



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

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Hymns: E: 533; O: 12; C: 351; R: 171

### MASSES THIS WEEK

**Con: Convent; CTK: Christ the King; OLAM: Maryvale; SMM: St Margaret Mary's**

<b>Sat</b>	03/08/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Richard O'Gorman (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM†	Olive Howkins (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	04/08/24	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Rosalinda Trinidad (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Debbie Davis (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Smith and McMahon families (RIP)
<b>Mon</b>	05/08/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Private Intention
			19:00 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
<b>Tue</b>	06/08/24	The Transfiguration, Feast	09:15 SMM	Sheila – for recovery
			12:00 CTK	Private Intention
<b>Wed</b>	07/08/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Special Intention
			09:15 SMM	Robert Johnston (RIP)
			12:00 SMM	Requiem: Thomas Higgins
<b>Thu</b>	08/08/24	St. Dominic, Mem.	12:00 CTK	Tony Neylon (RIP)
<b>Fri</b>	09/08/24	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Feast	09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			09:30 CTK	Rev Anthony Davies (RIP) (JA)
<b>Sat</b>	10/08/24	St Lawrence, Feast	12:30 CTK	Mary Chew (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Stan Gniadkowski (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	11/08/24	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	People of the parish
			10:00 CTK†	Brendan Courtney (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Oliver Fahey (RIP)

**Bible Study** with Deacon Dominic Fahey has now finished for the Summer and will resume on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**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, Jo Brown, Sr Marie, John/Sandra Mageean, Sadie Pulido, Sarah McCallion, Claire/Mark, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Jo Teece, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O'Reilly, Alberto Bolongaro, Kyle Billing, Nicola Jones, Patricia Nash, Teresa Webb, Angela Madigan, Carol Timmis, Joanne Fields, Caitlin Hodgetts, Joan/Alan Horton, Fr Michael Ho, Peggy O'Donovan, Pauline O'Brien, Annette Molloy, Chris & Eddie Walsh, Elizabeth Teague.

**Pray for the Repose of the Souls** of Tomo Pat Leek, John Foley, John Godwin and Edward Broadbent who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**Funerals:** Tomo Leek: Tue 13/08/24, 11:30 CTK; Edward Broadbent: Thu 15/08/24, 10:30 OLAM; John Godwin: Wed 28/08/24, 11:30 CTK; John Foley: Fri 30/08/24, 11:30 OLAM.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**, which is lit to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, is dedicated throughout August, for the Deceased members of the **Canavan/Stapleton/Hayden Families** and for **Family members of Faustina (both living at deceased) at OLAM.**

**Last Weeks' Collection CTK**

Loose: £ 293.59  
 Envelopes: £ 146.50  
 Standing Orders: £ 247.23  
**Total: £ 687.32**

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**Last Weeks' Collection OLAM**

Loose: £ 157.05  
 Envelopes: £ 159.60  
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69  
**Total: £ 411.34**

Christ the King		03/04 August	10/11 August
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	Kathleen
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Theresa	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce	Sister

**Newman Cluster Social Event (1):** On 14<sup>th</sup> August after the Mass at 18.00 (Vigil Mass for the Assumption), St Margaret Mary will host a barbecue for the Cluster. If you would like to go and/or have skills when it comes to barbecues and are willing to help please email Fr. Simon Ellis on [fr.simon.ellis@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.simon.ellis@rcaob.org.uk).

**Newman Cluster Social Event (2):** On 31<sup>st</sup> October after the 18.00 Mass for the Vigil of All Saints at OLAM, we would like to put on a social event in the Newman Room with drinks and food. We are looking for people to come forward and form a hospitality committee to plan this event so that it can actually happen. If this is something you think you can help with, please let Fr. Thé or Deacon Gary know.

**Deacon Gary's commitments for the remainder of July and the whole of August:** Deacon Gary and his wife are away on holiday from 21<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July inclusive. Any messages or emails sent to him during that time will be reviewed when he returns to the parish on 30<sup>th</sup> July. During August, Deacon Gary's workload as a Judge of the Tribunal and as Vice-Delegate for Marriage has to take priority over parish matters, So please bear with him if it takes him longer than usual to reply to any message you send him.

**Dance in aid of parish funds:** Dancing to Little Jimmy & Roisin Murphy from Monaghan on Fri 30<sup>th</sup> August, 8:30-12 Midnight at Maryvale Parish Hall, Old Oscott Hill, B44 9SR. Admission £7 to include light supper. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets available after weekend masses.

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA:** In my childhood an elderly farmer, renowned for early rising, used to sit in the village church while waiting for the creamery to open. No doubt he used to pray a bit, but he also used to have a look at the newspaper. One morning the peevish Curate found him there and protested loudly about the newspaper. "It's ok, Father," said the farmer, "I was reading the deaths column". That stopped the Priest in his tracks; he retreated with apologies. You can browse death in church, but not life. In those days, everyone looked dead in church. In the Tridentine Mass, there is no interaction between people, no common responses, no sign of peace. People used to sink into their private thoughts or devotions as soon as the Mass began; many said the rosary, and the less devout looked around them. Only the consecration bell brought them together; and for a few moments there was total silence. Then, at the sixth bell, there was always an outburst of coughing (that was the only common response). Few received Communion. We have forgotten how *privatised* the Tridentine Mass was.

The reform of the Liturgy in the 1960s was an attempt to correct this eccentric development. There was nothing privatised about Jesus' way of life or his way of worship. He spoke frequently of heaven as a banquet; he sat at table with all kinds of people; he miraculously fed the crowds. Sharing food is a frequent theme in the Gospels, a favourite in Luke's (see, for example, 5:29-32, and ch. 14).

Is all privacy suppressed, then, in our religion? No, but the chasm between the private and the public is *bridged*. Eating is at once a private and social affair. If we break a biscuit and you eat one half while I eat the other, my half becomes me and yours becomes you; biology is very individual in that sense. Yet, among humans, eating is one of the most social of all activities; when people want to celebrate together and have joy in one another's company, they think first of having a meal together. It is a wonderful *bridging of the chasm between individual and community*, between private and public, between selfish and unselfish desire. Neither is neglected or suppressed. This contains a profound wisdom about human living, and about the life of grace. My desire for God is not the enemy of my desire for food, it is in continuity with it. The discontinuity is with greed, not with the natural appetite. In this sense, the Eucharist is also a bridge between nature and grace.

At the Eucharist, we are not always fully present: at times, indeed, we may be half asleep; but that is not the worst kind of absence. The worst kind is when our hearts remain shut; then we are making community impossible, we are emptying the Eucharist of its meaning; and we are not allowing it to be a bridge between ourselves and our neighbour. The Lord is present on the altar so *that* he may be present in us; "this is my body" so that *you* can be my body, my bodily members, my completion. Jesus is the head of the Body, we the members, said St Paul. The Eucharist is not only what happens on the altar, but what happens in the entire Church (and what happens in our lives for the rest of the week). Listen not only to the readings and prayers, 'listen' also to the people around you: be aware of them, be grateful that they are there, don't see them as strangers, even if you don't know their names. The one who said "I am the bread of life" wants us to share that bread - his life, his love, his care - with others, "so that we who are fed by God may live in his way" (St Cyprian).