



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: 154; O: 371; C: 397; R: 312

Sat	24/02/24	Lent Feria	10:00 Mon.	Private Intention
			12:30 CTK	John Mohammed (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Paul Lee (RIP)
Sun	25/02/24	2 nd Sunday Of Lent	10:00 CTK	Patricia & Lawrence Tams (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM†	Ann Kelly (RIP)
Mon	26/02/24	Lent Feria	08:00 Con.†	Nicola (Get Well)
			09:30 Mon.	Private Intention
			11:00 CTK	Funeral Service: Alexander Greenhouse
Tue	27/02/24	Lent Feria	09:30 Mon.†	Patrick John Gasson (Anni.)
			12:00 CTK	Maura McLaughlin/Steven Richardson RIP
Wed	28/02/24	Lent Feria	08:00 Con.†	Rob (Get Well)
			09:30 Mon.	Deceased of Redding/Trinder Families
Thu	29/02/24	Lent Feria	09:30 Mon.†	Kitty Heaney (RIP)
			10:45 CTK	Funeral Service: Patrick Powell
Fri	01/03/24	St. David, Bishop, Feast Patron St of Wales	09:00 CTK	Mr & Mrs McLaughlin
			09:30 Mon.†	Dang & Nguyen families
			12:00 CTK	Rose Lewsley (RIP)
Sat	02/03/24	St. Chad, Bishop, Feast	10:00 Mon.	Tadek, Marina & Lucien (RIP)
			12:30 CTK	Annie Rochford (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Andy Dean (RIP)
Sun	03/03/24	3 rd Sunday Of Lent	10:00 CTK†	Sean Butler (Anni.)
			11:30 OLAM	Pat Buckley (RIP)

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/Alan Horton, Yvonne Cowman, Fr Michael Ho, Peggy O'Donovan, Pauline O'Brien, Annette Molloy & Jo Brown.

RIP: Pray for the repose of the souls of Alexander Greenhouse, Patrick Powell and Donald Stacey who all passed away recently. **Funerals:** Alexander Greenhouse: Mon 26/02/24, 11:00 at CTK; Patrick Powell: Thurs 29/02/24, 10:45 at CTK; Donald Stacey: Mon 11/03/24, 10:30 at CTK.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP 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.

Stations of the Cross every Fri in Lent at 7.00 pm.

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

Parish Council meeting: Wed 28th Feb 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.

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 274.93
 Envelopes: £ 203.00
 Standing Orders: £ 278.65
Total: £ 756.58

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 your generous support**

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 183.22
 Envelopes: £ 216.50
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 494.41

Christ the King		24/25 FEB	02/03 MAR
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	Theresa	Seminarian
	Minister of Holy Communion	Isy Moss	Joyce

2nd Collection this weekend is for CAFOD Fast Day.

Mass for Travellers with the Archbishop at Our Lady of the Assumption on Sun 3rd March at 15:00.

Childrens Chapel: When attending Mass parents/carers with children up to 7 years of age may wish to use the Children's Chapel on the right hand side of the Main Altar. Whilst the sound system relays the Mass to the side chapel -and the proceedings on the Altar can be clearly seen through the dividing windows - the smaller Chapel will provide a quieter space and may be helpful if parents have any concerns about younger children concentrating during the Mass. Where this may be the case, please feel free to use the side chapel to help the children feel more comfortable.

Church On The Run: On 2nd 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 3rd, 10th and 17th March beginning at 3.30pm followed by tea and Holy Hour. Whether you can manage all three or just one, please come along to these inaugural Cluster events.

CTK's Piety Stall has been re-stocked with some beautiful / very reasonably priced Mass Cards and greeting cards for - Mother's Day (10th Mar), St. Patrick's Day (17 Mar), Easter (31 Mar), Christenings & Birthdays.

Lent – A time of Preparation

In the Eucharistic Prayer, each time we attend Mass, Christ's Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection are made present to us. It is these same events that we grow towards in our Lenten journey each year. It is for these events that we are now preparing anew.

The priest who celebrates Mass gives us three simple, yet profound sets of words, to prepare our hearts, minds and spirits for the journey of salvation which we take with Christ in the Eucharistic Prayer. These are worthy of reflection for our Lenten journey too:

"The Lord be with you": All the spiritual disciplines of Lent, fasting, almsgiving and prayer, should chip away at our self-reliance. In so doing they enable more aspects of my life to be bathed in the presence of Christ. May Christ be with us and fill us more deeply this Lent

"Lift up your hearts": An early Christian writer on prayer, St Cyprian, reminds us that, when we pray, God is not listening to our words, but rather to the cry of our hearts. In this, our time of preparing, good words are never enough. Preparing with holy thoughts is never enough. Preparing with pious actions is never enough. The heart, as centre of my power to love, needs to arise and, of all human faculties, the loving heart needs to be pre-eminent.

"Let us give thanks to the Lord, Our God": The self-giving love of Christ, the redeeming power of his passion, death and resurrection, and the freedom from all evil brought about by the salvific victory of the risen Christ, are the central events of love. They shine through and beyond all time and space. In our very desire to continually express our thanks to God for these events, lies the beauty of our recognising the magnitude of the gift and our treasured acceptance of it. Fr Robert Taylerson, Spiritual Director at Oscott College.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA: In all 3 liturgical cycles we have the strange story of the Transfiguration on the 2nd Sunday of Lent. In the 2nd reading (Romans 8:31-34) St Paul writes that the Lord "will *transfigure* these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body". What does "The Transfiguration" mean? Whatever we discover it to mean - is not only about Jesus, but also about us. It needs to make some discernible difference to us today.

There was the everyday Jesus who was well known to his friends; and then there was the moment when they scarcely recognised him, so transformed – transfigured - was he. Divinity shone through him, revealing depths that they had never imagined. Can this happen only to Jesus? When the little girl was asked what a saint was, she replied (thinking of the stained-glass windows in the Church), "A person that the light shines through". Can this be more than an image? Can it also be a reality? Could you and I let the light through? We may be too aware of our wretchedness to feel at ease with thoughts like that. But it is just these "wretched bodies of ours" that are the material of transfiguration, according to St Paul.

In a poem called "*The Sunrise Ruby*", Jelaluddin Rumi, the Sufi mystic, imagines a girl speaking with her beloved.

*'Do you love me or yourself more?
 Really, tell the absolute truth'.
 He says, 'There's nothing left of me.
 I'm like a ruby held up to the sunrise.
 Is it still a stone, or a world made of redness?
 It has no resistance to sunlight. '*

There it is: in one way it is a stone, but in another it is a world of redness. This gives some impression of what transfiguration might mean. When you are completely absorbed and self-forgetful as you look at the sea, or the night sky, or a friend, you are still yourself, of course; but you are also more than yourself. At any rate you are a kind of larger self, and not the small self that thinks before he speaks, and counts money, and always looks after his own interests.

Sadly, this aspect of the Christian faith is not as familiar to most of us as it should be. We have learnt to settle for less. Most people believe that the best things are not for them. But we are all called to deep enlightenment and union with God.