



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: 268; O: 342; C: 209; R: 365

MASSES THIS WEEK

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all who celebrate this glorious feast day.

Sat 16/03/24	Lent Feria	10:00 Mon.	Michael Connors (RIP)
		12:30 CTK†	Brian Cunningham (Get Well)
		18:00 OLAM	Michael Foley (Ann.)
Sun 17/03/24	5 th Sunday Of Lent	10:00 CTK	Rosaline Ikwuka (Anni.)
		11:30 OLAM	Daniel Keogh (RIP)
Mon 18/03/24	Lent Feria	08:00 Con.†	Sally Piper (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Dang & Nguyen families
Tue 19/03/24	Lent Feria	09:30 Mon.	Brian Mercer (RIP) & Catherine McDonald
Wed 20/03/24	Lent Feria	08:00 Con.†	Pam Byrne (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Kitty Heaney (RIP)
Thu 21/03/24	Lent Feria	09:30 Mon.†	Frances Lyons (RIP)
		12:00 CTK	Brian Mercer (RIP) & Catherine McDonald
Fri 22/03/24	Lent Feria	09:30 Mon.	The Connors family
Sat 23/03/24	Lent Feria	14:00 MPS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
		10:00 Mon.	Private Intention
		12:30 CTK	Dora McKeown (Anni.)
Sun 24/03/24	Palm Sunday	18:00 OLAM	John Roche (RIP)
		10:00 CTK†	Olusegun Dosumu (Anni.)
		11:30 OLAM	Antonia Purcell (Anni.)

Bible Study with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the Guild Room at Christ The King **every Thursday** at 7:00pm.
Stations of the Cross will be held at CTK on **Fri in Lent** at **7.00 pm**.

Rosary Group: meeting **every Wednesday** in Christ the King Church at 1:30pm.
Also, Rosary after Sunday Mass at CTK led by Josephine Adediran, starting from Sun 10/03/24.

Pray For The Sick: Monique Hunt, Luke Byrne, Jean McCabe, Muriel/Paul Cowan, Gerald, John, John/Sandra Mageean, Sadie Pulido, Arjun Paul, Sr Marie, Mary McGee, Sarah McCallion, Claire/Mark, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Jo Teece, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, 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, Jo Brown, Joan/Alan Horton, Yvonne Cowman, Fr Michael Ho, Peggy O'Donovan, Pauline O'Brien, Annette Molloy, Andy Corrigan.

RIP: Pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret Loats and Patricia Marie Smith who died recently.

Funerals: M Loats: Thu 21/03/24; 15:00, Crematorium; P Smith: Wed 03/04/24, 11:00, OLAM.

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 **OLAM June-Oct**.

Red Mission Boxes. Please bring your boxes to Church for emptying & forwarding your kind donations to the Missions.

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

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 265.08
 Envelopes: £ 128.70
 Standing Orders: £ 278.65
Total: £ 672.43

**Thank you for
 your generous support**

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 188.03
 Envelopes: £ 171.40
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 454.12

Christ the King		16/17 MAR	23/24 MAR
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Theresa	Tracy
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue Nugent	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Patience	Maggie
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sr Michela	Isy Moss

Parish Finances: Details of the most recent report on Parish Finances is available to view at both Churches. I should, however, advise you that some major works are currently being planned to streamline the heating system at Christ The King and several large repairs to the OLAM Church, all of which have a significant financial outlay, which will require authorisation from the Diocese, in view of the amounts involved.

Holy Week & Sacred Triduum: A card with all dates & times of Easter Services is available at the back of the Church
PLEASE NOTE: there will be **ONLY ONE PENITENTIAL SERVICE THIS YEAR**, which will take place at Christ The King Church this coming **Wednesday 20th March at 7.30 pm**, with a number of Priests in attendance.

Altar Servers practice: Saturday 23rd March at 9am in CTK and 10am in OLAM.

Newman Cluster - Lent Talks: The final talk on the Our Father for the Year of Prayer led by Deacon Gary will take place at Oscott College this Sunday (17th March) beginning at 3.30 pm followed by tea and Holy Hour. All are welcome.

Church on the Run: On 2nd March, Mr. Walker from the staff of CTK Primary School ran 21 miles from St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham to St Chad's Cathedral in Lichfield in aid of charity. Thanks to all who sponsored him, he and his companions have so far raised £1,200. If you would like to top this up with a final donation, please speak to Deacon Gary.

Half-Day of Recollection: the next half-day of recollection at the Convent of the Sisters Minor of St Francis will take place on Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 3 pm.

CTK's Piety Stall has been re-stocked with some beautiful / very reasonably priced Mass/Greeting Cards and also a small number of **Diocesan Directories 2024 at £3** - a useful resource containing information on all Parishes should you need to obtain Mass times, Church locations etc.

The World Premiere of "**THE NEW HEIGHTS STORY**" - a new documentary film celebrating the twenty-year history of the Charity that began its life here in the parish, will be held at the St Johns Centre, next to Christ the King Church on **WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH at 7.30pm**. All are invited and admission is FREE. The Press have been invited and Paulette Hamilton, our MP (who is also in the film) will be there. More importantly, it's a chance for the community to find out about the wonderful work being done by a very special group of people for a very special community.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA

There is no mention of Gethsemane in John's Gospel. John has Jesus striding in glory through his life and death: his miracles are not acts of compassion, as in the other Gospels, but signs of his glory (2:11). Yet, in this reading, Jesus says, "Now my soul is troubled". Although, there is no account in John's Gospel of his healing the possessed, we still see his compassion: later in the same Gospel he says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled" (14:1); he is human and he is with us after all. This Gospel has no account of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, but in its place there is an account of Jesus washing the disciples' feet.

The Passion begins to loom early in this Gospel. Jesus speaks of being "lifted up" (3:14; 8:28; 12:32, 34), and John plays on the ambiguity of this phrase. Jesus will be lifted up in shame on the cross, but this same lifting up is a lifting up in glory. Strange paradox: his shame is his glory, his death is his resurrection. The mystics are the ones who best appreciate this paradoxical level of our Faith. Johann Tauler, a disciple of Meister Eckhart, said, "Peace is what all people are striving for; they seek after it in every direction, in every occupation, and in all their ways of life. Oh, if we could only shake ourselves free from this tendency and learn to seek peace in tribulation. Only there, is true peace born, peace which will last and really endure. To seek elsewhere, is to inevitably go astray. You will always find that this is true. If only we could seek joy *in* sadness, peace *in* trouble, simplicity *in* multiplicity, comfort *in* bitterness! This is the way to become true witnesses to God." The peace that comes from avoiding trouble is mine, only as long as I can avoid trouble, and "piecemeal peace is no peace". I cannot avoid trouble forever. If all my efforts are directed to avoiding trouble, then even the thought of it is enough to deprive me of peace. I have to be able to find peace even *in* trouble. Only then, is it unconditional peace? Tauler again: "Before His death, our Lord always promised His disciples peace, and also after His resurrection He promised them all peace. Yet, they never obtained peace externally. Nonetheless, they found peace *in* tribulation and love *in* suffering. *In* death, they found life; to be cross-examined, judged and condemned was, for them, a joyous victory. These were true witnesses". Briefly, a note on 'Eternal life'. It is badly translated as 'everlasting life'. Eternal life means God's kind of life, not human life stretched out in time to infinity. Nor is it a life that begins beyond the grave. "Whoever believes *has* eternal life", said Jesus (John 6:47) – already has, not will have. In keeping with the other paradoxes of the faith: eternal life is here and now, in this world, in this mess. It will flower beyond the grave, but not if it has no roots here and now.