



## 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](mailto:sg.christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk)

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Hymns: E: 105; O: 395; C: 317; R: 171

### MASSES THIS WEEK

<b>Sat</b> 20/01/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 Mon.	Fr The
		12:30 CTK†	James (Jimmy) Kelly (RIP)
		18:00 OLAM	Michael Croke (sick)
<b>Sun</b> 21/01/24	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK	Chris & Eddie Walsh
		11:30 OLAM	Patricia Whelan (RIP)
<b>Mon</b> 22/01/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Johanna Donnellan (Recovery)
		09:30 Mon.	Paul Thompson (Anni.)
		11:00 CTK	Funeral Service: Frederick Joseph Farrell
<b>Tue</b> 23/01/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.†	David Cotton (RIP)
		12:00 CTK	Alan Ancill (sick)
<b>Wed</b> 24/01/24	Mem. of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop	08:00 Con.†	Ron Hunt (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Jacqui Carron (RIP)
<b>Thu</b> 25/01/24	Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle	09:30 Mon.†	Janina & Krystyna
		12:00 CTK	Muriel Cowan
<b>Fri</b> 26/01/24	Memorial of SS Timothy & Titus, Bishops	09:00 CTK	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
		10:30 Mon.	Czapiewski (RIP)
<b>Sat</b> 27/01/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 Mon.	Emil & Krystyna Banat (RIP)
		12:30 CTK	Ed McKeown (Anni.)
		18:00 OLAM	Kitty Heaney (RIP)
<b>Sun</b> 28/01/24	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK	Johnny & Family
		11:30 OLAM†	Alun Richards (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.

**Next Meeting of the Mission Prayer Group** will be on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2.30 pm at 82 Dunedin Road. For further information please speak to Deacon Gary or email him on [dcn.gary.obrien@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.gary.obrien@rcaob.org.uk)

**Please Pray For The Sick:** Monique Hunt, Luke Byrne, Jean McCabe, Muriel/Paul Cowan, Gerald, John, Sr Marie, Mary McGee, John/Sandra Mageean, Sarah McCallion, Sadie Pulido, Claire/Mark, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Arjun Paul, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Jo Teece, Niamh O'Reilly, Alberto Bolongaro, Kyle Billing, Nicola Jones, Elizabeth Teague, Daniel Kelly, Patricia Nash, Teresa Webb, Angela Madigan, Carol Timmis, Joanne Fields, Caitlin Hodgetts, Debbie Davis, Joan and Alan Horton, Yvonne Cowman, Fr Michael Ho, Peggy O'Donovan, Pauline O'Brien, Annette Molloy and Josephine Brown.

**RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sue Lavender, Kitty Heaney and Alexander Greenhouse who all passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** Sue Lavender: Fri 23/02/24, 12:00 at CTK; Alexander Greenhouse: Fri 26/02/24, 11:00, at CTK; Hugh Gunn: Fri 26/01/24 11.30 at The Abbey, Erdington. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Christopher Greaney, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham who died on Thurs 28/12/23. His funeral will be on Thurs 08/02/24, 12:00, at St Peter's, Leamington Spa.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7 pm in the Guild Room. If you have any items you would like the Council to consider please have a word with any of the Parish Council Members.

**Last Weeks' Collection CTK**  
 Loose: £ 455.65  
 Envelopes: £ 194.00  
 Standing Orders: £ 278.65  
**Total: £ 928.30**

**Thank you for  
 your generous support**

**Last Weeks' Collection OLAM**  
 Loose: £ 192.39  
 Envelopes: £ 169.00  
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69  
**Total: £ 456.08**

Christ the King		20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> Jan
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	John	Patience
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sr Michale	Isy Moss

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is dedicated throughout January for the **deceased members of the Rochford family** at Christ The King and for the **Myatt/Byrne/Reynolds Families** at Maryvale.

