



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



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Hymns: E: 67; O: 121; C: 351; R:

Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8

**R: Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.**

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS**

<b>Sat</b> 26/08/23	Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi	10:00 Mon.	De La Salle brothers
	21 <sup>st</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK†	Mary Burns
		18:00 OLAM	Tom & Sadie Kennelly
<b>Sun</b> 27/08/23		10:00 CTK	John Butler (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM	Kadi-Leigh Trapszo (Get well)
<b>Mon</b> 28/08/23	St. Augustine of Hippo, Mem.	08:00 Con.	De La Salle brothers
		09:30 Mon.	Michael Doherty (Get well)
<b>Tue</b> 29/08/23	The Passion of St John the Baptist, Mem.	09:30 Mon.	Janina & Krystyna
		12:00 CTK	Rosemary Carr (Get Well)
<b>Wed</b> 30/08/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.	Private Intention
		09:30 Mon.	Lucyna Szambir
<b>Thu</b> 31/08/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.	Margaret Gray
		14:00 MPS	John White (RIP)
<b>Fri</b> 01/09/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:00 CTK	John Roche (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Bernadette Bromage
<b>Sat</b> 02/09/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 Mon.	Jim Ranahan (RIP)
	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Rose Lewsley (RIP)
		18:00 OLAM	Yvonne Cowman
<b>Sun</b> 03/09/23			10:00 CTK
		11:30 OLAM	Edward Smolinski (RIP)

**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, Caitlin Hodgetts, Joan and Alan Horton, Yvonne Cowman and Fr Michael Ho. Please pray for them and their families.

RIP: Please pray for Kieran Peach, Maurice O'Shea, Lily McDonald and David Cotton, all of whom passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**Funerals:** Kieran Peach: Fri 08/09/23, CTK, 11:00; Maurice O'Shea: Tue 12/09/23, OLAM, 11:00; Lily McDonald: Wed 20/09/23, Streetly Crem.; 12:30.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept at 3:00pm.

**RCIA Programme** - for those who would like to discern the Catholic faith in order to become Catholic - will start on Thurs 14/09/23 at 19:00 in the Guild Room behind the church of Christ the King.

**Red Mission Boxes:** Would parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please bring them to Church over the next 2 weekends, in order that they may be emptied and your grateful donations passed on to the APF Missionaries.

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

**Last Weeks' Collection CTK**  
 Loose: £ 246.13  
 Envelopes: £ 158.00  
 Standing Orders: £ 278.65  
**Total: £ 682.78**

**Thank you for  
 your generous support**

**Last Weeks' Collection OLAM**  
 Loose: £ 77.18  
 Envelopes: £ 181.90  
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69  
**Total: £ 353.77**

Next weekend, there is a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Christ the King		26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen Foxall	Kathleen Foxall
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue Nugent	Sue Nugent
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Steve	
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce	Mariane

**Harvington Pilgrimage:** This year's pilgrimage, held on Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep, is extra special as it marks the centenary of Harvington Hall's rescue from ruin by Ellen Ferris, who gifted the Hall to the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The moated property, which was gifted to the Archdiocese in 1923, has the greatest number of priest hides of any house in the country. Master builder St Nicholas Owen - believed to have been the creator of four of them - is remembered during the Archdiocese's annual pilgrimage to commemorate the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall. To mark this milestone in our history, we are pleased to announce that His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, will be the principal celebrant of this year's Pilgrimage Mass.

**Cursillo Events: Stafford and Walsall:** This September, there is an opportunity to learn more about Cursillo – for “an encounter with God, others and self” – and to hear talks and testimonies from Catholics like you in our Archdiocese, who are taking the lead in renewing this apostolate in Birmingham. There is an evening event at St Austin's Church, Stafford on Thursday 7 September 7-9 pm and a daytime event at St Mary the Mount Parish Centre, Walsall from 10.45 am to 2.30 pm on Saturday 16 September. Please contact Paul Northam in the Diocesan Office for Mission if you'd like to know more: [paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk)

**Free Online Workshop - Imprisonment:** Pact (Prison Advice & Care Trust) invites you to join them at a free online JustPeople Workshop on Fri 15/09/23 OR Wed 25/10/23, 9am – 1pm. Discern the Lord's call to social justice as we join together to promote the Common Good in our communities, reflecting upon Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching through the lens of people affected by imprisonment. All are welcome. A participant pack will be posted out ahead of the event.

**LOUDfence Ribbon Workshop: Sat 09/09/23 at St Chad's Cathedral:** Join talented fibre artist Mahawa Keita for a special day of creativity - responding to recent LOUDfence initiatives at St Chad's Cathedral and Birmingham Cathedral St Philip's: Mahawa will be using special ribbons; which were originally dedicated and placed on the railings at both cathedrals, as a sign of solidarity with those who have suffered abuse; to create a memorable piece of art. LOUDfence is a survivor-led initiative, which encourages people to tie brightly coloured ribbons and messages in public spaces. Booking can be done on <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/loudfence-ribbon-workshop>

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA:** "He's a man, he's just a man", sang Mary Magdalene in the musical *Jesus Christ Superstar*. It is one answer to the question, "Who is Jesus Christ?" "We're more popular than Jesus now; I don't know which will go first, rock 'n' roll or Christianity", said John Lennon of the Beatles on a famous occasion. Later, he explained that it was a comment on society and not on Jesus. Many people through the ages have imagined how Jesus would be received if he were to appear in modern society. In most scenarios, society comes out looking bad. Thomas Carlyle, the 19<sup>th</sup> Century historian wrote, "If Jesus Christ were to come today, people would not even crucify him. They would ask him to dinner, and hear what he had to say, and make fun of it".

But "Who do people say I am?" was only a preliminary question; the real question was "Who do *you* say I am?" The first question is easily answered; one has only to be a reporter. But, the second question is a searching one; and only a disciple can come anywhere within range of an answer.

When we recite the Creed at Mass, we give the Church's answer. "We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father...."

However, the mere repetition of a right answer is not the answer. We found out in primary school that the right answer given at the end of the arithmetic book was useless, unless we reached it by valid steps ourselves. We don't just repeat the Creed; we profess it. It is more than a set of theoretical statements; it is a commitment and a renewal of faith. This is more demanding. We cannot 'find' Jesus in the way you find some lost object, or a piece of information. In a sense, the seeking has to continue, even when we have found him, and especially then. There are different kinds of seeking. There is a seeking to know, and there is a seeking to find. These need not be opposed to each other, but they can be. The first is about possessing knowledge, the second is about possessing a reality. The first engages the mind, the second one's life. The Wise Men "sought diligently for the child", they asked everyone about him, and when they found him, "they knelt down and paid him homage" (Matthew 2:11).

After the Resurrection, the disciples met in pairs and in groups and they told one another of their experiences: Mary Magdalene "went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that he had said these things to her" (John 20:18); "the disciples said, 'we have seen the Lord'" (John 20:25); the disciples returning from Emmaus "told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread" (Luke 24:35).

When we Christians meet in his name, we are responding to his question "Who do you say that I am?" and sharing our experience of him with our brothers and sisters.