



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



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Hymns: E: 442; O: 41; C: 508; R: 169

Psalm 64(65):10-14

**R: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop**

## MASSES THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

<b>Sat</b> 15/07/23	Feria	10:00 Mon.	Peter Nguyen Van Khang (RIP)
	15 <sup>th</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Murial Cowan (B'day)
<b>Sun</b> 16/07/23		18:00 OLAM	Kitty Heaney
	16 <sup>th</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK†	Ted McKeown (Anni.)
<b>Mon</b> 17/07/23		11:30 OLAMx	Brian Webb (RIP)
	Feria in OT	08:00 Con.†	Julie McDonnell
<b>Tue</b> 18/07/23		09:30 Mon.	Ann/David Middleton & Family
	Feria in OT	09:30 Mon.†	Bernie & Noel Shannahan & Family
<b>Wed</b> 19/07/23		12:00 CTK	Marie McNee
	Feria in OT	08:00 Con.†	Margaret Day (RIP)
<b>Thu</b> 20/07/23		09:30 Mon.x	Janina & Krystyna
	Feria in OT	09:30 Mon.x	Mark & Tom
<b>Fri</b> 21/07/23		<b>10:30 OLAM</b>	<b>Veronica Kelly - Requiem</b>
	Feria in OT	14:00 MPS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
<b>Sat</b> 22/07/23		09:00 CTK	Michael Kennedy (RIP)
	St Mary Magdalene, Feast.	09:30 Mon.x	Private Intention
16 <sup>th</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time		10:00 Mon.	Christina
	<b>Sun</b> 23/07/23	12:30 CTK	Paul Brady (RIP)
16 <sup>th</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time		18:00 OLAM	Eddie O'Reilly (RIP)
	16 <sup>th</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK	Gerard Byrne (Anni)
16 <sup>th</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time		11:30 OLAM†	Jim (Christy) Ranahan (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 Veronica Kelly, Christina Byrne and John White (Fr Michael's father) who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**Funerals:** Veronica Kelly: Thu 20/07/23, 10:30, OLAM, Christina Byrne: Thu 27/07/23, 13:00, CTK

**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.

**Last Weeks' Collection CTK**

Loose: £ 487.96  
 Envelopes: £ 234.00  
 Standing Orders: £ 531.68  
**Total: £ 1253.64**

**These Figures Are For  
 2 WEEKS' COLLECTIONS**

**Last Weeks' Collection OLAM**

Loose: £ 322.80  
 Envelopes: £ 350.15  
 Standing Orders: £ 500.76  
**Total: £ 1,173.71**

In addition to the above, the combined totals from both Parishes for the following recent 2<sup>nd</sup> collections were as follows: Peter's Pence (weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> July) £266.91 and Apostleship of the Sea (weekend of 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> July) £233.33 I am sure the 2 Charities are grateful for all contributions, especially at this time.

Christ the King		15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> July	22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> July
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	Steve	Patience
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce	Angela

**Baptism Preparation:** The next meeting is to be held at Christ the King Church on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 3:00pm

**World Youth Day:** Please continue to pray for our all our young people, particularly those attending the World Youth Day event in Portugal, which includes Aoife Harris from Christ The King parish.

**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:** Please remember in your prayers Deacon Gregory Beckett, who this year led the House Group within Oscott associated with our parishes, as he will be ordained as a Priest this weekend in Swansea.

**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.

**Parish Council Meeting** on Wed 19/07/23 at 19:00 in the Guild Room of Christ the King parish.

**Mass of Induction** of Fr Subba as Parish Priest of St Augustine's Handsworth on Monday evening 17th July at 6.30pm.

**Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea:** John Chrysostom (c. 349-407 AD) commented, "The fact that the greater part of the seed perished was not due to the sower, but to the soil, that is, the mind. The Sower [Christ] made no distinction between rich and poor, wise or foolish, but spoke to all alike...." Chrysostom also noted how non-judgmental the story is. "He does not judge them openly and say, This is what the lazy received and they lost it, this is what the rich got and they choked it, this is what careless people got and they neglected it. He would not harshly reprove them, so as not to alienate them altogether".

Another ancient commentator: "The wayside is the mind trodden and hardened by the continual passage of evil thoughts; the rock, the hardness of the self-willed mind; the good soil, the gentleness of the attentive mind." Look carefully at the word 'mind'. In mediaeval times, there appeared a useful distinction between the active and the passive mind. The active is the analytical mind, the passive is the contemplative. In our age, the active mind gets all the praise, and the passive or contemplative mind tends to be passed over in silence.

Passive means receptive or listening. Remember the last time you tried to have a conversation with someone who never listens? Perhaps you both talked a lot, but there was no conversation, your minds were not engaged with each other. At such times, you feel more alone than when you are alone. In the total absence of the contemplative spirit, this is what the whole world would be like.

"When God undertakes the work," said Meister Eckhart, "the mind must remain *passive*". A disciple of Jesus is one who receives the seed of God's word into good soil. Soil is 'humus', which gives us the word 'humility'. "God cannot work except in the ground of humility". Eckhart continued, "for the deeper we are in humility, the more receptive to God.... The more a person is sunk in the ground of true humility, the more he or she is sunk in the ground of divine being".

'Passive', 'humble'.... These are not popular words today; they are in fact counter-cultural. Men especially would be ashamed of having any of these words used of them. But try to imagine someone who had no vestige of either: he (or she) would be an embodiment of ego. But our deeper self would not be ashamed of these words. They are the language of the Beatitudes, which are like a portrait of Christ himself. This is the deeper soil from which real growth happens in us. And the seed of God's word is able to wait till the soil is right.

We are living in a deafening world. The noise of machines is sometimes hard to bear, but far more deafening is the insistence of the human voice. It is almost impossible to escape from it. Every age, no doubt, talked its full; but we have ways of storing, multiplying, amplifying, and broadcasting the voice till it fills every crevice in our lives. A new magazine was advertised as "opinionated". This word means "thinking too highly of, or adhering persistently to, one's opinions; conceited; obstinate in opinion; dogmatic". How bizarre that that word should be used to *advertise* a magazine! How many people would like to have, say, a son-in-law who was "opinionated"? Yet, it is regarded as a desirable quality in a magazine. We are in a strange place now. How will the word of God penetrate our noise? Some seed fell on tarmac, and some seed was swept away by torrents of language from DJs and advertisers.... But even so, "Your word, O Lord, forever stands firm in the heavens" (Psalm 118).