



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



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Hymns: E: 105; O: 467; C: 317; R: 129

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

R: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 09/09/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 Mon.	Caroline Hughes
	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Anthony & Karen Ball
Sun 10/09/23		18:00 OLAM†	Kitty Heaney
	10:00 CTK	Margaret Ngina (RIP)	
Mon 11/09/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30 OLAM	Alun Richards (Get Well)
		08:00 Con.†	De La Salle brothers
Tue 12/09/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.	Private Intention
		09:30 Mon.†	David Cotton (RIP)
Wed 13/09/23	Mem of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop	11:00 OLAM	Requiem Mass: Maurice Peter O'Shea
		08:00 Con.†	Claire Donnelan
Thu 14/09/23	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast	09:30 Mon.x	Janina & Krystyna
		09:30 Mon.†	Stephanie & Alan (RIP)
Fri 15/09/23	Our Lady of Sorrows, Mem.	12:00 CTK	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
		09:00 CTK†	Kieran Peach (RIP)
Sat 16/09/23	SS Cornelius, & Cyprian, (Martyrs)	09:30 Mon.x	Henryka, Lucien, Ela & Krzysztof (RIP)
		10:00 Mon.	Eugeniusz Mikula (RIP)
Sun 17/09/23	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK*	Ann Cunningham
		18:00 OLAM†	Maura Brown (RIP)
		10:00 CTK	Nora Canavan (RIP)
		11:30 OLAMx	Brian Webb (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.

Baptism Preparation: The next meeting is to be held at Christ the King Church on Sunday 1st October at 3:00pm.

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, 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 Maurice O'Shea, David Cotton, Lily McDonald, Nancy Conlon, Pat (Frances) Kennedy, & Althea Dunkley (Shantel Carty's mother in law), who all passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

Funerals: Maurice O'Shea: Tue 12/09/23, OLAM, 11:00; David Cotton: Tue 19/09/23, OLAM, 11:15; Lily McDonald: Wed 20/09/23, Streetly Crem., 12:30; Nancy Conlon: Wed 27/09/23, CTK, 11:00.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is **dedicated throughout September for members of the Holder family**, both living and deceased.

THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS COMBINED

Last Weeks' Collection CTK

Loose: £ 593.88
Envelopes: £ 223.50
Standing Orders: £ 557.30
Total: £ 1,374.68

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Last Weeks' Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 310.52
Envelopes: £ 344.90
Standing Orders: £ 189.38
Total: £ 844.80

There is Second Collection for this weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

RCIA Programme - for those who would like to discern the Catholic faith in order to become Catholic - will start on **Thurs 21/09/23 at 19:00** in the Guild Room behind the church of Christ the King.

Confirmation Preparation for young people who go to non-Catholic Schools will start on Fri 15/09/23 at 17:00 in the Guild Room.

Christ the King		9th/10 th Sept	16th/17 th Sept
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen Foxall	Kathleen Foxall
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa Wilkin	Sue Nugent
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Patience	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sr Michale	Joyce

Half-day of recollection - 16th Sep, 3pm to 6pm at the Convent. The retreats are running again as usual every third Saturday afternoon of the month, starting from the 16th of September. This is a precious opportunity to stay in the presence of God, personally and as a community, listening to His word and praying before the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome.

Youth group - Fri 15th Sep (7pm to 9pm), Guild room, Christ the King Parish: The youth group of Christ the King and Our Lady of the Assumption Parishes is back again, after the summer break. The meetings will be at the Guild room, at 7pm, starting from Friday the 15th Sep. All young people (from 13 years old on) are very welcome.

Parish AGM: Just a reminder that the AGM for both parishes is on Wed 13th Sep at 7.00 p.m. However the venue has been changed to St Johns Centre at Christ the King instead of Maryvale. We look forward to seeing you there.

Racenight: Please remember to support the Racenight on Friday 29th September at St Johns Centre at Christ the King. First Race is at 7.30. Tickets for Horses and Jockeys are going well but for those who haven't bought them yet please do so soon. Also if you have had the forms and not yet returned them bring them to Mass or hand them in at the Presbytery. We would also ask for Sponsors for the Races and prizes for the Raffle. Parishioners from both Parishes will be very welcome. Join together to make this a sociable and successful night. Thank you.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA: "The Lord corrects the one he loves, as a father, the son in whom he delights" (Proverbs 3:12). We all have painful memories of being corrected, where the correction was an expression of superiority or control or anger or impatience or a critical spirit or indeed anything but love. In a word, when there is ego in it, it is guaranteed to harm you in the end, even if it alters your behaviour in the short term. The ego doesn't know how to love, and therefore it doesn't know how to correct. If you love someone, the love itself corrects them, quite often without your having to say a word.

We all have memories too of being corrected with love: when someone, out of genuine goodness and concern, took us aside and put a respectful and loving word in our ear. Many years ago, a confrère stayed up with me till 4 am, to put me on a better path. There was not a hint of ego in it from start to finish, and it was one of the most fruitful experiences of my life. That kind of correction cannot be an over-the-shoulder thing, it can only come from a life of love. If you don't love people don't try to correct them, leave it to someone who can do it.

When the situation is a personal matter between the two of you it is more difficult. "Point out the fault when the two of you are alone," Jesus said. Don't humiliate the other by hauling out your argument in public. That would introduce all kinds of additional complications: the other person is more likely to become defensive in order to save face, and will suspect you of trying to gang-up. A still more cowardly way is to criticise the other in his or her absence. This way, the avenues of reconciliation are closed and the ego can have it all its own way. To say nothing at all can be equally bad, if the hurt then turns into silent resentment and coldness.

When the offence is against other people, there is a new set of rules – especially if innocent people are being secretly victimised. Here, there is no room for secrecy. The Church has learned this sharp lesson in recent years, as the many cases of physical and sexual abuse of children come to light. "I have made you a sentinel for the house of Israel", says the first reading of today's Mass. A sentinel is someone who keeps watch. "If you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand". These words are now ringing in the ears of many whose responsibility is to keep watch in the Church. Sometimes, love does not look like love at all. "Love is stronger than death", and a doctor who refused to operate when it was necessary would not be acting in the patient's interest. Psychotherapists talk about "tough love" and, even in one-to-one situations, this sometimes becomes necessary. But, nonetheless, it is love. In the second reading at today's Mass, St Paul wrote, "All the commandments ... are summed up in this single commandment: You must love your neighbour as yourself. It is... the answer to every one of the commandments".