



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

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Hymns: OLAM: E: 83; O: 82; C: 460; R: 336.

Psalm 103(104):1-2,24,27-30,35.

R: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 27/05/23	St Augustine of Canterbury	10:00 Mon	Peter Ng V Khang (RIP)
	Solemnity of Pentecost	12:30 CTK	Arthur McKeown (Ann)
18:00 OLAM		Margaret & William Doherty (RIP)	
Sun 28/05/23		10:00 CTK	Alexander McKenna (RIP) Ann.
11:30 OLAM		Kathleen Shiels (RIP)	
Mon 29/05/23	Solemnity of Dedication	08:00 Con.	Luke Byrne
Tue 30/05/23	Feria	09:30 Mon.	Intention of Clodagh & Brendan
		09:30 Mon.	Intention of Maura Regan
		12:00 CTK	Ann Kelly (RIP)
Wed 31/05/23	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	08:00 Con.	Lena Ruggiem (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
		12:00 CTK	Requiem - Pauline Brittle
Thu 01/06/23	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, Feast	09:30 Mon.	Healing
Fri 02/06/23	Feria	12:00 CTK	Noreen Kelleher (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Peter McAndrew (RIP)
		11:30 CTK	Kathleen Healy - Funeral Service
Sat 03/06/23	St Charles Lwanga & Com., Martyrs	10:00 Mon	Ngo Family
	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	12:30 CTK	Antony Gilbert (Ann)
18:00 OLAM		Michelle Green (RIP)	
Sun 04/06/23		10:00 CTK	Conal O'Donnell (RIP)
11:30 OLAM		Norrie Calton (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: Please pray for James Christopher Ranahan who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

Ordination: Brother Joseph Carron's ordination to the priesthood has been brought forward to Monday 12th June, 11:00am at Pluscarden Abbey. Please pray for him as he is preparing for his priestly ministry.

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 next Sunday 4th June at 3:00pm.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is **dedicated throughout June for members of the Heathcote & Mageean families**, both living and deceased.

Youth Group meeting on Friday 2nd June at the Convent (Address as above).

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 259.02
 Envelopes: £ 140.05
 Standing Orders: £ 265.84
Total: £ 664.91

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 274.90
 Envelopes: £ 136.95
 Standing Orders: £ 250.38
Total: £ 662.23

Thank you for your generous support

Next week's Retiring collection is for SPUC. Please collect envelope after mass this weekend.

Christ the King		27 th /28 th May	3 rd /4 th June
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	John	Steve
	Minister of Holy Communion	Angela Hooker	Marianne

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.

Live-Streaming: We have updated our audio/video system and are now able to livestream the 10.00 Sunday Mass and Funerals. To access - either click on the live Link on the Parish Website, <http://www.christ-theking.org.uk/> or log on to YouTube, type in Christ the King Kingstanding in the Search Bar and then click on the "Live" picture screen that shows up. This can also be watched later.

Children's Liturgy Group: There will be No Children's Liturgy Group at the 10.00 Mass on Sunday 28th May, which is the Bank Holiday weekend.

Gift Aid Scheme. As a result of the recent appeal for parishioners who pay Income Tax to consider using Gift Aid envelopes or a Standing Order for their normal offertory donations, we have had 21 additional users subscribe to the Scheme. This is an excellent result and will significantly help the Parish improve its finances through reclaiming the Tax already paid on the amount they give. Many thanks for your response to the appeal and, if anyone else would like more details of how they can help the parish, without it costing THEM a penny more, then please let us know, as every additional member helps us greatly.

Wheel'N'Walk: Jennifer Brown is taking part in this walk to raise fund for CASBA ADVOCACY (an organisation which supports people with learning disabilities). If you would like to sponsor Jennifer please speak to her after mass at the weekend.

Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea: A French writer describes the human spirit as "the unassailable, unchangeable, indestructible core, the keen point of the soul which alone can approach the Absolute and unite itself with the Divinity" (Jacqueline Kelen, *La Faim de l'Âme*). This idea of spirit as a hard inner core is widespread, even among people from whom you would expect better. Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862), in his famous book *Walden*, gave this account of why he went to live in a hut in the woods: "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life ... I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life, to cut a broad swath and shave close, to drive life into a corner, and reduce it to its lowest terms." Such aggressive verbs! - *to front, to suck out, to put to rout, to cut, to drive, to reduce*.... All this tough talk about a hard inner core is somehow unconvincing. People who are sure of their strength don't talk or write like that. It is more defiant than descriptive.

The word 'spirit' means breath. This does not suggest a hard aggressive core but a soft give and take. St Peter, who was probably much tougher than Thoreau, could use gentle language to describe that 'inner core': "the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit" (1 Peter 3:4). It matters a great deal how we describe our inner being; it matters not only for our self-understanding but also for our understanding of God. We are the primary image of God, and if we have a hard mechanical sense of ourselves, our image of God will be similarly hard and transactional. It may well match the image of God in, say, Sheehan's *Apologetics* long ago, but it has nothing to do with the Father of Jesus Christ. St Paul, who was even tougher than Peter, could write, "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God" (Eph 4:30). The Spirit of God is gentle, which does not mean weak. Real strength is always gentle. One moment's experience of God's Spirit is enough to do away with all talk of an indestructible inner core attempting to "approach the Absolute and unite itself with the Divinity" – as if we could do such a thing by our own heroic efforts.

By way of relief, read these lines by Jessica Powers on today's feast of Pentecost:

*That was the day when Fire came down from heaven,
 inaugurating the first spring of love.
 Blood melted in the frozen veins, and even
 the least bird sang in the mind's inmost grove.*

Pray the Rosary

To end the culture of death which is characterised by war engineering, abortion, creation of fear and irresponsibility. To promote the Culture of Life which is identified by reconciliation, harmony, courage, gratitude and responsibility.