



## The Newman Cluster

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Hymns: E: 19; O: 53; C: 464; R: 290

#### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

|                     |  |             |  |
|---------------------|--|-------------|--|
| <b>Sat</b> 17/08/24 | Feria in Ordinary Time                   | 12:30 CTK   | Nancy Conlon (RIP)                     |
|                     |  | 18:00 OLAM† | Theresa Whelan (Anni.)                 |
| <b>Sun</b> 18/08/24 | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time             | 09:30 SMM   | Celebrant's Intention                  |
|                     |  | 10:00 CTK   | Elizabeth McKenna (Anni.)              |
|                     |  | 11:30 OLAM  | David Cotton (Anni.)                   |
| <b>Mon</b> 19/08/24 | Feria in Ordinary Time                   | 07:30 SMM   | Celebrant's Intention                  |
|                     |  | 08:00 Con.† | Anna Roche Watson                      |
| <b>Tue</b> 20/08/24 | Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot           | 09:30 CTK   | John Walsh (RIP) Ann.                  |
| <b>Wed</b> 21/08/24 | Mem. of St. Pius X, Pope                 | 08:00 Con.† | Sean Roche Watson                      |
|                     |  | 09:15 SMM   | Those who have no one to pray for them |
| <b>Thu</b> 22/08/24 | The Queenship of Our Lady                | 12:00 CTK   | Patricia Comerford (RIP)               |
| <b>Fri</b> 23/08/24 | Feast of St. John Wall, Priest/Martyr    | 09:30 CTK   | John Roche (RIP)                       |
| <b>Sat</b> 24/08/24 | Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle        | 12:30 CTK   | Danny and Darren Fields (RIP)          |
|                     |  | 18:00 OLAM  | Tomo Leek (RIP)                        |
| <b>Sun</b> 25/08/24 | 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 09:30 SMM   | Sidney Byrne (RIP)                     |
|                     |  | 10:00 CTK†  | Nancy Conlon (RIP)                     |
|                     |  | 11:30 OLAM  | Henry Jarteth Melody (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, Niamh O'Reilly, Jo Teece, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Alberto Bolongaro, Kyle Billing, Nicola Jones, Patricia Nash, Angela Madigan, Teresa Webb, 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.

**RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Foley, John Godwin, Edward Broadbent and Godfrey Brian Barwick who all died recently. May they Rest In Peace. **Funerals:** Godfrey Barwick: Tue 27/08/24, 11:30 CTK; John Godwin: Wed 28/08/24, 11:30 CTK; John Foley: Fri 30/08/24, 11:00 CTK.

**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.**

**Lectionary:** A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024.

**Deacon Gary's commitments for the whole of August:** 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 and Roisin Murphy from Monaghan on Friday 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.

**Last Weeks' Collection CTK**

Loose: £ 272.80  
 Envelopes: £ 161.00  
 Standing Orders: £ 247.23  
**Total: £ 681.03**

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**Last Weeks' Collection OLAM**

Loose: £ 186.39  
 Envelopes: £ 128.00  
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69  
**Total: £ 409.08**

| Christ the King |                            | 17/18 August | 24/25 August |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sat 12:30       | Minister of the Word       | Theresa      | Tracy        |
|                 | Minister of Holy Communion | Sue          | Theresa      |
| Sun 10.00       | Minister of the Word       | John         | Steve        |
|                 | Minister of Holy Communion | Marion       | Isy Moss     |

**Newman Cluster Social Event:** 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.

**Season of Creation** (1 September - 4 October 2024) is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4<sup>th</sup> October. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

**Education Sunday** is marked this year on 8 September - just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2024 is, "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak", taken from St Mark's Gospel (7:31-37). Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead.

**Adoremus at Oscott:** Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Sep 2024: St Mary's College, Oscott, was the venue for the first Eucharistic Procession after the Reformation. In 2024, we hold our National Eucharistic Congress in this holy place. It will be an opportunity for us to pray and walk in procession once more as we show our devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Our shared witness will lead the Church in her preparations for the Jubilee Year that we will celebrate globally in 2025.

**Evangelii Gaudium Sunday** (15 Sep 2024) gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," the Lord commissions, as we hear in Matthew 28:19. Inspired by our ongoing Synodal process, Scripture, and Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, we have chosen the theme 'Growing as missionary disciples'. On the day itself, we can encourage the faithful to pray for our parish communities, that they would become intentionally missionary in their life and witness.

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA:** Liturgy is the invisible made visible. Almost everything else we do has a practical purpose (even if sometimes a senseless one). It is true, we do many things just for pleasure or for fun; then that is their meaning. But, when we celebrate the Liturgy, we are doing actions that have no mundane meaning or purpose whatever. A mundane purpose would distract from the real meaning of what we are doing. There is a purity about this, that nothing should obscure. It is very easy to slide into a kind of practicality that defeats the real purpose of Liturgy, which is to make the invisible visible. In place of "Let us offer one another a sign of peace," I heard a Priest say, "Let us offer one another some small sign of happiness". What could that possibly mean, and why come to Church to do it? It is done much more effectively in a pub. We are sometimes happy and sometimes not; it hardly matters any more than the weather. Even outside the liturgical context, peace means much more than happiness. But, in the liturgical context, it is the peace of Christ we offer one another, not our own. It is, he said, "a peace the world cannot give". When I offer my neighbour a sign of peace at Mass, I am acknowledging that every possible practical engagement between us stands in the shade of this profound peace that the world cannot give. No-one would come to Church to collect a morsel of bread, if that were all there was to it. The only reason we go is that Jesus said, "Take and eat... this is my body; do this in memory of me". All the other things we do, said Johann Tauler in the 14th Century, can be so many paths to God, but in the Liturgy, we are united with God in Christ, "with no intermediary". "There is no difference between it and God", he said. "In this gift, he gives himself to us directly and not in any figurative way; he is united, simply and purely, with us. This is a feast indeed; there is nothing to compare with it". We have to come to know this, he said, "by experience, by living... not by reasoning about it".

It is, indeed, a special experience to do or say something in Liturgy with full awareness that the *only* reason I am doing it is that God is God, and Christ is Christ, fully present, fully given to us. This you might call the vertical axis. Immediately, there follows the horizontal, because Liturgy is not an escape or an alternative to our daily life. But it begins from the vertical, not from the other. It is like the way we make the Sign of the Cross: we make the vertical axis first.