**Notices for OLAM Congregation:**

1. Please return the Mission Questionnaires to any of the OLAM masses by Sunday 28/01/24 at the latest.
2. Tea/coffee/biscuits will be served after the 6pm mass in Maryvale Centre on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb and 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**Toilets in New Heights Centre:** Generally the toilets in New Heights will always be open for Masses and Funerals. On the rare occasion when the Centre is closed, due to a private letting, Mass-goers are able to use the toilet in the Sacristy.

**Trustee Vacancies: St Mary's College Oscott** is looking for up to 10 additional Trustees over the next couple of years, due to imminent retirements and also to help increase the expertise and diversity of the Board. No experience of Trusteeship is necessary, and the successful candidates would be invited to attend a board meeting as a guest (in Feb 2024), before being appointed. Find out more via our Jobs and Volunteering page. Deadline for Applications: 31/01/2024

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 - 27th May to 1st June**

Each May half Term, the Archdiocese of Birmingham organises a pilgrimage to Lourdes, in France, for a week of prayer and service at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. 2024 will be the 82nd Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.

If you are interested in going to Lourdes on Pilgrimage, but need assistance with personal care, medication, or mobility then we encourage you to apply to the Pilgrimage as an Assisted Pilgrim. Should you be successful, you will be accepted into 'The Accueil' (meaning welcome) which is a purpose-built facility within the Domain itself and will have access to support from carers, nurses, doctors and physiotherapists whose purpose it is to help you for your Pilgrimage week. It is important to note that you will be expected to pay for yourself to attend, though there are funding streams you can apply to for assistance. If you are interested in this, please contact the pilgrimage office on Tel: 0121 230 6288.

We are also advertising for carers, nurses and doctors to volunteer for the week in Lourdes to help assist those who need help throughout their Pilgrimage. You will work as part of a supported team of other healthcare professionals of varying experience and will have free time to enjoy your own Pilgrimage also.

Would you be willing to give up a week of your time to assist sick pilgrims in Lourdes? If so, please email Kathryn, our Chief Nurse, on [chiefnurse.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:chiefnurse.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk) or visit the Diocesan website for more information.

**War and violence against the innocent must end, says Cardinal after 100 days of war in Gaza**

His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, has stressed that our prayers must continue after more than 100 days of war in Gaza.

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA:** In all three readings at today's Mass, there is a sense of time running out. "Only forty more days..." shouted Jonah (1st reading). "Our time is growing short," wrote Paul (2nd reading). "The time has come," said Jesus (Gospel reading).

Everything in this world is transitory. We are not the first people in the world to think that everything is changing and that nothing remains the same. An ancient Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, writing about 500 BC, said, "Everything changes and nothing remains the same .... You cannot step twice in the same river, for the waters are perpetually flowing upon you...."

Since Alvin Toffler's *Future Shock* in the 1960s and his *Third Wave* a decade later, we have come to realise that change feeds on itself: not only is change accelerating but the rate of acceleration is accelerating. Most of our new inventions (and not only computers) are in the service of greater speed.

Jesus lived in tumultuous times, and his country was one of the crossroads of the world. The people were on fire with revolutionary ideas. Into this atmosphere, Jesus announced "The time has come!" There is a kind of breathless haste in Mark's Gospel. He tells the story as a child in crisis might. Phrases like 'straightaway' and 'immediately' occur almost 30 times; in Chapter 3, there are 34 phrases and sentences one after another beginning with 'and'. He also loves to use the 'historic present': "Jesus *sends* two disciples and *says* to them..." (11:1-2). (This is not always preserved in translations). The cumulative effect of this is a feeling that there is no time to waste.

No people were ever so well-placed as we are to realise that "the time is short", "the time is come". But what are we rushing towards? What is the future into which we are accelerating? For many, it is a launch into nowhere; it is like those expensive rockets into empty space. We are not so much intent on getting somewhere as on getting away. On the grand scale, when climate change becomes truly alarming we start dreaming about colonising Mars. On the small scale, when we get bored at home we go somewhere "just to get away". We have never had such capabilities of moving and changing, but we don't know where we are going, or why we should go anywhere.

As in last Sunday's readings, the question the Lord would ask us is, "What are you looking for?"