. Tylor

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, Elizabeth Teague, Joanne Fields and David Cotton. **Please pray for them and their families.**

RIP: Pray for Michelle Green, Margaret Gannon, Pauline Brittle & John Connaire who all passed away recently & for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** Michelle Green: OLAM, Mon 15/05/23, 11:00; Margaret Gannon: OLAM, Wed 17/05/23, 11:30; Pauline Brittle: CTK, Wed 31/05/23, 10:30.

Are You Planning To Have Your Child Baptised? If so, please come to the next monthly meeting, to be held at Christ the King Church on Sunday 7th May at 3:00pm.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is **dedicated throughout May, for members of the Ollerenshaw family circle**, both living and deceased.

2ND COLLECTION: THERE WILL BE A 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE CLERGY TRAINING FUND.

Last Weeks' Collection CTK

Loose: £ 310.16
 Envelopes: £ 141.50
 Standing Orders: £ 265.84
Total: £ 717.50

Thank you for your generous support

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 166.47
 Envelopes: £ 260.70
 Standing Orders: £ 250.38
Total: £ 677.55

Christ the King		29 th /30 th April	6 th /7 th May
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen Foxall	Kathleen Foxall
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue Nugent	Ordinary Minister
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Steve	Patience/Maggi
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce McCarthy	Marianne

Youth Group meeting on Friday 05/05/23 at 7:00pm in the Guild Room of Christ the King parish.

Banns of Marriage between Daniel McNeill and Jordan Morris of the Parish of Christ the King. If anybody knows any cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, please declare it. This is for the first publication of the required Banns.

Message from Deacon Gary

Our celebration of Father Thé's 25th Anniversary of his Ordination on the day itself will not be our only opportunity to give thanks for his priestly service over those years and especially for his ministry among us in these parishes. There will be a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving at 3 pm on Sunday 11th June (Corpus Christi) at Christ the King followed by a reception in the Kingstanding Inn. All are welcome. This Mass will fulfil the Sunday Obligation. However, for those not able to be present, there will be the usual Sunday Masses at the normal times as well.

An Irish Variety Concert featuring Little Jimmy, John Murphy, Peter Collins, Michael Kelly & "The Boys In Green" will be held at Maryvale Community Centre on Saturday 20th May at 7.30 p.m. This is a great chance for members of both Parishes to get together, especially with the evenings being brighter. Tickets £6 (including light refreshments – bring your own drinks) can be obtained from Michael Collins at Maryvale (Tel: 07941 250362).

Message from Alex Richards (Altar Server at Maryvale) "Thanks to everyone who has helped my twin brother and I in our fundraising efforts to support us in our 1st ever trip to Lourdes, where we will be volunteering to help less abled pilgrims participate fully in this wonderful experience. If anyone would like us to take their private intentions to the Shrine or bring back small bottles of Holy Water, please let us know through Fr. The or one of the Deacons".

Choir Camp 2023 With Dana: A singing weekend for all ages and abilities takes place at Dunfield House, Herefordshire from 2nd to 4th June with Eurovision legend Dana. For more information, call 01922 915 230.

Bethsaida is a free training course for over 18s, covering six subjects: 1). Called to a definite service; 2). Creating an engaging youth programme; 3). Sharing our faith; 4). Group work and leadership (for young people and leaders); 5). Creating a safe environment (GDPR, Safeguarding); 6). Digital ministry. The course spreads over these Wednesdays, all on zoom from 7pm till 9pm: 26th April, 3rd May, 10th May, 17th May, 24th May. This course is totally free, has been really popular, and will be provided by experienced professionals in the field of parish ministry. If you (or someone you know) would like to talk part, please email me freya.scott@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk and I can send you a sign up form and a zoom link.

Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea: Today is known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and each year the Gospel reading focuses on some aspect of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. This year (Year A) it is "I am the gate of the sheepfold" (Jn 10:1-10). Year B: 'The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep' (Jn 10:11-18). Year C: "My sheep hear my voice ... I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish" (Jn 10:27-30).

When Jesus said, "All who came before me are thieves and bandits," he can hardly have meant to include the great prophets such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel.... But there were plenty of his contemporaries who deserved to be described as spiritual thieves and bandits. They are always a plentiful species - or 'we' because the hat fits. The expression 'a wolf in sheep's clothing' we owe to Aesop, whose stories have delighted and instructed children and adults alike for twenty-five centuries. "A wolf found great difficulty in getting at the sheep owing to the vigilance of the shepherd and his dogs. But one day it found the skin of a sheep that had been flayed and thrown aside, so it put it on over its own pelt and strolled down among the sheep. The lamb that belonged to the sheep, whose skin the wolf was wearing, began to follow the wolf in the sheep's clothing; so, leading the lamb a little apart, he soon made a meal of her."

A deceiver has to look like the real thing – has to look and sound genuine. Otherwise he will deceive nobody. Someone can quote and preach the Gospel to you, making all the right sounds and looking very serious, while robbing you spiritually – robbing you even of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit in you: your wisdom, your understanding... your fortitude... your joy.... Jesus gives the Spirit, the deceiver steals it away. You are in far less danger from someone who doesn't sound in the least like a Christian.

The genuine shepherd "goes ahead of the sheep and they follow him." Perhaps that is the key to discernment. Does your shepherd go before you into the crises and the mysteries, or does he tell you what to do and then just look on? Would he suffer for you? Would he lay down his life – or even just his pride, or a generous measure of his time? If he is reluctant to do this, then beware of him.

But Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He goes before us (as shepherds did in those days). A great 20th-century theologian said, "No matter how low you fall in your life, you will meet Jesus coming up from deeper down to meet you".