



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



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Hymns: E: 410; O: 20; C: 464; R: 413

Psalm 118(119): 57,72,76-77,127-130

R: Lord, how I love your law!

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

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| Sat 29/07/23 | Feria | 10:00 Mon. | Lizzy O'Hagan (Get Well) |
| | 17 th Sun in Ordinary Time | 12:30 CTK† | Margaret & Charles Butcher |
| Sun 30/07/23 | | 18:00 OLAM | John Roche (RIP) |
| | Mon 31/07/23 | 10:00 CTK | Hugh Callaghan (RIP) |
| St Ignatius of Loyola, Mem. | | 11:30 OLAM | Michelle Green (RIP) |
| | Tue 01/08/23 | 08:00 Con.† | Kathy Connor |
| St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, Mem. | | 09:30 Mon. | Thomas Maher (RIP) |
| | Wed 02/08/23 | 12:00 CTK | Gorman Family |
| Feria in OT | | 08:00 Con.† | Marie & Ray Owens & family |
| | Thu 03/08/23 | 09:30 Mon. | Jim Ranahan (RIP) |
| Feria in OT | | 09:30 Mon.† | Brian Holdsworth (RIP) |
| | Fri 04/08/23 | 12:00 CTK | Benny Gorman (RIP) |
| St John Mary Vianney, Mem. | | 09:30 Mon.† | Michelle Madden (RIP) |
| | Sat 05/08/23 | 12:00 CTK | Bev O'Neil & family |
| Feria in OT | | 10:00 Mon. | Eileen Gilsean (RIP) |
| | Sun 06/08/23 | 12:30 CTK | Joanne Fields |
| 18 th Sun in Ordinary Time Feast of the Transfiguration | | 18:00 OLAM | Stan Gniadkowski (RIP) |
| | | 10:00 CTK† | Margaret Weir (RIP) |
| | | 11:30 OLAM | James Heaney (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, Sr Marie, Claire & Mark, Jo Teece, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Alberto Bolongaro, Kyle Billing, Nicola Jones, Daniel Kelly, Patricia Nash, Arjun Paul, Teresa Webb, Mary Hickey, Angela Madigan, Carol Timmis, Elizabeth Teague, Joanne Fields, David Cotton, Caitlin Hodgetts, Joan and Alan Horton, Yvonne Cowman, and Fr Michael Ho. **Please pray for them and their families.**

RIP: Please pray for Gary John Prosser who passed away recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will be held on: Wed 16/08/23, OLAM, at 11:00am.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is dedicated throughout August for members of the Filkin/Greene families, both living and deceased.

Baptism Preparation: The next meeting is to be held at Christ the King Church on Sunday 6th August at 3:00pm.

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

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 Loose: £ 198.31
 Envelopes: £ 137.00
 Standing Orders: £ 265.84
Total: £ 601.15

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Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 179.02
 Envelopes: £ 164.00
 Standing Orders: £ 250.38
Total: £ 593.40

| Christ the King | | 29 th /30 th July | 5 th /6 th August |
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| 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 | Theresa | Angela |
| | Minister of Holy Communion | Marianne | Sr Michale |

Children's Liturgy Group: As advised last week the Children's Liturgy Group will not take place in the School holidays, but will resume again on Sunday 10th September. Please continue to pray for the children of the parish and their parents, that they may feel part of and welcomed within our spiritual community.

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.

New Heights Staff Vacancy: New Heights is currently looking to recruit to the vacant post of Volunteer Coordinator. If you would like to see more details or submit an application, please visit our website. The closing date is 12pm Friday 4th August 2023.

Community Meal: is taking place this Sunday 30/07/23 at 16:00, at New Heights Centre. People from both parishes are welcome. Please ring Sandra on 07985607091 to book a place.

English Martyrs Church, Sparkhill, Birmingham, celebrates its Centenary this September. There will be a celebration Mass at 6pm on Friday 8th Sep, the birthday of Our Lady. Once, one of the biggest Catholic parishes in the country, and a beautiful church, there are many people with links to English Martyrs Church. Please spread the word. All welcome. Main celebrant: former parish priest of English Martyrs, Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark. If you wish to attend, please let the parish know for catering purposes: Email englishmartyrs.bham@rcaob.org.uk or phone the presbytery and leave a message on 0121 753 4457

Monastery Days organised across the UK!

YouCAN, a religious group for practicing young Catholic adults, have been working closely with a number of monasteries in the UK to organise "Monastery Days". This is a unique opportunity for young Catholics aged 18 to 45 to spend the day at several monasteries across England and Scotland, to pray together, bible study with a monk or nun, attend Mass and enjoy time together socially. The first "Monastery Days" will be at Belmont Abbey near Hereford on 9 September 2023. Further days will take place at:

- Brownhill Monastery, GL6 8AL - 23 Sept
- Douai Abbey, RG7 STQ - 30 Sept
- Hying Monastery, LA5 9SE - 21 Oct
- Pluscarden Abbey, IV30 8UA - 28 Oct
- Community of St Gregory the Great, Buckfast Abbey, TQ11 0EE - TBC

To join YouCAN, attend "Monastery Days" and other YouCAN events and pilgrimages, contact rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk.

Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea: Many of the world's great stories are about treasure-hunting. Today's Gospel reading is also on that theme. The treasure being sought is 'The Kingdom of Heaven'. What is that? We can paraphrase it as 'The Presence of God'. A rich young once man asked Jesus, "What must I do to possess eternal life?" (Likewise we could paraphrase 'eternal life' as 'The Presence of God'). Jesus replied, "Go sell what you have, give the money to the poor, and come follow me". But that sounds much more like dispossession than finding treasure. So the young man went away disappointed because he was very wealthy and didn't want to trade tangible wealth for intangible. That is the trap that holds us all captive.

Have you ever met an immensely wealthy man who was culturally impoverished? He has everything and yet he has nothing. He can enjoy his meals, but he can only eat as much as a poor man (or less); and just like anyone, he doesn't dare drink too much. Books, theatres, museums, exhibitions... are all closed to him. Other countries, to him, are just poor places; historical buildings are only old houses; landscapes are just real estate; other cultures only examples of inefficiency. What is there to do? All he can do is make more money – which must be boring, since he already has too much. He can travel to exotic places, but he has to bring his dull self with him everywhere, which guarantees that everything will remain closed to him.

That is only cultural impoverishment. Imagine spiritual impoverishment. No opening, no direction, no meaning, no value except possessions. Time, to such a one, is an unbearable burden, except when it is money or pleasure; other people are either clients or competitors in the market; and he himself... he prefers not to think about that. There is no account in the Gospels of the subsequent career of the rich young man in Mt 19; he is never mentioned again. Not being open to the gift, he got only what he paid for. Jesus said about the rich, "they have had their reward".

Carl Jung famously said that, in his entire career as a psychoanalyst, he had never met a person over forty whose fundamental problem was not religious. The "pearl of great price" is there within our grasp, it is being held out to us free of charge. It is free but, to take it, we have to have empty hands.