



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: 508; O: 114; C: 113; R: 532

MASSES THIS WEEK

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	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK	Joan Horton
		11:30 OLAM	Akindipe Family (SI)
Mon 05/02/24	Memorial of St. Agatha, Martyr	08:00 Con.†	Joseph Ho Van Toai (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	John Roche (RIP)
Tue 06/02/24	St. Paul Miki & Companions, Mem.	09:30 Mon.	Kath Burbidge (RIP)
		11:00 OLAM	Requiem: John O'Sullivan
Wed 07/02/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	George Mealy (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Robert Rowley
		11:00 OLAM	Requiem: Kitty Heaney
Thu 08/02/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.†	Pat & family
		12:00 CTK	J. McCarthy (RIP)
		13:00 OLAM	Nuptial Mass
Fri 09/02/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 CWS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
		09:00 CTK	P Swain
		10:30 Mon.	Tom Murphy & Family
Sat 10/02/24	Memorial of St. Scholastica	10:00 Mon.	Marek Bartoszczyk (RIP)
		12:30 CTK	Teresa Webb
		18:00 OLAM	Janis Erglis
Sun 11/02/24	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK†	Steve Brook (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM	Sean McGuigan

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.

Pray For The Sick: Monique Hunt, Luke Byrne, Jean McCabe, Muriel/Paul Cowan, Gerald, John, Arjun Paul, Sr Marie, Mary McGee, John/Sandra Mageean, Sarah McCallion, Sadie Pulido, Claire/Mark, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, 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, John O'Sullivan, Alexander Greenhouse and Patrick Powell who all passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** John O'Sullivan: Tue 06/02/24, 11:00 at OLAM; Kitty Heaney: Wed 07/02/24, 11:00 at OLAM; Sue Lavender: Thurs 23/02/24, 12:00 at CTK; Alexander Greenhouse: Fri 26/02/24, 11:00 at CTK; Patrick Powell: Thurs 29/02/24, 10:45 at CTK. Please also pray for the repose of the souls of Fr Christopher Greaney (Funeral: Thurs 08/02/24, 12:00, at St Peter's, Leamington Spa) and Fr Alexander (Sandy) Brown (Funeral: Fri 16/02/24 at 12 noon, at Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church, Hednesford WS12 1DB).

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 319.92
 Envelopes: £ 150.50
 Standing Orders: £ 278.65
Total: £ 749.07

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Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 167.07
 Envelopes: £ 133.10
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 394.86

Christ the King		03/04 FEB	10/11 FEB
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	Oscotian Reader	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce	Marianne

THE SANCTUARY LAMP, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is dedicated throughout February for the **deceased members of the McCarthy family** at Christ The King and for the **Quinn/Garvey Family Circle** at Maryvale.

Youth Group Meetings in February: The Youth Group will meet at 7 pm at Christ the King on Friday 9th and Friday 23rd February. New members are always welcome.

Parish Mission Working Party: The next meeting is on Wednesday 7th February at 7 pm in the Guild Room.

Refreshments at OLAM: Tea/coffee/biscuits will again be served after the 6pm mass in the Maryvale Centre on Saturday 24th Feb and 16th March.

Deacon Gary's Homily: Deacon Gary continues to preach at 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 makes.

Liturgy of the Word in Lent, Holy Week & 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 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.

Half day of Recollection: The next half day of recollection at the Convent of the Sisters Minor of St Francis will be on Sat 17/02/24 at 3.15 pm. The half day is starting a little later to enable those who might be attending the session in the Guild Room to go on to it if they wish to.

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).

Exam Invigilators: Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School are looking for Invigilating staff for their Summer Examinations. If anyone feels they have the necessary skills to perform this task, please see the School website for further details. The role may suit someone who is retired/semi-retired or University students who have finished their studies for the summer.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA: The rushed and crowded atmosphere of Mark's Gospel is very evident here. There are people everywhere, not only the ones mentioned by name, but "all who were sick or possessed by demons," and, as if that were not enough, "the whole City was gathered around the door". Clearly, he was exhausted by it, so next morning "while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed". But even then, they came "hunting for him". "Everyone is searching for you", they said. Still, in that push of the crowd he saw individual people, not a crowd. He had time for Peter's mother-in-law. I have seen a great figure in public, shaking hands with rows of people, but never looking at the person whose hand he was shaking, always looking at the next person – which gave an appearance of spying. It is as if only the abstract crowd existed, not individuals. There was a debate a few years ago between two Cardinals about the relationship of the universal Church to local Churches. One held the view that the essence of the Church is found properly in the universal Church, while local Churches are limited manifestations of it. The other said the universal Church was just the sum of all local Churches. It reminded me of a remark by the German philosopher Hegel, "Would anyone who wished for fruit reject cherries, pears, and grapes, on the grounds that they were only cherries, pears, or grapes, and not 'universal fruit?'. Abstract ideas can run away with us and make us downplay concrete reality. This is not how Jesus thought and acted. The great 19th-Century preacher, C.H. Spurgeon, wrote: "Very interesting is this little peep into the house of the Fisherman. We see at once.....the Lord's gracious work upon one's own flesh and blood.... Peter's house was probably a poor fisherman's hut, but the Lord of Glory entered it, lodged in it, and wrought a miracle in it.... God is more often in little huts than in rich palaces. Jesus is looking around your room now and is waiting to be gracious to you". Jesus went "proclaiming the message and casting out demons". In the early chapters of Mark's Gospel, the emphasis is less on the content of his preaching than on its effects. For example, the leper who was cleansed went away and "spread the word" but, of course, the word was the word of his healing (1:45). We sometimes speak of the Christian 'message' as if it could be written on a piece of paper. But it is a healing, life-giving and liberating word. It is nothing if it is only abstract talk.