



## The Parishes of Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale and Christ the King, Kingstanding



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Hymns: E: 19; O: 397; C: 41; R: 290

**Do you know that lukewarmness is hell? Reason: God cannot cope with it (Rev 3:15-16)**

### MASSES THIS WEEK

|                     |  |                  |   |
|---------------------|--|------------------|---|
| <b>Sat</b> 13/04/24 | Easter Feria   | 10:00 Mon.       | Dang & Nguyen families (RIP)            |
|                     |  | 12:30 CTK        | Douglas & Norah Ball (RIP)              |
|                     |  | 18:00 OLAM       | Margaret P Harvey & Tommy Murtagh (RIP) |
| <b>Sun</b> 14/04/24 | 3rd Sunday of Easter                                   | 10:00 CTK        | Linda Elsmore (RIP)                     |
|                     |  | 11:30 OLAM       | Czestaw Trapszo (RIP)                   |
| <b>Mon</b> 15/04/24 | Easter Feria   | 08:00 Con.       | Tommie Beirne (RIP)                     |
|                     |  | 09:30 Mon.       | Private Intention                       |
| <b>Tue</b> 16/04/24 | Easter Feria   | 09:30 Mon.       | Eric Pitt (RIP)                         |
|                     |  | 12:00 CTK        | Sarah, Emma, Lesley Hagan (RIP)         |
| <b>Wed</b> 17/04/24 | Easter Feria   | 08:00 Con.       | Peggy Swain                             |
|                     |  | 09:30 Mon.       | Andy Dean (RIP)                         |
|                     |  | <b>12:30 CTK</b> | <b>Requiem: Andrew Corrigan</b>         |
| <b>Thu</b> 18/04/24 | Easter Feria   | 09:30 Mon.       | Jacqui Carron (RIP)                     |
|                     |  | 12:00 CTK        | Joanna Taylor (Anni)                    |
| <b>Fri</b> 19/04/24 | Easter Feria   | 09:00 CTK        | Tommy Byrne (Anni)                      |
|                     |  | 10:30 Mon.       | Ann Kelly (RIP)                         |
| <b>Sat</b> 20/04/24 | Easter Feria   | 10:00 Mon.       | Private Intention                       |
|                     |  | 12:30 CTK        | Pat & Gill Walsh (Anni.)                |
|                     |  | 18:00 OLAM       | Dipiro family (RIP)                     |
| <b>Sun</b> 21/04/24 | 4th Sunday of Easter<br>Good Shepherd/Vocations Sunday | 10:00 CTK        | Michael Canavan (RIP)                   |
|                     |  | 11:30 OLAM       | Shane Nangle (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, 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, Fr Michael Ho, Peggy O'Donovan, Pauline O'Brien, Annette Molloy, Chris & Eddie Walsh.

**RIP:** Pray for the repose of the souls of Yvonne Cowman, Mary Beirne and Audrey Clements who died recently.

**Funerals:** A Clements: Fri 10/05/24, 10:30, CTK.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is dedicated throughout April for **Wesley Patrick Bye and other deceased members of the Bye/Campbell family Circle** at Christ The King and for the **Ranahan Family Circle** at Maryvale.

**Farewell:** The Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Maryvale are moving to Aston Hall, Staffordshire shortly. They would like to thank people in the area for their love, friendship and support during the last ten years. A full letter from Mother Winsome is available for viewing on the parish websites. Any support given to the Sisters would be much appreciated. Please pray for the Sisters' move and their future.

**Last Two Weeks' Collection CTK**

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|------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Loose:           | £        | 576.83          |
| Envelopes:       | £        | 203.00          |
| Standing Orders: | £        | 594.46          |
| <b>Total:</b>    | <b>£</b> | <b>1,274.29</b> |

**Thank you for  
your generous support**

**Last Two Weeks' Collection OLAM**

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|------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Loose:           | £        | 528.30          |
| Envelopes:       | £        | 317.20          |
| Standing Orders: | £        | 218.30          |
| <b>Total:</b>    | <b>£</b> | <b>1,063.80</b> |

**Please note, the above figures relate to the past 2 weeks (Easter Weekend and 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April 2024).**

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next Sunday (21<sup>st</sup> April) for the Clergy Training Fund.

