



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



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Hymns: E: 310; O: 41; C: 455; R: 563

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 04/11/23	St. Charles Borromeo, Mem.	10:00 Mon.	Private Intention
	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Maria McCartan (RIP)
18:00 OLAM		Pat McAndrew (RIP)	
10:00 CTK†		Nancy Conlon (RIP)	
11:30 OLAM		John Roche (RIP)	
Mon 06/11/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con. †	Pat Comerford (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Peter Le (RIP)
		10:30 OLAM	Funeral Service: Anthony Rollason
Tue 07/11/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.x	David Cotton (RIP)
Wed 08/11/23	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con. †	Luke Crann and Thomas Beirne (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Ian Bartlett (RIP)
		14:00 OLAM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
Thu 09/11/23	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast	09:30 Mon.x	Margaret Gasson (RIP)
		12:00 CTK	Andy O'Gara (RIP)
Fri 10/11/23	Mem. of St. Leo the Great, Pope	09:00 CTK	Audrey Vickers (RIP)
		09:30 Mon. †	Sr Marie Inglis (SI)
Sat 11/11/23	St. Martin of Tours, Mem.	10:00 Mon.	Private Intention
	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK†	Alan Broth (Ann)
18:00 OLAM		Alan Maxwell & Stephen Cusack (RIP)	
10:00 CTK		Christine Timmins (RIP)	
11:30 OLAM		Anthony Stephen Watts (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, 10:30; Jean Fahey: CTK, 17/11/23, 10:45; Pat Comerford: CTK, 23/11/23, 11:00.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Oscott Cemetery: Sat 4th Nov 3.00 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

2ND COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd Collection today for the Johnson Association, who support retired Priests.

Last Weeks' Collection CTK

Loose: £ 408.27
 Envelopes: £ 193.20
 Standing Orders: £ 278.65
Total: £ 880.12

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 your generous support**

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 167.04
 Envelopes: £ 235.20
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 496.93

Christ the King		4 th / 5 th Nov	11 th / 12 th Nov
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	Angela	John
	Minister of Holy Communion	Marianne	Sr Michale

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

If any parishioner at OLAM would similarly like to sponsor the lamp (for a donation of £25) in any calendar month throughout the coming year, please see either Fr. The or Deacon Dominic.

ANNUAL BAZAAR – SAT 2ND DEC: With only 4 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 1st and 2nd 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.

The Raffle Tickets have now been printed. If you are able to take a book for yourself and maybe an extra book to sell tickets to friends/neighbours/colleagues, the funding would be appreciated. If, after 2 weeks, you can't really sell the extra tickets, please don't feel pressured – just return the unsold tickets as soon as possible, in case others may want them.

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)!!

Youth Group (Age 13-22) - Friday 10th Nov: The Youth Group of the two combined parishes meets on a Friday every fortnight in the Guild Room at Christ The King, starting at 7.00 p.m. with prayer, food for thought and games! 2 **"Special Visitors"**, will be attending next Friday - a young couple who will share with the group something of their faith journey. Come along and bring your friends!

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA: Great hypocrites are the real atheists, someone said. They clothe themselves with the trappings of religion, but their hearts are untouched by it. In this way, they make it appear to the world that religion has no heart.

The Pharisees were a rigorously pious sect within Judaism. But Jesus was in constant conflict with them and called them hypocrites. In asking us to read the above passage today, the Liturgy clearly wants to send a message to their successors: the clerical and other religious figures of our day.

It is never a good time to be a hypocrite. Hypocrisy is harder to practise than almost any other vice. You can speak evil of your neighbours for half an hour a day, you can be a glutton for an hour or two, but you have to be a hypocrite all day long.

Has it any redeeming features? Yes, one. If you want to be cured, that is very easily done. It is cured by the mere acknowledgement of it. If you say, "I have a terrible temper," that won't cure you of your temper; but if you say, "I'm a hypocrite," you're no longer a hypocrite. (A real hypocrite would never say, "I'm a hypocrite.") Or, more painfully, if someone else proves you a hypocrite, you can no longer carry it off. There is a great cleansing going on in our time, and the Church is all the better for it. Lamenting the modern age is a fashion with many people, but the modern age has one great virtue: it provides little or no cover for hypocrites.

"The greatest among you must be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted". The Gospel turns everything upside down – or should we say, it turns everything the right way up. The greatest is the least, by the very fact of thinking he's the greatest; and the least is the greatest, by the very fact of thinking he's the least.

For a Christian, everything is on the ground. The word 'humility' comes from the Latin 'humus', which means earth. St Augustine said that God accepts sacrifices only from the altar of humility. Because everything is on the ground, there are no bigwigs of any account. "Call no one on earth your father."