



**The Parishes of  
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Hymns: E: 8 (vs 1,4-7); O: 467; C: 65; R: 563

Psalms 88(89):2-3,16-19

**R: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS**

<b>Sat</b> 01/07/23	Feria	10:00 Mon	Sr Jean Mary Cross
	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	12:30 CTK	Regina McKavanagh
18:00 OLAM		Ronald Grainger (RIP)	
10:00 CTK		Monica Pollit (Illness)	
11:30 OLAM		Anthony Walsh (RIP)	
<b>Mon</b> 03/07/23	Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle	08:00 Con. †	Berit Brown (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Peter Ng V Khang (RIP)
<b>Tue</b> 04/07/23	Feria	09:30 Mon.	Michelle Green (RIP)
		12:00 CTK	Leslie Davies, Josie & Patrick Fahey RIP
		08:00 Con. †	Ngo Family
<b>Wed</b> 05/07/23	Feria	09:30 Mon.	Jim Ranahan (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	John & Gwen Connaire (RIP)
<b>Thu</b> 06/07/23	Feria	09:30 Mon.	Pat Hodgson (RIP)
<b>Fri</b> 07/07/23	Feria	<b>11:30 OLAM</b>	<b>Patricia M Horrocks - Funeral Service</b>
<b>Sat</b> 08/07/23	Feria	10:00 Mon	Private Intention
		12:30 CTK	Bridie Kelly (Ann)
<b>Sun</b> 09/07/23	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	18:00 OLAM	Daniel Patrick Keogh (RIP)
		10:00 CTK	John McKenna
		11:30 OLAM	Mary Stone (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 Patricia Horrocks, Michael Nolan, 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 this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 3:00pm.

**New Dawn in the Church:** Catholic Charismatic Family Pilgrimage Conference 31/07/23 – 04/08/23 at the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. For further information please visit [www.newdawn.org.uk](http://www.newdawn.org.uk).

**Last Weeks' Collection CTK**  
 Loose: £ 278.73  
 Envelopes: £ 167.00  
 Standing Orders: £ 265.84  
**Total: £ 711.57**

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**Last Weeks' Collection OLAM**  
 Loose: £ 326.03  
 Envelopes: £ 219.90  
 Standing Orders: £ 250.38  
**Total: £ 796.31**

**Second Collection: This weekend: Peter's Pence; Next weekend: the Apostleship of the Sea**

Christ the King		1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> July	8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> July
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Tracy Cattell	Kathleen Foxall
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa Wilkin	Sue Nugent
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Maggi	John
	Minister of Holy Communion	Angela	Marianne

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is **dedicated throughout July for members of the Mathews family**, both living and deceased.

**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 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> July.**

**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** of Deacon Gregory Beckett, who leads the house group from Oscott College this year, will take place on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Congratulations** to Fr Dominic Kavanagh who is celebrating the Ruby Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination this year.

**Prayer Intentions during the month of July 2023:**

2<sup>nd</sup> (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time) - We just reaffirmed that the Lord is the Giver of Life. Let us pray that we would always see God's creation in every new baby and in every expectant mother.

9<sup>th</sup> (14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time) - The Lord tells us that He has revealed the mysteries of the Kingdom to little children. Let us, therefore, ask for the grace to protect all children - born and unborn - from every form of harm.

16<sup>th</sup> (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time) - Let us pray for the ears to hear God's call to help the vulnerable in our midst, including people with disabilities, people in hospital, those in nursing homes, the housebound, and the unborn.

23<sup>rd</sup> (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time) - Let us pray for all those who are close to death, especially those who are alone, that they would always be treated with respect and have their human dignity upheld.

30<sup>th</sup> (17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time) - Each human being, made in the image and likeness of God, is a pearl of great price. Let us pray for the grace to appreciate the intrinsic value in every person, born and unborn.

**Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea:** Commenting on the first line of today's Gospel reading, St John Chrysostom (c. 349-407 AD) wrote, "It is holy to render one's parents every honour, but when they demand more than is due, we ought not to yield". But then, to save the parents' feelings, Chrysostom adds that they are not being put in the second place to their son or daughter, but to Jesus himself. To follow Jesus, he explained, we have to be prepared to give up everything - even our own life. The parents are not being put in the second place to oneself, but to the Lord; that should ease their feelings.

What is being expressed here is the absolute character of the following of Christ. Faith is not a separate compartment in one's life, a special interest or hobby to be taken up when we put down our serious work. "Do you not know," wrote St Paul, "that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4). The word 'baptised' means 'plunged'. We have been plunged into death with Christ - plunged into his death - and so we hope that we will also be raised with him. It is not an 'interest', then; it is a matter of life and death.

"What a morbid religion you have!" a Muslim said to me once in Pakistan. "All that talk of suffering and death can't be good".

But suffering and death do not stand by themselves, for a Christian. We are never to think of them as if they were the whole story. We never think of Christ's suffering and death without thinking of his resurrection; and likewise our own suffering and death are openings to resurrection. The last word is not suffering and death, but "that we might walk in newness of life".

This pattern (death-resurrection) is stamped on our whole life: it is not only the pattern of the whole, it is stamped on every cell of the body, so to speak. There is no deep life without a lot of dying to oneself. The way to deeper life is not through exaltation of the ego, but through its death. The false self, the self-made self, the ego and its false pride: this has to die - or rather burst, because it is nothing real but only a bubble. "Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it".