



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



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Hymns: OLAM: E: 195; O: 198; C: 115; R: 121.
Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52-56

.R: To you glory and praise for evermore.

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

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)
Mon 05/06/23	St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr, Mem.	08:00 Con.†	Winifred & Patrick Byrne (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Peter Ng V Khang (RIP)
		11:00 CTK	William Coates - Funeral Service
Tue 06/06/23	Feria	09:30 Mon.	John Roche (RIP)
		12:00 CTK	Jimmy Barry (RIP)
Wed 07/06/23	Feria	08:00 Con.†	Winifred, Patrick & James Byrne (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Patrick Feeley (RIP)
Thu 08/06/23	Feria	09:30 Mon.†	Sr Marie Inglis
		10:30 MPS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
		12:00 CTK	William Donnelly (RIP)
Fri 09/06/23	Feria	08:00 CWS	Mass at Cardinal Wiseman School
		09:30 Mon	Phylis & Bridie (RIP)
		10:30 CTK	People of the Parish
Sat 10/06/23	Feria	10:00 Mon	Fr. Philip Wrigley
		10:00 CTK	First Holy Communion CTK
		12:30 CTK	Catherine Byrne (RIP) Ann.
		18:00 OLAM	Janis Erglis & the Dipiro Family
Sun 11/06/23	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	10:00 CTK	Francis Coogan (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM	Christopher & Janet Sullivan (RIP) Ann.
		15:00 CTK	All known to Fr The-Quang

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.

Last Week's Collection Figures are not yet available due to the Bank Holiday, but figures for both weeks will be shared with parishioners next week.

Next week's Retiring collection is for SPUC (The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child). Please collect an envelope after Mass this weekend.

Christ the King		3 rd /4 th June	10 th /11 th June
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen Foxall	Kathleen Foxall
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa Wilkin	Sue Nugent
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Steve	Patience/Maggi
	Minister of Holy Communion	Marianne	Angela & Joyce

Don't Forget To Continue To Vote For Maryvale When Shopping At Tesco's: At the big Tesco's at New Oscott they are in 2nd place for a grant. Supporting them every time you shop from now until the end of June won't cost you a penny more – 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. That's all you need to do – and your vote might just make all the difference.

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.

New Heights' Annual General Meeting takes place this coming Monday evening (5th June) within the St. John's Centre, commencing at 6.10 p.m. All are welcome, with refreshments available.

RIP: Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Canon John Gunn, Retired Priest of the Archdiocese, who died on Wednesday 31st May at St Joseph's Care Home, Harborne, aged 91. He was ordained on 18th March, 1967 and ministered to the parishes of Holy Cross, West Bromwich and Corpus Christi, Coventry. He was then appointed parish priest of St Ambrose Barlow, Hall Green, in 1979 and led the community until his retirement in 2015. We pray for Canon John's family, friends, his former parishioners and all who mourn him.

Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea: This is the famous icon of the Trinity by Andrei Roublev (1360–1430). The three persons are seated around a table in an attitude of harmony and peace; the very lines of the icon create a circle within which the unity of the persons, the manner of their presence to one another, is visible. At the focal point of the icon, there is a cup between them on the table. It is a wonderful use of symbol and suggestion. The Trinity hints at the Eucharist. It is as if the divine Persons were saying to us: be one with one another as we are one (see John 17:21). To make the invitation even clearer, there is an empty place at the table.

Last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday, the feast of the Holy Spirit. It was the end of the Eastertide Liturgy. Today, having (as it were) collected all three Divine Persons, we celebrate the Trinity. We are taking a look at our God. Or admiring the full scope of the Christian revelation. It is vast: it is as vast as three religions! You can't miss God. No matter which way you point (up to the Father, out and around you to Jesus, and inwards to the Spirit) you are embraced in the vast presence. Christianity is able to feel with all the religions of the world, because it has something of them in itself. Of course, Christians have often ignored or despised other religions in the course of its history, but that is not the spirit of Christianity. We are to "discern the spirits" (1 Cor 12:10), to see which come from God. The spirit of our Faith is as wide as the world – wider than the world.

We are being invited and drawn into the inner life of the Trinity, to sit at that empty place at God's table. The Father is the destination, Jesus is the way, the Spirit is the inner urge that moves us along that way. "No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me" (Jn 6:44). Commenting on this in the fifth century, St Augustine wrote: "He did not say lead, but draw. This 'violence' is done to the heart, not to the body.... Believe and you come; love and you are drawn. Do not suppose here any rough and uneasy violence. It is gentle, it is sweet, it is the sweetness that draws you. Is not a sheep drawn when fresh grass is shown to it in its hunger? Yet, I imagine that it is not driven bodily on, but bound by desire. In this way too you come to Christ: do not imagine long journeyings; in the very place where you believe, there you come. For, to him, who is everywhere, we come by love, not by sailing."

The Trinity is living in us and we in the Trinity. This contrasts with the experience that many people have of God; but we are never to doubt it. The life of God is ours, and it is to be ours even more. Jesus once said, "It is the Father living in me who is doing this work" (Jn 14:10). Because we are his Body we are entitled to say the same.

Let's try to understand this in a simple way. When you do something awkwardly you know all too well that it is you who are doing it. Your thumbs get in the way, you drop things, the job takes a long time. But when you do something skilfully it is as if it happened by itself; it happened *through* you, you were at that moment a finely-tuned instrument. I have heard golfers say things like this, and potters and carpenters. Such skilful actions are like moments of grace – natural grace. They give us some impression of how supernatural grace works. Something perfect happens through you and you say, "Thanks be to God!" In such moments you are free of the ego and you can say "the Father living in me is doing this work".