



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 Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

Hymns: E: 19; O: 67 (tune 353); C: 219; R: 357

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 02/03/24	Feast of St. Chad, Bishop	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)
Mon 04/03/24	Lent Feria	08:00 Con.†	Ron Hunt (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	John (SI)
Tue 05/03/24	Lent Feria	09:30 Mon.	Jacqui Carron (RIP)
		12:00 CTK	Annie Rochford (Ann)
Wed 06/03/24	Lent Feria	08:00 Con.†	Sean Butler (Anni.)
		09:30 Mon.	David Clarke (RIP)
Thu 07/03/24	Lent Feria	09:30 Mon.†	Campbell Family Circle (incl deceased)
		12:00 CTK	Margaret Canavan (B'day)
Fri 08/03/24	Lent Feria	08:00 CWS	PEOPLE OF TWO PARISHES
		09:00 CTK	Michael Nevin (Bday)
		10:30 Mon.	Bridget Quinn (RIP)
Sat 09/03/24	Lent Feria	10:00 Mon.	Private Intention
		12:30 CTK†	Clara Perry (Anni.)
		18:00 OLAM	Jo'zef Smolinski (RIP)
Sun 10/03/24	4 th Sunday Of Lent	10:00 CTK	Luke Byrne (Birthday)
		11:30 OLAM	Janet & Chris Sullivan (Anni.)

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.

Please 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 soul of Donald Stacey whose funeral is on Mon 11/03/24, 10:30 at CTK.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is dedicated throughout March for **Sheila and Paddy Ferns** at Christ The King and for the **Roche Family** at Maryvale.

If any individual/family would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp throughout a particular month for a donation of £25, please write your name/contact number and for whom you would wish the lamp to burn (living or deceased relatives) and any preferred month and enclose this in an envelope with your donation and return it to Fr. The). At this point in time the available months in 2024 for **Christ The King** are **May-Sept** and **Nov/Dec** and for **OLAM** **June-Oct** and **December**.

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

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 399.18
 Envelopes: £ 152.00
 Standing Orders: £ 278.65
Total: £ 829.83

**Thank you for
 your generous support**

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 212.80
 Envelopes: £ 160.46
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 467.95

Christ the King		02/03 MAR	09/10 MAR
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen Foxall	Aoife
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue Nugent	Theresa Wilkin
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	John	John
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce	Marianne

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

Children's 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.

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 3.30 pm followed by tea and Holy Hour. Whether you can manage all three or just one, please come along to these inaugural Cluster events.

Newman Cluster of Parishes – Penitential Service: There will be a Penitential Service for everyone in the Cluster on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7.30 pm at Christ the King.

Request for help with hospitality: two occasions are coming up when the Parish needs to lay on a meal after an event: 19th March – lunch after the Deanery Meeting; 20th March – supper for those who have come to hear confessions. If you can help out with the shopping for these events (at the cost of the parish), the actual preparation of the food and serving it, could you please speak to Deacon Gary.

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 (31st Mar), Christenings & Birthdays.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA:

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

This is one of the few incidents described in a similar way in all four gospels. It is full of resonance from the Old Testament. "See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple" (Malachi 3:1), and, the passage quoted by Jesus on the occasion, "Zeal for your house has consumed me" (Psalm 69:9). This act of cleansing the Temple signalled the new age, the time of the Messiah, when God would be worshipped "in spirit and in truth" (Jn 4:23), because God is spirit and truth. The Old Testament is evident everywhere.

But in the subsequent argument with the Jews, the focus is on another Temple - not the stone Temple from which he had just expelled the moneychangers, but (as John put it), "the temple of his body." The stone Temple would now be obsolete, and in fact it was destroyed in 70 AD. But the new temple, too, would be destroyed: he himself would soon be put to death. Soon there would be no temple of any kind. Worship of the Father would not be localised anywhere on earth.

But he had said, "Destroy this temple (my body) and in three days I will raise it up." The Risen Christ is henceforth the only Temple. All prayer and worship is "in Christ Jesus." Christians have no holy city, no temple but the Risen Christ. The early Christians were sometimes accused of being pagans. Churches are not places where God is enclosed. Once Christians began to be supported rather of persecuted by the Roman Empire, they built places of worship on the plan of a pagan 'basilica' (basilicas were used as law courts or for commerce). A church is not a temple; it encloses us, not God. The Irish for a church is teach an phobail, "the people's house".

We are members of Christ's body (1 Cor 12:27), and as such we ourselves are the place of prayer and worship. We have no other temple, and so, everywhere we are is our temple. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you" (1 Cor 6:19).

This temple - our body, our soul, our being - is in constant need of cleansing, as Jesus cleansed the Temple in Jerusalem., "This temple," said Meister Eckhart, "is the human soul, which God has made exactly like Himself, just as we read that the Lord said: 'Let us make humankind in our image and likeness' (Genesis 1:26).... So like Himself has God made the human soul that nothing else in heaven or on earth, of all the splendid creatures that God has so joyously created, resembles God so much as the human soul." Everything unworthy of God has to be cast out. This is for all times, but it has a special resonance in the season of Lent.