



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



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Hymns: OLAM: E: 435; O: 434; C: 351; R: 171.

Responsorial Psalm 147:12-15,19-20.

R: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 10/06/23	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	12:30 CTK	Catherine Byrne (RIP) Ann.
Sun 11/06/23		18:00 OLAM	Janis Erglis & the Dipiro Family
		10:00 CTK	Francis Coogan (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM	Christopher & Janet Sullivan (RIP) Ann.
		15:00 CTK	All known to Fr The-Quang
Mon 12/06/23	Feria	08:00 Con.	Peter Nguyen V Khang (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Alice O'Toole
Tue 13/06/23	St. Anthony of Padua, Mem.	09:30 Mon.	Maura Green (RIP)
Wed 14/06/23	Feria	08:00 Con.	Luke Byrne & Family
		09:30 Mon.	Patrick Feeley (RIP)
Thu 15/06/23	Feria	09:30 Mon.	Kelvin Ward (RIP)
		10:30 MPS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
		12:00 CTK	Aidan Reynolds (RIP)
		18:00 CTK	Confirmation Mass CTK
Fri 16/06/23	Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity	09:00 CTK	Margaret Gray (RIP)
		10:30 Mon.	Bronislawa & Jozelf Banat (RIP)
Sat 17/06/23	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mem.	10:00 Mon	Ngo Family
		10:00 OLAM	First Holy Communion MPS
		12:30 CTK	John Fields (RIP)
		18:00 OLAM	Martin Flannery (RIP)
Sun 18/06/23	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK	Michael Kelly (Recently Deceased)
		11:30 OLAM	Mary Stone (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, Caitlin Hodgetts. **Please pray for them and their families.**

RIP: Please pray for James Christopher Ranahan, Patricia Horrocks, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. Funerals: Christy Ranahan: Wed 21/06/23, 18:30, OLAM; Patricia Horrocks: Fri 07/07/23, 11:30, OLAM.

Ordination: Pray for Brother Joseph Carron's whose ordination takes place this Monday at Pluscarden Abbey.

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.

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

Fr. The's Silver Jubilee: Although the actual 25th anniversary of Fr The's ordination to the Priesthood was in April and was marked prayerfully and quietly with his family, a more formal celebration, involving many of Fr's fellow priests, and his own family members, who have travelled to be here for this momentous occasion, will take place in Church at 3.00 p.m. this coming Sunday (11th June). All parishioners are very welcome to attend this joyous occasion and to help Fr. Celebrate this important milestone in his priestly vocation. After the service, refreshments will be served at the nearby Kingstanding Inn.

Maryvale Fundraising: Many thanks to all involved in the Irish Variety Concert held at Maryvale on Sat 20th May – to Michael Collins for organising the event, to all of the entertainers who gave their time so freely and to those who bought tickets and attended the Concert. The event raised a total of £425 to support the OLAM Parish.

Last Weeks' Collection CTK

Loose: £ 664.81
 Envelopes: £ 330.50
 Standing Orders: £ 531.68
Total: £ 1,526.99

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 268.42
 Envelopes: £ 430.09
 Standing Orders: £ 500.76
Total: £ 1,199.27

The above figures are for the last 2 weeks combined

This Sunday, there will be a Second Collection for the "Day for Life".

Christ the King		10 th /11 th June	17 th /18 th June
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen Foxall	Kathleen Foxall
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue Nugent	Theresa Wilkin
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Patience/Maggi	Theresa Byrne
	Minister of Holy Communion	Angela & Joyce	Marianne

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.

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: There is an early Christian document called the *Didachè*, rediscovered in 1873, though Christian writers through the ages have known of its existence. It was written (some scholars say) sometime between the years 50 and 100. It contains the very first use of the word 'eucharist'. It is very moving to read this and to imagine the lives of the Christians who spoke and heard those words in the infancy of the Church.

Here is part of what it says: "At the Eucharist, offer the eucharistic prayer in this way. Begin with the chalice: 'We give thanks to you, our Father, for the holy Vine of your servant David, which you have made known to us through your servant Jesus. Glory be to you, world without end.' Then over the broken bread: 'We give thanks to you, our Father, for the life and knowledge you have made known to us through your servant Jesus. Glory be to you, world without end. As this broken bread, once dispersed over the hills, was brought together and became one loaf, so may your Church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom'".

I remember that distant day when I made my First Communion. I remember waking up, having nodded off during the Mass, to find my candle dripping grease. But they had got on with things while I slept. Looking back today I think: During all the years since that time they have got on with lots of things while I slept. Some of the best things can happen to you while you sleep. The Scriptures say that God "pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber". And Jesus said that the Presence of God (the "Kingdom of God") is like seed that a farmer scatters in his field and that grows even when he's asleep. "Night and day, whether he sleeps or wakes, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how" (Mark 4:27). We ourselves grew like that, when we were in the womb, and later: by day and by night our mothers watched over us; we were so sure of them that we could go sound asleep when we knew they were around. God sort of mothers us too....

We experienced our mother first as a source of food, and through that visible channel we experienced her as a source of love. God is mothering us, attracting us, trying to tame us frightened creatures. How do you tame an animal? By feeding it. Gradually the animal begins to trust you, begins to believe in your goodwill. We were (and maybe we still are) like frightened animals. We have to be tamed into human society. Love is invisible and needs a visible channel. That visible channel is originally food. This wisdom of the body is taken up and exalted in the Eucharist. The food which is the Eucharist has the deepest significance. It is about our relationship with God, the ultimate womb from which our existence came.

At the heart of that relationship, for Christians, is Jesus. The great 14th-century mystic, Julian of Norwich, not only called God our 'mother', but she called *Jesus* our mother. This may seem very strange, even weird. But, as always, she meant something luminous, and she had profound reasons for saying it. She did not mean that Jesus is like your mother. She meant the reverse: your mother is like Jesus. Your mother fed you from her own body. Our mother's care for us may well be the best image we have of God – and of Jesus.

On this feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord, don't be too grown-up to let the visceral images of the Eucharist play around your mind.