



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

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Hymns: E: 195; O: 465; C: 225; R: 171

Psalm 24(25): 4-9 **R: Remember your mercy, Lord.**

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

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| Sat 30/09/23 | Mem. of St. Jerome, Priest | 10:00 Mon. | David Cotton (RIP) |
| | 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 12:30 CTK | Marcella Eivors (RIP) |
| Sun 01/10/23 | | 18:00 OLAM | Lily McDonald (RIP) |
| | 10:00 CTK | Michael Kenny (RIP) | |
| Mon 02/10/23 | The Guardian Angels, Mem. | 11:30 OLAM† | Margaret & James Head |
| | | 08:00 Con | Joseph NV Tho & Mary LT Tam (RIP) |
| Tue 03/10/23 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 09:30 Mon. | Maurice O'Shea (RIP) |
| | | 09:30 Mon. | John Roche (RIP) |
| Wed 04/10/23 | St. Francis of Assisi, Mem. | 12:00 CTK | The Hughes family |
| | | 09:30 Mon.† | Lizzie O'Hagan (RIP) |
| Thu 05/10/23 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 19:00 Con. | Peter Le (RIP) |
| | | 09:30 Mon.x | The O'Hagan Family |
| Fri 06/10/23 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 12:00 CTK | David Cotton (RIP) |
| | | 09:00 CTK | Bridie Murphy (RIP) |
| | | 09:30 Mon.x | De La Salle brothers |
| | | 12:00 CTK | Wayne Jenkins (RIP) |
| Sat 07/10/23 | Our Lady of the Rosary, Mem. | 14:00 MPS | PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES |
| | 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10:00 Mon. | Ann & Pat Malanaphy |
| 12:30 CTK | | Marion Hickey | |
| 18:00 OLAM† | | Bernadette Leydon (RIP) | |
| Sun 08/10/23 | | 10:00 CTK | Michael Crann (RIP) |
| | | 11:30 OLAM | Nikie Healy (RIP) |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, 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 Audrey Vickers, Michael Kenny, Eileen Downing and Christine Ford who all passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** Audrey Vickers: Mon 09/10/23, CTK 11:00; Eileen Downing: Wed 11/10/23, OLAM, 11:00; Christine Ford: Wed 18/10/23, CTK, 11:30.

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

Race Night: Many thanks to all who supported the social/fundraising event on Friday evening.

Parish Mission: The inaugural meeting of the Working Party is to be held on Wed 11th Oct 7 p.m. the Guild Room. All welcome. Those who feel unable to be present are asked to support the group in prayer.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR CAFOD HARVEST FAST: There are envelopes/leaflets at the back of Church relating to the CAFOD 2nd Collection to be held **next weekend.**

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 283.43
 Envelopes: £ 210.00
 Standing Orders: £ 278.65
Total: £ 772.08

**Thank you for
 your generous support**

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 172.67
 Envelopes: £ 247.00
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 514.36

| | Christ the King | 30th Sept/1st Oct | 7th / 8th Oct |
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| 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 | Maggie | |
| | Minister of Holy Communion | Sr Michale | Joyce |

RCIA Programme (for those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith in order to become Catholic or to get confirmed) takes place on every Thursday evening during the term time in the Guild Room of Christ the King at 7:00pm.

First Holy Communion Preparation for children attending **NON-CATHOLIC** schools will begin with an introductory meeting for parents and children at Christ The King Catholic Church, this Sunday 1st Oct after the 10.00 Mass and will then run weekly until mid-June 2024. Please contact Loretto on 07732 474 470 for further information.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: for the young people of the parish who are not in a Catholic school commenced last Friday and continues every Friday at 5pm in the Guild Room.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS: The Franciscan Sisters (based at the Convent House on Hawthorn Rd) extend a warm invitation to all to join them in 2 days of celebration in honour of their patron - Saint Francis of Assisi. On Tuesday **3rd October at 7.00 p.m.**, there will be a **Holy Hour** with a prayer service called "Transitus", in remembrance of St Francis's holy death. **On Wed 4th Oct** (the actual Solemnity of St. Francis) **Mass will take place at 7.00 p.m.** It is a special day for the Sisters, who are an integral part of our Parish, so please attend if you can and make their celebration a very spiritual event for all participants.

