



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



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Hymns: E: 105; O: 41; C: 110; R: 532

Psalm 84(85):9-14

R: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 12/08/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 Mon.	Angela
	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Brendan Courtney (RIP)
18:00 OLAM†		James McNamara (RIP)	
10:00 CTK		Maurice Kelleher	
Sun 13/08/23	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:30 OLAMx	Maura Ranahan (RIP)
		08:00 Con.†	Private Intention
		09:30 Mon.	De La Salle brothers
Mon 14/08/23	St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Mem.	19:00 OLAMx	Volunteers at M.C.P.
		09:30 Mon.†	Michael Doherty (get well)
		12:00 CTK	Delia Byrne (RIP)
Tue 15/08/23	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	19:00 CTK	Eileen & Dick Gould (RIP)
		08:00 Con.†	Huong Vu and family
		09:30 Mon.x	Jean Brown (RIP)
Wed 16/08/23	Feria in OT	11:00 OLAM	Funeral Service: Gary John Prosser
		09:30 Mon.†	Michael Quinn (RIP)
		12:00 CTK	Elizabeth Lynch (RIP)
Thu 17/08/23	Feria in OT	09:30 Mon.†	Michelle Green (RIP)
		12:00 CTK	Fr Michael Ho (Recovery)
		10:00 Mon.	Joseph Duy (RIP)
Fri 18/08/23	Feria in OT	12:30 CTK†	Elizabeth McKenna (RIP) Ann.
		18:00 OLAM	Daniel Patrick Keogh (RIP)
		10:00 CTK	John Walsh (Anni.)
Sat 19/08/23	Feria in OT	11:30 OLAM	Fr. Joseph Carron
		12:30 CTK†	Elizabeth McKenna (RIP) Ann.
		18:00 OLAM	Daniel Patrick Keogh (RIP)
Sun 20/08/23	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK	John Walsh (Anni.)
		11:30 OLAM	Fr. Joseph Carron
		12:30 CTK†	Elizabeth McKenna (RIP) Ann.

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. **Funerals:** Gary Prosser's funeral will be held this Wed 16/08/23, at OLAM, at 11:00am.

Funeral of Ann Walker: Ann's family were very active in the early days of the Parish and will therefore be known and remembered by many of our long-standing parishioners. Ann passed away recently and her funeral will take place at St. Anne's Church in Streetly this coming Thursday - 17th August - at 12.00 noon.

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.

Parish Collections. As no figures are available for last week, the amounts for both weeks will be published in the next Newsletter.

Christ the King		12 th /13 th Aug	19 th /20 th Aug
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen Foxall	Kathleen Foxall
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue Nugent	Loretto Cattell
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Maggi	John
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce	Angela

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.

Upcoming Social Event: By popular request, we hope to have a "Racenight" again - which is both an excellent Social Event and raises much needed funds for the Parish. It is scheduled for Friday 29th September in St. Johns Centre. In the next couple of weeks we will be handing out forms to "buy" horses and jockeys for the Races. We will also be asking for Sponsors for the Races and Prizes for the Raffle on the night. More News to follow – but please put the date in your Diaries.

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 payers 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 Thurs 14th Sep. Contact office.mission@rcaob.org.uk to register your interest.

SVP yearly activity report: Dear Parishioners, every year we have to provide an account of our activity to the St. Vincent de Paul Society headquarters in London. I would like to share with you a summary of that report to illustrate how we spend your generous donations and give an outline of the main support we undertake: From 1st April 2022 to end of March 2023 we undertook 777 visits, supporting 112 families and 32 older people. We provided 342 food parcels/grocery vouchers and transport on 312 occasions. In total we spent just under 2000 hours volunteering as members of the society. Sadly, the current economic climate is unlikely to improve in the near future so many within our community will continue to struggle. I would be grateful if you could remember them in your prayers. Thank you for your continued generosity. Theresa.

Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea: Water is the source of life. "On that day, living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem", said the prophet Zechariah (14:8), prophesying the new age. "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water", said Jesus (John 7:38), echoing many passages in the Scriptures.

Yet, water also reminded the Jews of the Deluge of old and was therefore a symbol of destruction. The prophets used this symbol of the chaotic sea to speak about coming disasters. In its depths, lurked "Leviathan, the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent... the dragon that is in the sea" (Isaiah 27:1). Water, then, is a symbol of both life and death. (Both of these meanings are merged in baptism; by immersion in the baptismal waters, we die to sin and self, but emerge into new life).

In today's reading, Jesus appears out of the night, "walking toward them on the sea". It is a symbol of his triumph over chaos and evil. The scene is full of symbolic association. Peter, the chief disciple, ventures into this dangerous element, and makes his way while he keeps his attention on the Lord, but he sinks once he begins thinking only about danger. For him, it was an experiment: "if it is you...." 'If' is an expression of doubt, not of faith. Peter's cry for help is a pure expression of prayer. Christians have long meditated on this. Here are some brief reflections from the great 19th Century preacher, C.H. Spurgeon: "Sinking times are praying times.... Short prayers are long enough.... There were but three words in the petition which Peter gasped out ("Lord, save me!"), but they were sufficient for his purpose.... Not length but strength.... A sense of need is a mighty teacher of brevity.... If our prayers had less of the tail feathers of pride, and more wing, they would be all the better.... Verbiage is to devotion as chaff is to wheat. Precious things lie in small compass, and all that is real prayer in many a long address, might have been uttered in a petition as short as that of Peter".