



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

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**Hymns:** E:152; O:467; C: 463; R: 201

### MASSES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

<b>Sat</b> 28/10/23	Feast of Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles	10:00 Mon.	Deceased of Mikula Family
	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	John Fields (RIP)
<b>Sun</b> 29/10/23		18:00 OLAM	Christy Ranahan (RIP)
	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK	Audrey Vickers (RIP)
<b>Mon</b> 30/10/23		11:30 OLAM†	Eva Green (Anni.)
	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Special Intention - TM
<b>Tue</b> 31/10/23		09:30 Mon.	Deceased of the Banat Family
	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.†	Peter Le (RIP)
Vigil Mass for All Saints		12:00 CTK	Special Intention (SH)
	<b>Wed</b> 01/11/23	19:00 MCC	David Cotton (RIP)
<b>SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS</b> <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>		09:30 Mon.x	Maurice O'Shea (RIP)
		12:00 CTK	Chris & Eddie Walsh
	19:00 CTK†	Bridie Murphy (RIP)	
<b>Thu</b> 02/11/23	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	09:30 Mon.†	Alan & Stephanie Holland (RIP)
		<b>11:00 OLAM</b>	<b>Requiem: Sr Frances Scully</b>
<b>Fri</b> 03/11/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 CTK	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
		12:00 Mon.	Frank King (RIP)
<b>Sat</b> 04/11/23	St. Charles Borromeo, Mem.	10:00 Mon.	Private Intention
		12:30 CTK	Maria McCartan (RIP)
<b>Sun</b> 05/11/23	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	18:00 OLAM	Pat McAndrew (RIP)
		10:00 CTK†	Nancy Conlon (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM	John Roche (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, Luke Byrne, Jean McCabe, Muriel/Paul Cowan, Gerald, Sr Marie, Mary McGee, John/Sandra Mageean, Sarah McCallion, John, Sadie Pulido, Claire/Mark, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Arjun Paul, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Jo Teece, Niamh O' Reilly, Alberto Bolongaro, Kyle Billing, Nicola Jones, Daniel Kelly, Patricia Nash, 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:** Please pray for Sr Frances Scully, Anthony Rollason, Jean Fahey and Patricia Comerford, who all passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** Anthony Rollason: OLAM, 06/11/23, 11:30; Jean Fahey: CTK, 17/11/23, 10:45; Pat Comerford: CTK, 23/11/23, 11:00.

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

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is dedicated throughout October for members (both living and deceased) **of the Mikula family**, and in November the Lamp at Christ The King will be dedicated to members of the King/McBride families & at OLAM for the Scott/Heaney families.

**Last 2 Weeks' Collection CTK**  
 Loose: £ 700.25  
 Envelopes: £ 267.50  
 Standing Orders: £ 557.30  
**Total: £ 1,525.05**

**Thank you for  
 your generous support**

**Last 2 Weeks' Collection OLAM**  
 Loose: £ 344.12  
 Envelopes: £ 280.40  
 Standing Orders: £ 189.38  
**Total: £ 813.90**

**Please note, as there was no counting last week, the above combined figures relate to 2 weeks' collections.**  
 There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next weekend for the Johnson Association, who support retired Priests

	<b>Christ the King</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>
<b>Sat 12:30</b>	<b>Minister of the Word</b>	Kathleen Foxall	Kathleen Foxall
	<b>Minister of Holy Communion</b>	Theresa Wilkin	Sue Nugent
<b>Sun 10.00</b>	<b>Minister of the Word</b>	Theresa	Angela
	<b>Minister of Holy Communion</b>	Joyce	Marianne

**ANNUAL BAZAAR – SAT 2<sup>ND</sup> DEC:** With only 5 weeks to go, any donations – particularly for the Chocolate / Bottle stalls or unwanted gifts to be included on the Tombola Staff - can be dropped off at the Church either before or after Mass or left with Cath Madden at CTK Primary School. Your support is much appreciated.

**THE MAIN RAFFLE** – (to be drawn at the Bazaar) – will again include a sizeable cash prize for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> winning tickets, which may be more useful to the winner 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.

**CHRISTMAS PIETY ITEMS:** The Piety Stall has been re-stocked with some lovely, reasonably priced cards for all occasions (both religious & secular) Nativity Candles and Calendars. Take a minute or two to browse on your way in/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 quick though - as, last year, there was very little left to sell at the Bazaar)!!

**SPONSORSHIP OF THE SANCTUARY LAMP:** A year ago, CTK parish responded to a request from a Parishioner, aware of the practice at other Churches, as to whether it would be possible for them to sponsor the burning of the Sanctuary Lamp – which indicates the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar - for a calendar month in memory of deceased members of their family, much in the way that many of us remember our deceased relatives during the month of November. This was put to parishioners & 12 individuals welcomed the opportunity to similarly sponsor the Lamp in memory of family members throughout 2023. A similar request has now been received from 2 parishioners at Maryvale and anyone wishing to do so, for a donation of £25, should speak with Deacon Dominic, to attribute the “family name” against a particular month.

**COMMUNITY MEAL:** The monthly meal takes place this Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct at 4.00 pm in the New Heights Centre. People from both parishes are welcome. Please ring Sandra on 07985 607091 to check on remaining places.

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA:** Commentators on the Torah (the first five books of the Bible) amplified it into many hundreds of prescriptions; but there was an equal quest to simplify it into one, to express the essence underlying its multiplicity. This was the import of the Pharisee's question. It was a regular question to put to a Rabbi. Jesus replied by quoting the 'Shema Israel', which is practically the Creed of Judaism. It was recited at Saturday evening prayers, and written on small pieces of parchment carried in phylacteries. The words mean 'Hear, O Israel', from the opening words: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). But he added another to it, from Leviticus 19:18, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself". This was not quite an innovation in itself but, when you recall who he meant by 'neighbour', it certainly was. The common understanding of 'neighbour' was other Jews. In the time of Jesus, the most pious sect, the Qumran community, altered the definition a little: "You shall love all the children of light, and hate all the children of darkness". But, in the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus made it clear that one's neighbour is anyone in need, no matter what their race or religion. 'Neighbour', then, is an unlimited category in the teaching of Jesus and, as if to underline this from the beginning, the perfect model of this new liberating morality was a Samaritan. Samaritans were regarded by Jews as heretics and foreigners, in no way "children of the light". The combination of the two commandments to love God and neighbour was not lost on Jesus' disciples. "Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen." (1 John 4:20). But there are better examples in the New Testament of the universality of 'neighbour' (John tended to think only in terms of the community of disciples). Jesus' teaching was that we must love even our enemies: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy'. But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous" (Mt 5:43-45). "Love your neighbour as yourself", Jesus quoted. But, when he spoke from himself he said "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). There is all the difference in the world between these two. I would run a mile from some people if they threatened to love me as they loved themselves! The so-called “Golden Rule” guarantees very little. Jesus not only *tells* us to love God and neighbour; by his life and death he **“shows us how to do it”**.