



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

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Hymns: E: 301; O: 410; C: 397; R: 336

Psalm 144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14

R: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 08/07/23	Feria	10:00 Mon.	Private Intention
	14 th Sun in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Bridie Kelly (RIP Ann)
18:00 OLAM†		Daniel Patrick Keogh (RIP)	
10:00 CTK		John McKenna	
Sun 09/07/23		11:30 OLAMx	Mary Stone (RIP)
		08:00 Con.†	Patricia & Reg Horrocks (RIP)
Mon 10/07/23	Feria in OT	09:30 Mon.	Michael Devlin
		09:30 Mon.†	Thanksgiving (Peter Ross' Ordination)
Tue 11/07/23	St Benedict, Feast	11:00 CTK	Michael Nolan – Requiem Mass
		08:00 Con.†	Baby Emmie Carraigh (RIP) & family
Wed 12/07/23	Feria in OT	09:30 Mon.x	Margaret Gasson (B'day)
		09:30 Mon.†	Fr. George Ranahan - Sp Intention
Thu 13/07/23	Feria in OT	10:30 MPS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
		12:00 CTK	Fr. Michael White
		09:00 CTK	Fr. Dominic Kavanagh
Fri 14/07/23	Feria in OT	09:30 Mon.x	Eric Pitt (RIP)
		10:00 Mon.	Peter Nguyen Van Khang (RIP)
Sat 15/07/23	St Bonaventure, Mem.	12:30 CTK	Murial Cowan (B'day)
		18:00 OLAM	Kitty Heaney
		10:00 CTK†	Ted McKeown (Anni.)
Sun 16/07/23	15 th Sun in Ordinary Time	11:30 OLAM	Brian Webb (RIP)

Mass Intentions: When requesting Masses to be said for loved ones, it may not always be possible to meet the current demand for these to be said at the weekend, although every effort will be made to prioritise anniversaries of a death, where these fall on the Saturday/Sunday. There are 12-15 other Masses said during the week and, to minimise any disappointment, can I ask parishioners to consider this fact when submitting requests for weekends.

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 and Sharon Thornhill. **Please pray for them and their families.**

RIP: Please pray for Michael Nolan, Vernica Kelly and Christina Byrne who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** Michael Nolan Tue 11/07/23, 11:00, CTK; Veronica Kelly: Thu 20/07/23, 10:30, OLAM. Christina Byrne: Thu 27/07/23, 13:00, CTK

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.

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.

This weekend, there will be a 2nd Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.

The collection totals for last week are currently not available, but will be included in the next Bulletin

Christ the King		8 th /9 th July	15 th /16 th July
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen Foxall	Kathleen Foxall
	Minister of Holy Communion	Loretto Cattell	Sue Nugent
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	John	Steve
	Minister of Holy Communion	Marianne	Joyce

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 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.

Diocesan Jubilees: Congratulations to Frs. Michael White, Tom Farrell, Dominic Kavanagh and Gerry Kelly, who are all celebrating their 40th (Ruby) Anniversaries of being ordained Priests. Please continue to pray for them.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: "His mercy is from age to age" is the theme of this 3rd World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly on Sunday 23/07/23 and it presents to us the joyful meeting of the young Mary and her older relative, Elizabeth. Pope Francis wants to draw our attention to this meeting as an icon for this year's celebration, and to what the Church of today can learn from it. He encourages the whole Church to: "celebrate this Day and to make it the occasion of a joyful and renewed encounter between young and old." Taking advantage of its close proximity to World Youth Day, the Pope also asks the young people attending: "before you set out on your journey, visit your grandparents or an elderly person who lives alone!"

A Celebration of the Windrush 75 Generation: Sat 29th July, 6.30pm to 10pm @ St Francis Parish Centre, Wretham Road, Handsworth B19 1ED. The West Indian Chaplaincy will be holding an event to showcase Caribbean culture and heritage and learn about the history of the Windrush generation, with speakers, music, poetry and more. The event is free, funded by Birmingham City Council. More information and booking via Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.com/e/their-journey-our-legacy-a-celebration-of-the-windrush-75-generation-tickets-656169760417. Printed tickets available from The West Indian Chaplaincy: Tel 0121 551 2084, on Sundays before and after Mass: 10.30 - 11.15am and 12.45 - 1.30pm; and on Fridays 6.00-7.00pm. (Pre-booking is not essential but please text 07399 549901 to check availability). There will be a Mass to celebrate the anniversary at 5pm in church.

Prison Advice and Care Trust is holding a roadshow on Sat 15th July between 10am and 1.30pm in the Grimshaw Room on the St Chad's Cathedral site, Birmingham. We will reflect on Catholic Social Teaching in the light of imprisonment. We will hear from people with lived experience of the criminal justice system. Pact warmly invites you to join us in person at the Roadshow. You can register via this link:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/pact-to-host-justpeople-roadshow-in-birmingham-saturday-15-july>

Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea: The French mystic, Jeanne-Marie Guyon (1648-1717), wrote, "Through being given rule and method how to love God, people have in great measure been estranged from God. How unnecessary is it to teach an art of loving! The language of love, though natural to the lover, is nonsense and barbarism to one who does not love. The best way to learn the love of God is to love God. The ignorant and simple, because they proceed with more heart and greater simplicity, often become better at it. The Spirit of God needs none of our arrangements and methods; when it pleases him, he turns shepherds into prophets: and, so far from excluding any from the Temple of Prayer, he throws wide the gates, that all may enter; while Wisdom cries aloud in the streets, 'You that are simple turn in here' (Proverbs 9:4)."

I asked an 8-year old American in Iceland how long it took her to learn Icelandic (she was the best in the family at it). She replied, "A day or two days, or a week". In other words she didn't think about it at all; she just played with her Icelandic friends. Children learn spontaneously; but adults proceed "by rule and method". We need handbooks for everything because we have lost the capacity for direct experience.

While an adult stands back to analyse something, a child just becomes one with it. We have so venerated the analytical mind that the other faculties are scarcely taken into account at all. I have known people who were intellectually gifted but incapable of looking after themselves or anyone else. Far from seeing this as an embarrassment, we make it almost a badge of honour: we may laugh at him, but we secretly revere the absent-minded professor. But, as Chesterton said, "A madman is not someone who has lost his mind; he is someone who has lost everything except his mind".

Neglect of the other faculties costs us dearly. If we neglected the mind to the same degree that we neglect the other faculties, we would be called barbarians. But, we tolerate, even cultivate, a barbarism of feeling and will. Look at the depravity that is held up before us in the entertainment industry. Is not much of it barbarism?

If we neglect feeling and will, we will never learn to love; we will learn only a caricature of love: greed. To love is *to respect, to care about*. In its deepest meaning, it is *to become one with* (while the word 'analysis' means just about the opposite: *to take apart*). There seems to be a serious imbalance built into our educational systems: we destroy something that children are born with (or perhaps they would soon begin to lose it anyway) and we give them what it takes to fit well into a mad society, leaving many of them as damaged as the society itself.

It was when the towns of Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum had rejected Jesus that he exclaimed, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants". Perhaps, there were many intelligent people in those towns, and he was sick of arguing with them. Their intelligence left no mark on the history of the world: of Chorazin and Bethsaida there is no trace left; Capernaum is only a couple of ruins. But the extraordinary love that Jesus embodied will never be forgotten.