



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: 301; O: 50; C: 48; R: 17

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 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)
Sun 28/01/24	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK	Johnny, Kelian & Family
		11:30 OLAM†	Alun Richards (RIP)
Mon 29/01/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Delia Byrne (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Jackie Carron (RIP)
Tue 30/01/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.	John Roche (RIP)
		12:00 CTK	Evelyn & family
Wed 31/01/24	St. John Bosco, Mem.	08:00 Con.	Darren Finlan (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Joan & family
Thu 01/02/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.	Andy Dean (RIP)
		10:30 MPS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
		12:00 CTK	Karen Jemison (RIP)
Fri 02/02/24	Presentation of the Lord, Feast	09:00 CTK†	Deacon Gary & Clare
		09:30 Mon	Special Intention (Get Well)
		12:00 CTK	Ellen Crann (RIP)
Sat 03/02/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 Mon.	Maris Stella Hennessy (RIP)
		12:30 CTK†	John Mitchell (Anni.)
		18:00 OLAM	Kathleen Lysaght (RIP)
Sun 04/02/24	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK	Joan Horton
		11:30 OLAM	Akindipe Family (SI)

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, Alexander Greenhouse who all passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** Alexander Greenhouse: Fri 26/02/24, 11:00, at CTK. Please also pray for the repose of the souls of Fr Christopher Greaney, who died on Thurs 28/12/23 (Funeral: Thurs 08/02/24, 12:00, at St Peter's, Leamington Spa) and Fr Alexander (Sandy) Brown, who died on Tue 09/01/24 (Funeral: Fri 16/02/24 at 12 noon, at Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church, Hednesford WS12 1DB).

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.

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 305.03
 Envelopes: £ 132.00
 Standing Orders: £ 278.65
Total: £ 715.68

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 your generous support**

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 186.13
 Envelopes: £ 145.10
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 425.92

Christ the King		27 th /28 th Jan	03 th /04 th Feb
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	Patience	Oscottian Reader
	Minister of Holy Communion	Isy Moss	Joyce

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.

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 again be served after the 6pm mass in Maryvale Centre on 24th Feb and 16th March.

Next Meeting of the Mission Prayer Group will be on Fri 02/02/24 at 14:00 at 82 Dunedin Road. For further information please speak to Deacon Gary or email him on dcn.gary.obrien@rcaob.org.uk

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

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock – Sun 14th – Fri 19th April: 5 Nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel in Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on 3 days. Visits to Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. All entertainment, excursions and transport (including flight and 10kg hold luggage) included in price of £899.00. (Single supplement on enquiry). Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilimages@gmail.com. (Poster also available in porch area of Church).

Liturgy of the Word in Lent, Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum: On Sat 17/02/24 at 2 pm in the Guild Room at Christ the King, Deacon Gary will lead a discussion looking at the key themes of the Liturgy Word in Lent and more specifically how the Liturgy of the Word changes for Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum. The session is not just for our newly commissioned Ministers of the Word. Anybody wishing to explore Scripture in more detail will be most welcome to attend.

Deacon Gary's Homily this weekend: Over this weekend and the next, Deacon Gary is preaching at all 7 Sunday Masses celebrated in the Kingstanding Cluster. The text of his homily will be published on the parish websites and printed in the next monthly supplement. Everyone is encouraged to speak to a parish council member about any thoughts they have on the points Deacon Gary made.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA

Jesus taught "with authority," that is, he was the *author* of what he said; it never became his habit to quote Rabbi's and other authors, as the scribes used to do (see Jan. 9). His message itself, too, must have had its own inherent authority (though Mark does not tell us anything here about its content). What he said, if we are to guess from all the Gospels, went straight to the hearts of his listeners. The only rhetorical device we know he used was the parable. A parable is not an interpretation of some text, it is a fresh way of looking at ordinary experience. His parables were drawn from the world of farming, fishing, viniculture...*their* world. It is inherently subversive to show people that their ordinary experience can be an open path to God; the scribes of every age would prefer that only their sacred text should do this. People realised that here was a teacher who understood and respected them, and not a scribe discharging his erudition over them. They were "astonished," because this was so unusual.

His teaching had authority in a further sense: it made things happen. He cast out demons. In other words he liberated people who were tormented and demented in every way. "Poetry makes nothing happen," wrote W.H. Auden, in a poem about Yeats. But it does, as Yeats himself knew when he wrote, "Did that play of mine send out certain men the English shot?" When preaching is only commentary, it seldom makes anything happen. But when Jesus preaches "the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them" (Luke 7:22). In Matthew 11:5, the description is identical, word for word. These were of the Messianic age: in other words, they were indications that Jesus was indeed the long-awaited one, the Messiah.

In today's reading, the demon which is being cast out shouts, "I know who you are, the Holy One of God". This may sound like a profession of faith, but how could it be? Instead, it was a reflection of the belief that if you could name someone you had power over them. This was the significance of Jesus' asking a particularly intractable demon, later on in Mark's Gospel, "What is your name?" (5:9).

Jesus did not disrespect the Scriptures; he used them for their intended purpose, to set people free, not to tie them up. "To be ignorant of the Scriptures, is to be ignorant of Christ," wrote St Jerome (c. 347 - 419 AD). We could add that the converse is equally true: to be ignorant of Christ is to be ignorant of the Scriptures. If we do not read them in the spirit of Christ, we are certain to misuse them. "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).