



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

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Hymns: OLAM: E: 12; O: 41; C: 48; R: 416

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20** *R: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat	13/05/23	Easter Feria	10:00 Mon	Private Intention
		Sixth Sunday of Easter	12:30 OLAM	Alf Broth (Ann)
18:00 OLAM	Kitty Heaney			
11:30 OLAM†	Joan & Eric Fielding (RIP)			
Sun	14/05/23		10:00 CTK	Mary Levell (RIP)
Mon	15/05/23	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.†	Fr. Jerzy & Roza and Anna
			09:30 Mon.	Maria Wright (RIP)
			11:00 OLAM	Michelle Anna Green - Funeral Service
Tue	16/05/23	Easter Feria	09:30 Mon.†	Michael (Jack) Doherty (RIP)
			12:00 CTK	Bridie Maher (RIP)
Wed	17/05/23	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.†	Bernard Kelly (RIP)
			09:30 Mon.	Czestaw Trapszo (RIP)
			11:30 CTK	Margaret Gannon - Requiem
Thu	18/05/23	The Ascension – Solemnity <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	09:30 Mon.†	Teresa Collins (Birthday)
			10:30 MPS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
			12:00 CTK	Bridie Moloney (RIP)
Fri	19/05/23	Easter Feria	09:00 CTK	Owen Francis Benedict O'Brien (RIP)
			10:30 Mon.	Intention of Anne Cosgrove Group
Sat	20/05/23	Easter Feria	10:00 Mon	Intention of Bridgie & Eamon Deane
			Seventh Sunday of Easter	12:30 CTK
18:00 OLAM	Bridie & Patrick Clarke (Ann.)			
Sun	21/05/23			10:00 CTK†
			11:30 OLAM	Mary McGorman (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, Elizabeth Teague, Joanne Fields and David Cotton. **Please pray for them and their families.**

RIP: Pray for Michelle Green, Margaret Gannon, Pauline Brittle, Kathleen Healy, John Connaire & Francis Renders 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:** CTK, Wed 17/05/23, 11:30; **Pauline Brittle:** CTK, Wed 31/05/23, 12:00; **Kathleen Healy:** CTK, Fri 02/06/23, 11:30.

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.

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 4th June at 3:00pm.

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.

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

Last Weeks' Collection CTK

Loose:	£ 276.04
Envelopes:	£ 122.00
Standing Orders:	£ 265.84
Total:	£ 663.88

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM

Loose:	£ 107.15
Envelopes:	£ 154.04
Standing Orders:	£ 250.38
Total:	£ 511.57

There will be a second collection next weekend for "Catholic Communications".

Christ the King		13 th /14 th May	20 th /21 st May
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Tracy Cattell	Kathleen Foxall
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue Nugent	Theresa Wilkin
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Theresa	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sr Michele	Joyce McCarthy

An Irish Variety Concert featuring Little Jimmy, John Murphy, Peter Collins, Michael Kelly & "The Boys In Green" will be held at Maryvale Community Centre **next 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".

Don't Forget To Continue To Vote For Maryvale When Shopping At Tesco's: It won't cost you a penny – just do your shopping as normal, pick up some blue tokens at the till and place them in the Perspex container on your way out. The Maryvale Community Project, which runs activities for the elderly/people with disabilities, are still in 2nd place, so your vote might just make all the difference and gain them a financial grant.

Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting is on Wed 24th May at 7 pm in Maryvale Community Centre. The Agenda always has a place reserved for any comments/suggestions from the congregation, so if there is anything you would like the Council to consider, please speak to any of the Parish Council Members after Mass.

First Holy Communion Preparation: Could the parents of Catholic children in **Year 2** in both Primary Schools (Christ The King and Maryvale) please book an appointment by email to see Fr. The-Quang at their home to enrol their children for preparation for First Confession in 2024 and First Holy Communion in 2025.

Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea: "The Lord is my shepherd." A familiar phrase – but how would you feel if you heard someone say "The Lord is my defence lawyer?" Yet that is the basic meaning of the word 'paraclete'. It has many different connotations, of course, in John's Gospel: spokesperson, mediator, intercessor, teacher, comforter, consoler ... everything except accuser – so there is hope for us all.

If this sounds new to you, then you may have been thinking of God all along as your enemy and accuser. Don't be surprised: millions are in the same boat.

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate," Jesus said; clearly, he himself is the first advocate. He is explicitly called that in 1 John 2:1, "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the just one." Sadly many Christians feel that Jesus too is their judge rather than their defence lawyer, spokesperson, mediator.... In the Scriptures the accuser is *Satan*, not Jesus! "The accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God" (Rev 12:10).

The other Advocate or Paraclete promised by Jesus is the Holy Spirit. He is a witness to Jesus; he will continue the work of Jesus, mediating the divine presence to the disciples; he will remind them of what Jesus taught them, he will continue to interpret Jesus to them.

At the end of his 1st book on the Holy Spirit, Yves Congar, one of the greatest 20th-century theologians, has a section entitled 'Substitutes for the Holy Spirit.' He quotes the severe criticism by a P. Pare who claimed that the Catholic Church has three substitutes for the Holy Spirit: the Blessed Sacrament, the Blessed Virgin & the Pope. Congar writes, "This criticism is certainly exaggerated. Nonetheless, Pare is criticising something not entirely fanciful". Congar then goes on to quote hair-raising statements by past Popes, Cardinals & Bishops that gave rise to Pare's criticism. It shows clearly that, when we leave the Holy Spirit out of the picture, we damage not only that particular doctrine of the Faith but all the other doctrines as well. Congar continues, "Vatican II was explicit in giving the Holy Spirit the rightful place".

Pope Pius IX (in the 1800s) wrote, "The beginning, root and indefectible source of the unity of the Church is the supreme authority...of Peter and ... his successors on the Roman throne". But Pope Paul VI wrote in a very different vein, "It is *the Holy Spirit* who animates and sanctifies the Church. He is her divine breath, the wind in her sails, the principle of her unity, the inner source of her light and strength. The Holy Spirit is her support and consoler, the source of her charisms and songs, her peace and her joy, her pledge and prelude to blessed and eternal life."

What the soul does for the body the Holy Spirit does for the Church. "Without the Holy Spirit," said Ignatius of Laodicea (Orthodox Metropolitan, at the third assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppsala, in 1968) "God is distant, Christ is merely an historical figure, the Gospel is a dead letter, the Church is just an organisation, authority is domination, mission is propaganda, liturgy is only nostalgia, and the work of Christians is slave labour. But with the Holy Spirit, Christ is risen and present, the Gospel is a living force, the Church is a communion in the life of the Trinity, authority is a service that sets people free, mission is Pentecost, the liturgy is memory and anticipation, and the labour of Christians is divinised."