



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



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Hymns: E: 357; O: 285; C: 50; R: 304

Psalm 96(97):1-2,5-6,9

R: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 05/08/23	Feria in OT	10:00 Mon.	Eileen Gilsenan (RIP)
	Feast of the Transfiguration	12:30 CTK	Joanne Fields
Sun 06/08/23		18:00 OLAM	Stan Gniadkowski (RIP)
	10:00 CTK†	Margaret Weir (RIP)	
Mon 07/08/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30 OLAM	James Heaney (RIP)
		08:00 Con.†	Alan & Stephanie (RIP)
Tue 08/08/23	St. Dominic, Mem.	09:30 Mon.x	Aidan McCabe (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.†	Yvonne Cowman (Gell Well)
Wed 09/08/23	St. Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein), Feast	12:00 CTK	Geraldine Brennan & family
		08:00 Con.†	Joseph Duy (RIP)
Thu 10/08/23	St Lawrence, Feast	09:30 Mon.x	Ellie Beirne (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.†	Steven Hurley (RIP)
Fri 11/08/23	St. Clare, Mem.	12:00 CTK	Patrick Joyce (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.†	Huong Vu and family
Sat 12/08/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:00 CTK	Sylvia Curran
		10:00 Mon.	Angela
Sun 13/08/23	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Brendan Courtney (RIP)
		18:00 OLAM†	James McNamara (RIP)
		10:00 CTK	Maurice Kelleher
		11:30 OLAM	Maura 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, 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, Ann Walker and Michael Fahey (Deacon Dominic's father) who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. Gary Prosser's 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.

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 243.36
 Envelopes: £ 152.00
 Standing Orders: £ 265.84
Total: £ 661.20

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Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 118.30
 Envelopes: £ 163.50
 Standing Orders: £ 250.38
Total: £ 532.38

Christ the King		05 th /06 ^h Aug	12 th /13 th Aug
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	Angela	Maggi
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sr Michale	Joyce

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

Art for Wellbeing: The Last Free fun Arts & Crafts workshop to help with relaxation takes place this Monday (7th August) in the St. John's Centre from 11:00am-12:30pm.

New Heights Staff Vacancy: New Heights are currently looking to recruit to the 30-hour vacant post of Administrative & Finance Co-ordinator. If you would like to see more details or submit an application, please visit our website. The closing date is 12 pm on Friday 18th August 2023.

August Focus: The God Who Speaks (GWS) Scripture Campaign's August focus is on Daily Living with a range of articles, videos and activities for summertime: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/Category/the-god-who-speaks Including the Four Senses of Scripture, exploring mystery and logic in the Bible, Sunday Reflections as we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration and Praying the Psalms.

March for Life UK happens in London on Sat 2nd Sep. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live, and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Season of Creation: 1 September- 4 October: "Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme chosen for Season of Creation 2023, the ecumenical celebration we hold each year from September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In preparation for this season of celebration and reflection you can find useful resources including a Vigil for Creation and prayers of intercession for your home, your prayer groups or your parish on <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/preparing-for-the-season-of-creation>

Six vision sessions for our parish: Our Diocesan Vision is the Archbishop's dream for every parish in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and he invites us to be a part of it. The plans that we make as deaneries and parishes should be united to that vision, so that they will help us to make that future a reality. On the Diocesan Office for Mission website you will find six sessions to help parishes respond to the Archbishop's Invitation to unfold God's plan.

Office for Mission Zoom Meeting

Join the Archdiocese's Office for Mission's regular Zoom meeting for ideas and support on evangelisation, discipleship and marriage and family life. The next meeting is Thur 14th Sep. Contact office.mission@rcaob.org.uk to register your interest.

Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea: The Transfiguration of Jesus is recorded in the first three Gospels (Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9). The fourth does not recount the story, but John 1:14 could possibly be a reference to it: "We have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth". And Peter wrote, "We were eye witnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased'. We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain" (2 Peter 1:16-18). This voice from heaven was heard before, at his baptism in the Jordan. The words were the same (Matthew 3:17. In Mark 1:11 and in Luke 3:22 the words are, "You are my Son, the Beloved..."). In each case a cloud overshadows him (in the Old Testament the cloud was frequently an image of God's presence: for example, in Exodus 19:9; Leviticus 16:2; etc.). So the scene is like a backward glance to the beginning of his work. It is also a glance to the future: it is like a moment's preview of the Resurrection. The beginning and the end of the story are brought together in one luminous moment.

In all three Gospels, this Transfiguration scene comes just after Jesus predicted his suffering and death for the first time. Death, and even the thought of death, freezes the action and brings the whole of one's life into a point. But that point is not a fading into extinction; it is a moment of Transfiguration. In this lies the meaning of our own suffering too.

There was the everyday Jesus who was well known to his friends; and then there was the moment when they scarcely recognised him, so transformed – transfigured – was he. Divinity shone through him, revealing depths that they had never imagined. Can this happen only to Jesus? When the little girl was asked what a saint was, she replied (thinking of the stained-glass windows in the church) "A person who lets the light through". It is a beautiful image – but is it only that? Can it also be a reality? Could you and I let the light through? We are probably far too aware of our wretchedness to think thoughts like that. But it is just these "wretched bodies of ours" that are the material of transfiguration, according to St Paul (Phil 3:21).