



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



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Hymns: E: 19; O: 525; C: 41; R: 336

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

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| Sat 14/10/23 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 10:00 Mon. | Janina & Krystyna |
| | 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 12:30 CTK | Ted McKeown (RIP) |
| Sun 15/10/23 | | 18:00 OLAM | Bridget Quinn (RIP) |
| | 10:00 CTK† | Andy O'Gara (RIP) | |
| Mon 16/10/23 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 11:30 OLAM | Michael Fahey (RIP) |
| | | 08:00 Con. | Audrey Vickers (RIP) |
| Tue 17/10/23 | Mem. of St. Ignatius of Antioch | 09:30 Mon. | Private Intention |
| | | 09:30 Mon.x | Fr Irek (Poorly) |
| Wed 18/10/23 | Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist | 12:00 CTK | Kazimierz, Emil, Krystyna & Bolek Banat |
| | | 08:00 Con.† | Sisters Minor of St Francis |
| | | 09:30 Mon.x | Ian Bartlett (RIP) |
| Thu 19/10/23 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 11:30 CTK | Funeral Service: Christine Mary Ford |
| | | 09:30 Mon.† | Peter Le (RIP) |
| | | 10:30 OLAM | PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES |
| | | 12:00 CTK | Bridget Walsh (Anni.) |
| Fri 20/10/23 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 09:00 CTK | Aloysius Gonzaa Ikwuka (RIP) |
| | | 09:30 Mon.x | Lily McDonald (RIP) |
| Sat 21/10/23 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 10:00 Mon. | Holy Souls |
| | | 12:30 CTK | John Fields (RIP) |
| | | 18:00 OLAM | Maurice O'Shea (RIP) |
| Sun 22/10/23 | 29 ^h Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10:00 CTK | Pauline Whithero (Anni.) |
| | | 11:30 OLAMx | Hugh & Teresa McHugh (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.

Half-Day of Recollection & Prayer at the Franciscan Convent, Hawthorn Rd, Sat 21st Oct 3pm - 6pm. All Welcome

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 & Alan Horton, Yvonne Cowman and Fr Michael Ho.

RIP: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Audrey Vickers, Michael Kenny, Eileen Downing, Christine Ford, Josephine Williams, Helen McDonnell and Str. Frances Scully, who all passed away recently. **May they rest in peace.** **Funerals:** Christine Ford: Wed 18/10/23, CTK, 11:30; Helen McDonnell: Thu 26/10/23, OLAM, 11:00.

FEED THE POOR: We welcome this weekend Sr Sebastian – Order of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – who will be speaking to us today of her Order's efforts to feed the poor throughout the year, and to promote their annual raffle to ensure that whilst we will be eating heartily at Christmas time, others will similarly be fed.

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

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 254.20
 Envelopes: £ 138.85
 Standing Orders: £ 278.65
Total: £ 671.70

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 your generous support**

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 153.80
 Envelopes: £ 140.00
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 388.49

| Christ the King | | 14 th / 15 th Oct | 21 st / 22 nd 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 | Steve | Christ the King School |
| | Minister of Holy Communion | Marianne | Sr Michale |

2nd COLLECTION: Next weekend, there will be a 2nd Collection for Missio (APF Missionaries).

BOOKING A BAPTISM: Rather than conducting group sessions on a monthly basis – as has previously been the case - anyone wishing to have their child baptised should speak to Fr. The when attending Mass on a Sat/Sun, when their individual preparation can be discussed and planned. It is essential that at least one of the parents have themselves been baptised in the Catholic faith and that both are committed to their role/responsibility for nurturing the child's journey in faith.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: As frequently occurs at this time of year, numerous requests are received from parents eager to obtain a copy of the Certificate they were presented with at the time their child was baptised, in order to support an application for admission to a Catholic Primary/Secondary School. The most appropriate manner in which to access this support is to speak to Fr. The after whichever Mass you would normally attend as a family on Sat/Sun and provide him with written details of the child/parents name and the relevant dates of birth/baptism.

COMMUNITY MEAL: will take place on Sunday 29th October at 4.00 pm in the New Heights Centre. People from both parishes are welcome. **Please ring Sandra on 07985 607091 to book a place.**

ANNUAL BAZAAR: As announced last weekend, the annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Sat 2nd December. Any donations towards the **Bottle Stall** or **unwanted gifts suitable for the Tombola Stall** would be greatly received after Mass on any weekend between now and then.

CAKE SALE AFTER 10.00 MASS NEXT WEEK: Pupils from Christ the King School will be offering cakes for sale in aid of their Cafod Project. Please support this if at all possible.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA: "On this mountain the Lord of Hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines...." Thus begins the first reading of today's Mass, a reading from the prophet Isaiah, who lived about seven centuries before Christ. In the literatures of most countries, there is a longing for a future golden age (or sometimes nostalgia for a past one). Such a future time or place is called Utopia, a 'non-existent place' (from the Greek, *ou* = not, and *topos* = place). Practical people have always been wary of such thinking. "An acre in Middlesex," said Macaulay, "is better than a principality in Utopia". Isaiah's prophecy, however, was not based on wishful thinking but on God's promise, a promise that he expected God to fulfil, not in Utopia, but "on this mountain". All God's promises are being fulfilled in Jesus; this is the faith of Christians. "The Son of God, Jesus Christ...was not 'Yes and No'; but in him it is always 'Yes'. For, in him, every one of God's promises is a "Yes" (2 Corinthians 1:19-20). Isaiah's prophecy, like all the others, is fulfilled in him. He is the one who prepares the "messianic banquet" - a symbol of the joy of the "messianic kingdom", to be inaugurated by the Messiah. There is a special interest, then, when we hear Jesus begin a story with the words, "The Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a King who gave a wedding banquet for his son." We will come back to the story. The Last Supper is presented in the Gospels as the messianic banquet in anticipation. Taking the cup of wine he said, "I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Mt 26:29). That will be the messianic banquet. The Mass retains this meaning of the messianic banquet in anticipation. The story in today's reading is about this. He calls it a wedding feast, which was the most joyful time in a Jew's life. But those who were called refused to come. So, he sent his servants out into the highways and byways to invite everyone they could find. "They gathered all whom they found, both good and bad." This is Jesus talking about his life's work. Many of his own people were resisting his invitation, so he was now inviting everyone, good and bad alike. This was no fiction. In real life, he befriended the outcasts of society: Samaritans, tax-collectors and sinners, foreigners, pagans...and he invites even us! What are we to make of the one who was then thrown out? He "was not wearing a wedding garment." That is to say, he had no appreciation of what he had been invited to. "Friend, why are you here?" the bridegroom asked him. Each of us has to imagine these words addressed to him or herself. It doesn't matter where we come from - the highways and the byways - but it does matter that we know where we are, and what we have been invited to. If we bring with us a spirit of arrogance and division, a spirit of cynicism and discouragement, it is like going to a wedding in our worst clothes. As Origen said, the man who was cast out "had not put off his old behaviour". A wedding is a celebration of love. This banquet is a love-feast. It is Christ joining himself in marriage to his Bride, the Church. St Paul took up this image. "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her" (Ephesians 5:25). Johann Tauler, the 14th-Century confrère of Meister Eckhart, wrote about this union. "This love is so close, so interior, so secret, so tender and so ardent as to be beyond all comprehension. All the great theologians of Paris, with all their wisdom, could never express what it is. However much they wanted to speak about it, they could only keep silence.... And yet any simple persons, if they have put all their trust in God and if they are humble, may feel and taste something of this love in the depths of their souls; though even such a person will never be able to grasp what it is or express it in words."