SHARING THE LOAD: Being a member of the Parish, should not be a "one day" event or, indeed, somewhere to go at Christmas & Easter. We are lucky to have 2 Parishes – **but unfortunately only 1 Priest.** When we arrive for Mass, the door is always open, the lights and heating are on, everywhere has been cleaned, flowers are placed on the altar to welcome us and newsletters are printed to keep us all informed of events. The Altar Servers arrive, the music and readings have been chosen and rehearsed in advance and the Piety Staff stocked and manned. Over many decades, we have relied on a number of longstanding parishioners to assist with all of these tasks - and more, but if we look around, many of those dedicated souls are now grandparents and great-grandparents and, although their spirits are as strong as ever, their limbs are naturally "not what they were", but their knowledge and enthusiasm remains. At the recent AGM, a discussion took place as to how best to attract younger "helping hands" who would be able to "tap into" the wealth of knowledge and experience our Parish Elders have brought to their tasks. Please don't shy away from the challenge, thinking "I couldn't do what they do" - **we can all do "a little"**, which might only be once a year, once a quarter, once a month or weekly. For example, older children could collect and return Hymn Books to the back of Church after Mass and - in the weeks to come - leaves will need to be swept up and bagged from around the Church entrance, which could be a fun activity for teens or indeed a family to do. Snow needs to be swept away in Winter to avoid falls and enable Funerals to take place. The Xmas Bazaar always needs volunteers beforehand and on the day. There's always a big "clean up" in advance of Christmas & Easter. Lending a hand can be fun, you get to speak to folk you have previously only seen across a crowded Church and make friends. This is "your Church", let's think about what we might do in "small ways" - as individuals and teams of individuals, to keep it going. **The more "hands" we attract, the "less" work anyone needs to do.** Please speak to Deacons Gary and Dominic, Fr. The or anyone already involved to find out more or suggest what you might be able to do.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA: Jesus was not speaking in the abstract. His listeners would immediately identify who the son was who said Yes and then did not go: it was most of themselves! - particularly the Pharisees. They were the people of the Covenant who had said "Yes" to God. The son who said "No" stood for the Gentiles, and also for outcasts such as tax-collectors and prostitutes. But the point of the parable was to blow away that clear distinction. What counts, he said, is not whether you say "Yes" or "No", but what you *do*. It was his consistent teaching. Another time, he said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who *does* the will of my Father in heaven" (Mt 7:21); and "Whoever *does* the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother" (Mt 12:50). The tax-collector in the Temple went home "at rights with God," while the Pharisee did not (Lk 18:14).

It is very upsetting to have the lines of demarcation moved. Someone once said that Jesus was the greatest disturber the world has known. He was a disturber of the peace, and still is. Wherever there is a wrong kind of peace, he disturbs it. If he is called "Prince of Peace", it is not because he helps us relax with our complacent map of the world - in which the 'right people' are clearly distinguished from the 'wrong people' - but because he brings "a peace the world cannot give".

We need not imagine that Jesus would leave us in peace if he walked our streets again. In the Church we often settle for a peace that the world *can* give: clear distinctions between insiders and outsiders, with a condescending attitude to people of other beliefs; and within the Church a culture of preferment and privilege and honours, which defies the Gospel by saying, in effect, "The first shall be first and the last shall be last". "How very many sheep there are outside the Church", St Augustine wrote, "and how very many wolves within!"

But everything comes back to one's own "Yes" or "No". In the light of this reading, "Yes" and "No" are not words we say, but things we do. A "Yes" that is said, but not done, is only an evasion. This Faith was made for walking.