



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: 410; O: 25; C: 49; R: 563

MASSES THIS WEEK

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	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK†	Steve Brook (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM	Sean McGuigan
Mon 12/02/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Susan Lavender (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Jacqui Carron (RIP)
Tue 13/02/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.†	Liam O'Mahoney (Get Well)
		12:00 CTK	Ian Barlett (Anni.)
		08:00 Con.†	Maura McLaughlin, Steven Richardson (RIP)
Wed 14/02/24	Ash Wednesday The beginning of the six-week period dedicated to prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation of Easter.	09:30 Mon.	Bernie & Paddy
		12:00 CTK	Hogan family
		19:00 CTK	Sally Piper (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.†	Carole McCulloch (RIP)
Thu 15/02/24	Thursday After Ash Wednesday	12:00 CTK	Sandra & John Mageean
		09:30 CTK†	Holy Souls
Fri 16/02/24	Friday After Ash Wednesday	10:00 Mon.	Daphne Barlett
		12:30 CTK	Joe McKeown (Anni.)
		18:00 OLAM	Ted Bridge & Lily Bridge
Sat 17/02/24	Saturday After Ash Wednesday	10:00 CTK	Katy Connor
		11:30 OLAM	Daniel Patrick Keogh (RIP)
		10:00 CTK	
Sun 18/02/24	1 st Sunday Of Lent	11:30 OLAM	

Bible Study with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the Guild Room at Christ The King **every Thursday** 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, Alexander Greenhouse and Patrick Powell who all passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** 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 soul of Fr. Sandy Brown (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 **February** for the **deceased members of the McCarthy family** at Christ The King and for the **Quinn/Garvey Family Circle** at Maryvale.

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 262.95
 Envelopes: £ 134.50
 Standing Orders: £ 278.65
Total: £ 676.10

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Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 205.15
 Envelopes: £ 272.70
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 572.54

Christ the King		10/11 FEB	17/18 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	Angela	Steve
	Minister of Holy Communion	Marianne	Sr Michela

Walk With Me booklets and Lenten Calendar are available this weekend.

CTK's Piety Stall has been re-stocked with some beautiful - and very reasonably priced - Mass Cards and greeting cards for Mother's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Christenings & Birthdays. Please take a look on your way in or out of Mass.

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.

Pope Francis requests prayers for and a commitment to the terminally ill and their families

Pope Francis invites everyone to pray for the terminally ill and their families. When some people talk about terminal illnesses, there are two words they often confuse: incurable and un-curable. But they are not the same. Even when little chance for a cure exists, every sick person has the right to medical, psychological, spiritual and human assistance. Sometimes they can't talk; sometimes we think they don't recognize us. But if we take them by the hand, we know they are relating with us. Healing is not always possible, but we can always care for the sick person, caress them. Saint John Paul II used to say, "cure if it is possible; always take care."..Families should not be left alone in these difficult moments... Let us pray that the terminally ill and their families always receive the necessary medical and human care and assistance.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA: Jesus speaks and it is done: "Be made clean". It is like the word of God at the beginning of creation: "Let there be light, and there was light". His words are words of power, not commentaries and admonitions.

The ancient world was terrified of leprosy. By Jewish law, the sufferer was isolated totally from society: "The leper...shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry, 'Unclean, unclean'. He shall dwell alone in a habitation outside the camp" (Leviticus 13:45f). The law specified further that a leper had to keep a distance of two metres from other people and, if the other person was downwind from the leper, the distance had to be fifty metres. No leper would ever have approached an orthodox rabbi, but the leper in this story approached Jesus confidently for help. This was exceptional, but even more exceptional was what followed: "Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him" That touch healed him - healed his disease, yes, but healed also his feeling that he not only had a disease but was a disease; it healed his isolation, his loneliness, his despair, his belief that he was cursed by God.... This is the God revealed by Jesus, a "Father of Mercies".

By touching the leper, Jesus was defiled in the eyes of Levitical law. The leper broke the Law in approaching Jesus, and Jesus, in turn, broke through the Law to reach and touch the afflicted man. "For our sake," wrote St Paul, "God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor 5:21).

In the minds of many people, somehow, the bad news replaced the Good News. The bad news is that we have to be good before we can approach the Lord. This is not the Gospel; it is approximately the religion of the Pharisees. The Good News is that we can approach the Lord no matter what our condition or circumstances. Our Faith is more than a system of morality or a set of admonitions on how we should be; it is Good News, for that is what the word 'Gospel' means. It is a revelation of God, "the Father of Mercies." Jesus came to demonstrate what the Father is like. He could have behaved as a severe moral judge, condemning the sinful; in fact, that was what was expected of a prophet. Instead, he reached out in mercy to failures and outcasts. He could have invented any kind of parable to say what the Father was like; he invented the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15). Jesus reaches out and welcomes sinners *while they are still in their sin*. He reaches out to the afflicted and heals them. Our prayer can therefore be very simple. We don't need to use persuasion; all we need say is "Lord, help me!" (Mt 15:25).