



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



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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Stephen Clarke. He can be contacted at sg.christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk

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Hymns: E: 195; O: 217; C: 298; R: 17

Sat 21/10/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 Mon.	Holy Souls
	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	John White (RIP)
Sun 22/10/23		18:00 OLAM	Maurice O'Shea (RIP)
	10:00 CTK	Pauline Whithero (Anni.)	
Mon 23/10/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30 OLAMx	Hugh & Teresa McHugh (RIP)
		08:00 Con. †	De La Salle brothers
Tue 24/10/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.	David Cotton (RIP)
		09:30 Mon. †	Ian Bartlett (RIP)
Wed 25/10/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:00 CTK	Alf Johns
		08:00 Con. †	Peter Le (RIP)
Thu 26/10/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.x	Margaret Gasson (RIP)
		09:30 Mon. †	Colum Conway (RIP)
Fri 27/10/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	11:00 OLAM	Requiem: Helen McDonnell
		09:00 CTK	James & Daniel McGrail
Sat 28/10/23	Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles, Feast	09:30 Mon. †	Special Intention (SH)
	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 Mon.	Deceased of Mikula Family
Sun 29/10/23		12:30 CTK	John Fields (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM	Christy Ranahan (RIP)	
		10:00 CTK	Audrey Vickers (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM †	Eva Green (Anni.)

Saturday Evening Mass: As was necessary last year, during the cold nights of winter, the 6.00 p.m. Mass – from this weekend (21st Oct) until Holy Week – will be celebrated in the Maryvale Community Centre. The Christmas Vigil Mass - being of special significance - will, however, still be held in the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption.

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

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/Paul Cowan, Gerald, Str Marie, John/Sandra Mageean, Sarah McCallion, John, Sadie Pulido, Mary McGee, Claire/Mark, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Jo Teece, 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, Fr Michael Ho, Debbie Davis, and Peggy O'Donovan.

RIP: Pray for the souls of Helen McDonnell, Sr. Frances Scully, Anthony Rollason and Patricia Comerford who all passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** Helen McDonnell: Thu 26/10/23, OLAM, 11:00. Sr Frances Scully: Thu 02/11/23, OLAM, 11.00; Anthony Rollason: Mon 06/11/23, OLAM, 10.30.

2ND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd Collection **this weekend** for Missio (APF Missionaries).

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Oscott Cemetery: Sat 4th Nov 1.00 pm; Erdington Abbey: Sun 5th Nov 1.00 pm; Witton: Sun 5th Nov 3.00 pm; Sutton (New Hall): Sun 12th Nov 2.00 p.m; Sutton (Rectory Rd): Sun 26th Nov 2 p.m

CAKE SALE AFTER 10.00 MASS THIS 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.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: As we are unable to provide a breakdown of last week's Parish collection count, figures for both weeks will be contained within next week's Newsletter.

COMMUNITY MEAL: The next monthly meal will take place next Sun 29th Oct 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.

NEW HEIGHTS SOCIAL: Join New Heights on Fri 27th October - 12:00 – 2:00pm - for live music and free food.

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.

TICKETS FOR THE MAIN RAFFLE - which is a major part of our annual fundraising efforts, with the draw taking place at the Bazaar – are currently being printed - with the 1st and 2nd prize being a “cash prize”, which may be more useful to the winner concerned in the current climate. If anyone is able to contribute towards those 2 sums, any donation – no matter how small you may feel it to be – would be gratefully received.

BAPTISMS & DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES: Changes for booking/preparing for Baptisms and requesting duplicate Certificates where these have been lost have now been added to the Parish website to give greater clarity to parents and make best use of limited resources across both Parish sites, particularly leading up to school admission times, when duplicate Certificates seem to be requested on a daily basis to support school applications.

Christ the King		21 st / 22 nd Oct	28 th / 29 th Oct
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen Foxall	Kathleen Foxall
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue Nugent	Theresa Wilkin
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Patience	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sr Michale	Joyce

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.

CHRISTMAS PIETY ITEMS: The Piety Stall has recently been re-stocked with some lovely (and very reasonably priced) Birthday, Get Well, Thank You and Sympathy cards (both religious and secular). There is also a variety of Mass Cards for all occasions, Catholic Diaries (With the Order of Mass included), Religious calendars, Nativity Candles and Cards. Take a minute or two to take a look on your way in or out of Mass. You may just find what you have been looking for – a very personal gift to yourself or someone you care about at a reasonable price. (Be one of the “early birds” - as, last year, there was very little left to sell at the Bazaar)!!

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA: Praise some powerful person for qualities he/she doesn't have, and you insult them in a subtle way. Flattery has been called the politeness of contempt. But it works! Only a very rock-like person could remain unmoved when a warm gush of flattery is playing over them. Most people suspend all critical self-examination at such a moment. The flattery of the Pharisees was more subtle. They probably knew that Jesus could not be flattered by lies, so they tried to flatter him with the truth. “We know you are afraid of no one, and that a person's rank means nothing to you!” But there was treachery in every word. They would entice him to bravado in speech, and then get him into serious trouble with the authorities for what he said. Taxation of Jews by the Romans (who were the occupying powers) was a burning issue; and the Romans had dealt summarily with Judas, who tried to raise resistance to it. The Pharisees were trying to walk Jesus to the same fate. They brought some Herodians with them, to make it a perfect trap. If Jesus answered “yes” to their question, he would be branded a collaborator; if he answered “no”, he would be in deep trouble with the Herodians, who were collaborators with the Romans. But he was ready. What strikes you more and more in the Gospels is the sheer intelligence of Jesus. His answer was full of wit and insight. It was full of significance for the future too. The notion of separation between religion and politics (or, as it came to be known, the separation of Church and State) was unknown before him. We see today, the trouble that the lack of such a distinction makes in countries with Muslim majorities, and even in countries with Muslim minorities. This saying of his, “Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar”, was useful from the start: it was of great importance to the early Christians, because they were often accused of disloyalty to the State. St Paul wrote an exhortation to loyalty to the state (Romans 13:1-7, where he even says that the tax-man is doing God's work!). Clearly, there is a tradition of civil loyalty that goes back to Jesus himself. But passing beyond the particular question of taxes, it is of the greatest interest to see how Jesus faced people in authority. His way is ultimately the model for how we ourselves are to face authority, as we do every day, in one way or another. It is not a pleasant thing when a policeman approaches you and says, “Documents!” It is like being asked what right you have to exist. Jesus was asked precisely this kind of question one day in the Temple. He was approached by “the Chief Priests, the teachers of the Law and the Jewish authorities”. He was on their ground. “By what authority do you do these things...?” they demanded. (He had been teaching, which was their job). But he was not one to bow down before authority. He put a perfect fix on them. Jesus defied human authorities when he had to, but he was not against authority in principle. “Give to Caesar that which is Caesar's”. People who are against authority in principle are often simply looking for authority themselves. But the ultimate words on authority are surely his: “The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve”.