



# 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: 130; O: 308; C: 455; R: 557

## MASSES THIS WEEK

<b>Sat</b> 17/02/24	Saturday After Ash Wednesday	10:00 Mon.	Daphne Barlett
		12:30 CTK	Joe McKeown (Anni.)
		18:00 OLAM	Ted Bridge & Lily Bridge
<b>Sun</b> 18/02/24	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Of Lent	10:00 CTK	Katy Connor
		11:30 OLAM	Daniel Patrick Keogh (RIP)
<b>Mon</b> 19/02/24	Lent Feria	08:00 Con.†	John McCabe
		09:30 Mon.	Jacqui Carron (RIP)
<b>Tue</b> 20/02/24	Lent Feria	09:30 Mon.†	Kitty Heaney (RIP)
		12:00 CTK	Terry Fitmaurice (RIP)
<b>Wed</b> 21/02/24	Lent Feria	08:00 Con.†	Margaret & Tim
		09:30 Mon.	Maureen Holliday
<b>Thu</b> 22/02/24	Chair of St. Peter, Feast	09:30 Mon.†	Dang & Nguyen families
		12:00 CTK	Walter Murphy
<b>Fri</b> 23/02/24	Lent Feria	09:00 CTK	Deacon Gary & Claire
		10:30 Mon.	Private Intention
		<b>12:00 CTK</b>	<b>Requiem: Susan Lavender</b>
<b>Sat</b> 24/02/24	Lent Feria	10:00 Mon.	Private Intention
		12:30 CTK	John Mohammed (Anni.)
		18:00 OLAM	Paul Lee (RIP)
<b>Sun</b> 25/02/24	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Of Lent	10:00 CTK	Patricia & Lawrence Tams (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM†	Ann Kelly (RIP)

**Rosary Group:** meeting **every Wednesday** in Christ the King Church at 1:30pm.

**Bible Study** with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the Guild Room at Christ The King **every Thursday** at 7:00pm.

**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/Alan Horton, Yvonne Cowman, Fr Michael Ho, Peggy O'Donovan, Pauline O'Brien, Annette Molloy & Jo 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: Fri 23/02/24, 12:00 at CTK; Alexander Greenhouse: Mon 26/02/24, 11:00 at CTK; Patrick Powell: Thurs 29/02/24, 10:45 at CTK.

**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.

**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.

**Stations of the Cross** will be held at CTK on **Fri in Lent at 7.00 pm.**

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

**Last Weeks' Collection CTK**  
 Loose: £ 280.15  
 Envelopes: £ 142.10  
 Standing Orders: £ 278.65  
**Total: £ 700.90**

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

Christ the King		17/18 FEB	24/25 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	Steve	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sr Michale	Isy Moss

**Childrens Chapel:** This is a note to remind parents with children up to seven years of age, that if they wish to use the Childrens Chapel on the right of the Main Altar during Masses, it will provide a quieter space for them and their children. This may be a better environment especially if they have any concerns about younger children concentrating during the Mass. It is equipped with a sound system so that the Service can be followed live. Please feel free to use it to help your children and their parents feel a little more comfortable during Mass.

**Lenten Fast Day – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** As part of the Lenten period, individuals/families are encouraged to participate in the **CAFOD Fast Day**, focusing on the suffering of the poor throughout the world who go hungry every day, and to make a financial donation to CAFOD (which stands for Catholic Agency For Overseas Development) to support their work where poverty and war affects the lives of so many. Envelopes will be available at all Masses this weekend, so that they can be returned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection the following weekend (24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> February).

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

**Youth Group Meeting in February:** on Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 7:00pm in the Guild Room. New members are always welcome.

**Parish Council meeting:** 28/02/24 at 7 pm in the Guild room. All parishioners are encouraged to speak to a Member of the Parish Council if there is an item they wish to raise especially if it is about the development of the Cluster.

**Church on the Run:** On 2<sup>nd</sup> March (Feast of St Chad), James Walker who is a member of staff at Ctk Primary School will be running with others from St Chad's in Birmingham to St Chad's in Lichfield (21 miles) to support a school in Uganda which rescues street children and educates them. To sponsor him, please go to the Just Giving page at <https://bit.ly/3ujNeEM> or pick up a sponsorship form from the back of Church.

**Newman Cluster of Parishes - Lent Talks:** Everyone in the Cluster is invited to talks on the Our Father for the Year of Prayer led by Deacon Gary at Oscott College on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March beginning at 3.30 pm followed by tea and Holy Hour. Whether you can manage all three or just one, please come along to these inaugural Cluster events.

**Pope Francis invites us all 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.

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA:** Like John the Baptist, Jesus preached repentance – in other words, revolution. The Greek word translated by 'repentance' is *metanoia*, which means literally 'a mental revolution', a change of mind and heart. The world has seen many revolutions, practically all of them violent. All violent revolutionaries become dictators on the day after the revolution, claiming to be safeguarding the revolution. Bitter experience shows us that the revolution serves the dictatorship, not the other way around. The seizing of power becomes an end in itself, rather than a means. Jesus' revolution was of a different order. He refused the way of power: "Put down your sword," he told Peter (Mt 26:52).

Jesus went first into the desert, where he confronted the wild beasts and the demons. It is an example to all revolutionaries. They should first go into the desert of themselves and face their demons there; otherwise they will project them onto other people and try to destroy them by destroying people. Revolutions, like charity, should begin at home. Reformers should first reform themselves. The axe is laid to the root of the tree, said John the Baptist – my tree, not someone else's; my ego, not other people's.

Revolutions are nearly always against something or someone. That way, they draw on the energy of hatred, which is more easily accessible than the energy of love. But we do not become good by fighting evil—we would soon find ourselves using the same means as the enemy—we become good by doing good. Jesus did not say, Repent and destroy the class of people who are bad news. He went far beyond Psalm 100, which says, "Morning by morning I will silence all the wicked in the land, uprooting from the Lord's city all who do evil". And Psalm 149: "Let the praise of God be on their lips [i.e. the lips of the faithful], and a two-edged sword in their hand". That was not Jesus' kind of revolution.

A revolution of love appears soft and ineffectual beside the other kind. But love is stronger than death. St Paul could write, "We are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.. In all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:36-39).