



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

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Hymns: OLAM: E: 53; O: 51;C: 25; R: 449

Psalms 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

R: In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 24/06/23	The Nativity of John The Baptist	10:00 Mon	Jozefa & Henryk Szmalec
	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK†	Mandy Davies (Anni.)
18:00 OLAM		Wyn Maher (RIP)	
10:00 CTK		Gerry Gorman (RIP)	
11:30 OLAM		Bernadette Rafferty	
Mon 26/06/23	Feria	08:00 Con.†	Luke Byrne & Family
		09:30 Mon.	Denis (RIP)
Tue 27/06/23	Feria	09:30 Mon.	Emily (RIP)
Wed 28/06/23	St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, Mem.	08:00 Con.†	Jim Ranaham (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Dave (RIP)
		19:00 CTK	Robert McKay (RIP)
Thu 29/06/23	Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul Holiday of Obligation	09:00 CTK	Marie McNee
		09:00 OLAM	Mass with Cardinal Wiseman School
		09:30 Mon.	Sr Jean Mary Cross
		11:30 OLAM	Mass with Cardinal Wiseman School
		13:30 MPS	People of the Parishes
Fri 30/06/23	Feria	09:30 Mon.	Annie Devlin
Sat 01/07/23	Feria	10:00 Mon	Sr Jean Mary Cross
		12:30 CTK	Regina McKavanagh
Sun 02/07/23	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	18:00 OLAM	Ronald Grainger (RIP)
		10:00 CTK	Monica Pollit (Illness)
		11:30 OLAM	Anthony Walsh (RIP)

Mass Intentions: Obviously, when requesting Masses to be said for loved ones, most people are requesting they be held at weekends, so that they can attend. Unfortunately, there are only 2 Masses at each parish at a weekend, but 19 other masses said during the week. To limit any associated disappointment, when preferred dates cannot be met, can I ask parishioners to consider this when asking specifically for a weekend Mass as, when there are competing requests, consideration will have to be given to death anniversaries falling on the actual day requested.

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, Joan & Alan Horton. **Please pray for them and their families.**

RIP: Please pray for James Christopher Ranahan, Patricia Horrocks, Michael Nolan and Vernica Kelly who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** Patricia Horrocks: Fri 07/07/23, 11:30, OLAM; Michael Nolan Tue 11/07/23, 11:00, CTK; Veronica Kelly: Thu 20/07/23, 10:30, OLAM.

Baptism Preparation to be held at Christ the King Church next Sunday 2nd July at 3:00pm.

Last Weeks' Collection CTK

Loose: £ 258.37
 Envelopes: £ 92.00
 2nd Collection £ 155.26
 Standing Orders: £ 265.84
Total: £ 771.47

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Last Weeks' Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 155.62
 Envelopes: £ 167.00
 2nd Collection £ 101.31
 Standing Orders: £ 250.38
Total: £ 674.31

Next Sunday there will be a 2nd Collection for Peter's Pence

Christ the King		24 th /25 th June	1 st /2 nd July
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen Foxall	Tracy Cattell
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue Nugent	Theresa Wilkin
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Angela Hooker	Maggi
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce & Marianne	Angela

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.

Community Meal: The next monthly meal will take place this coming Sunday 25/06/23 at 16:00, at New Heights Centre. People from both parishes are welcome. **Please ring Sandra on 07985607091 to book a place.**

World Youth Day: Aoife Harris, the grand-daughter of Mary Hooker of CTK, would like to thank everyone who supported her fundraising efforts, in order to enable her to attend the World Youth Day event being held in Portugal next month, and has kindly offered to take with her any Mass intentions parishioners may have. These can be handed in at any Mass **up to the weekend of 16th/17th July.**

New Heights the charity with which we have close links, has an exciting opportunity for someone to join their Team as a **Volunteer Coordinator**. If you would like to help us make a difference in Kingstanding and are interested in this post please click [here](#) (which will take you to the relevant page on our website <https://new-heights.org.uk>) The Closing date for applications is **12pm Friday 23rd June 2023.**

Art for Wellbeing: Free Arts and Crafts workshops to help relaxation and for fun every Monday from 03/07/23 till 07/08/23, 11:00am-12:30pm, at St John's Centre.

Ordination to the Priesthood: Deacon Gregory Beckett, who leads the house group from Oscott College this year, is going to be ordained priest on Sat 15th July 2023 at St Joseph's Cathedral, Swansea. Please pray for him as he is preparing himself for his priestly ministry.

Message from the Archbishop: I want to let you know that Bishop Stephen Wright has been appointed by the Holy Father as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. I know that you will join me in assuring Bishop Stephen of our prayers as he prepares to take up these new responsibilities and our congratulations on being entrusted with the leadership of his new diocese and the care of its clergy and people.

Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea: The other readings at today's Mass describe situations of fear and terrible anxiety. The Responsorial Psalms follows suit: "I have borne reproach... shame has covered my face." Then, the Gospel reading begins, "Have no fear...." This phrase, "Have no fear" runs like a refrain through the Gospel, indeed through the whole Bible. To Abram, God said, "Do not be afraid, I am your shield." To the prophets, "Do not be afraid, I am with you." To Mary, the angel said, "Do not be afraid". To the apostles, Jesus said, "Do not be afraid". To Paul, the Lord said, "Do not be afraid". To all his disciples, Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock" (Luke 12:32).

Fear is a powerful factor in the life of every human being, perhaps especially in people who pretend to have no fear. Children are afraid of the dark; teenagers are often afraid of themselves, or of the other sex, or of life itself. In young and old alike, fear can express itself as shyness, feelings of inferiority, aggression, and (most painful of all) anxiety. Anxiety is a generalised form of fear: fear of nothing in particular, but of everything in general. It is often about possibilities rather than present realities: the future, possible illness or accident, and death.

We often tell one another, "Don't worry, don't be afraid". But there is only slight comfort in it, because we all know how easy it is to say this when we are not in the line of fire ourselves.

Today's Gospel reading offers a more substantial support. It does not say, "Don't be afraid, it won't happen". It says something more like, "Don't be afraid; it may well happen, but when it does happen you will not be destroyed as a person". This is the difference between optimism and hope. The 14th-century English mystic Julian of Norwich put it clearly. "The Lord did not say, 'You will not be tempted, you will not be troubled, you will not be distressed,' but he said, 'You will not be overcome.'"

"Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known". The truth will out. In the ultimate, everything will stand in the full light of truth; everything, even the detail. "Even the hairs of your head are all counted". It is not because God wants to detail your guilt, but because God is a Father who cares about what you do and what happens to you. "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

From the beginning and throughout the ages, Christians have found strength in this. St Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain" (1 Cor. 15:57-58).