| Christ the King |                            | 13/14 APR      | 20/21 APR        |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Sat 12:30       | Minister of the Word       | Aoife          | Theresa          |
|                 | Minister of Holy Communion | Theresa Wilkin | Sue Nugent       |
| Sun 10.00       | Minister of the Word       | Theresa        | Oscottian reader |
|                 | Minister of Holy Communion | Joyce          | Marion           |

**Diary Dates.** Half Day of Recollection at the Convent on Hawthorn Rd next Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April at 3 pm; Parish Council next meets on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April in the Guild Room, the Youth Group meets in the St. John's Centre on next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**Cluster Catechesis on the Mass on Tuesdays at St Margaret Mary at 7.30 pm**

| Session No. | Date                   | Outline of Content                     | Lead Speaker    |
|-------------|------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 1           | 16 <sup>th</sup> April | Theological Context                    | Deacon Gary     |
| 2           | 23 <sup>rd</sup> April | Before we even get to Mass-some basics | Father Simon    |
| 3           | 30 <sup>th</sup> April | The Introductory Rites                 | Father Leonard  |
| 4           | 07 <sup>th</sup> May   | The Liturgy of the Word                | Deacon. Dominic |
| 5           | 14 <sup>th</sup> May   | The Liturgy of the Eucharist           | Father Thé      |
| 6           | 21 <sup>st</sup> May   | The Concluding Rites                   | Deacon Gary     |

**Next meeting of the Cluster Clergy:** Fathers Thé, Simon and Leonard and Deacons Dominic and Gary will next be meeting on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024. If anyone has any thoughts/comments/concerns about the development of the Cluster which they would like us to put on the agenda, please contact Deacon Gary ([dcn.gary.obrien@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.gary.obrien@rcaob.org.uk)).

**Worship in the African style:** On Pentecost (19<sup>th</sup> May 2024) the Offertory Hymn and the Offertory Procession at the 10.00 am Mass at Christ the King will be in the African style. The same afternoon at 4 pm there will be a Mass for Pentecost for all led by the African communities in the Cluster. The Mass will fulfil the Sunday obligation. The Mass has been advertised in the Newsletter of the Archdiocese and we shall be welcoming Monsignor Danny McHugh, the Ethnic Chaplaincy Coordinator for the Archdiocese as one of the concelebrants along with Fathers Thé, Simon and Leonard.

**Corpus Christi Procession:** On 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 in the afternoon, there will be a Procession from St Margaret Mary to Christ the King with Liturgies in both Churches. The finer details are still being worked out. Thank you to the parishioners who have volunteered to assist Deacon Gary with the planning. Pending more information, please save the date I your calendar.

**Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage:** Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. It will take place at St Chad's Cathedral, the Diocesan Mother Church, on Saturday 4 May at 12noon. The Celebrant will be Archbishop Bernard Longley. Please register your attendance by Sunday 21 April on [www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass)

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA:** The disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, and Jesus was at pains to assure them that he was no ghost, no projection. Ghosts don't say "Have you anything here to eat?" If Jesus is not truly risen, he is only a ghost. Ghosts are the past that didn't die properly. If Jesus did not truly die, he is not truly risen. He had to die in the past, so that he could be with us in the present - "the first-born from the dead". We too, have to die to the past, if we are to meet him where he is. "If we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:5).

When we can find no security in the present, we look for it in the past. "The past at least is secure", said some failed politician. But while the past may give a *feeling* of security, it does not give security - because time is moving, not fixed. Or we look for security in the future. We are always looking for a railing to hold onto, because the ground under our feet is moving. I always feel we would prefer an un-resurrected Christ.

He would be fixed and immovable, altogether more stable. We could own and control him. But he is risen, he cannot be owned, he is the vehicle of the Spirit which blows where it wills.

God "has restored the joy of our youth". Joy is there when we put ourselves fully into something. Small children, when they laugh, are all laughter; when they cry they are all sadness. But a little later we learn to drag ourselves along: half-way into things and no more: half in and half out, hovering like ghosts. If we walked like that, we would resemble someone a hundred years old. When we walk freely we put *all* our weight on the forward foot; we entrust ourselves to the future and we leave the past behind. Ghosts don't do that; they don't walk, they don't do anything. We, as "real" human beings, have to learn to go fully into everything we do and say and think, to 'die into' everything. Then we will know something about resurrection.