



## The Newman Cluster

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Hymns: E: 413; O: 467; C: 365; R: 312

#### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

|            |          |  |            |  |
|------------|----------|--|------------|--|
| <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)             |
| <b>Mon</b> | 26/08/24 | Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi         | 08:00 Con. | Special Intention                      |
| <b>Tue</b> | 27/08/24 | St. Monica, Mem.                         | 09:30 CTK  | Jane Goodyear (RIP)                    |
|            |          |  | 11:30 CTK  | Funeral Service: Godfrey Brian Barwick |
| <b>Wed</b> | 28/08/24 | St. Augustine, Mem.                      | 08:00 Con. | Bartholomew Pham (RIP)                 |
|            |          |  | 11:30 CTK  | Requiem: John Gilbert Godwin           |
| <b>Thu</b> | 29/08/24 | The Passion of St. John the Baptist      | 12:00 CTK  | Andrew Mohammed (RIP)                  |
| <b>Fri</b> | 30/08/24 | Feria in Ordinary Time                   | 09:30 CTK  | Christina & Joseph Byrne               |
|            |          |  | 11:00 CTK  | Requiem: John Foley                    |
| <b>Sat</b> | 31/08/24 | Feria in Ordinary Time                   | 12:30 CTK  | Karen Joneson (RIP)                    |
|            |          |  | 18:00 OLAM | Tony Neylon (RIP)                      |
| <b>Sun</b> | 01/09/24 | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 09:30 SMM  | Pro Populo                             |
|            |          |  | 10:00 CTK  | Eddie MaGuire                          |
|            |          |  | 11:30 OLAM | Rita Nightingale (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, Deacon Gary

**RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Foley, John Godwin 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.**

**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 & Roisin Murphy from Monaghan this coming 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.

**Last Weeks' Collection CTK**

Loose: £ 248.03  
 Envelopes: £ 122.00  
 Standing Orders: £ 247.23  
**Total: £ 617.26**

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**Last Weeks' Collection OLAM**

Loose: £ 216.82  
 Envelopes: £ 131.00  
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69  
**Total: £ 442.51**

| Christ the King |                            | 24/25 August | 31 Aug/01 Sept |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Sat 12:30       | Minister of the Word       | Kathleen     | Aoife          |
|                 | Minister of Holy Communion | Sue          | Theresa W      |
| Sun 10.00       | Minister of the Word       | Angela       | Theresa B      |
|                 | Minister of Holy Communion | Sister       | Joyce          |

**Next Parish Council meeting** is on 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 p.m. in the CTK Guild Room.

**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.

**Conversational Irish language classes** suitable for complete beginners or intermediates, starting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 7:00 pm at Holy Cross and St Francis Parish Hall B76 2RS. Please phone Gerard for more details on 07929 873828.

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA:** The Christian faith was known as "the Way" before it was known as Christianity (Acts 9:2; 11:26). It is a journey on which we are invited, not a system of thought and behaviour that we construct for ourselves. The initiative is God's, who "first loved us". (1 John 4:19). "You did not choose me, but I chose you", Jesus said (John 15:16). . As Leo the Great (440 AD - 461) said, "Jesus is the hand of God's mercy stretched out to us".

An invitation calls for a choice: acceptance or refusal. This is the theme of the readings at today's Mass. In the Old Testament reading, Joshua (whose name, incidentally, is the Hebrew form of "Jesus") said to the people, "Choose today whom you wish to serve". The "gods beyond the river," no doubt, had their attractions; they probably demanded less and could be easily manipulated. Joshua's God was more demanding.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus asks his disciples to make a similar choice. For Peter, there was no contest: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life". But later, the same Peter would not be so clear-sighted in practice; at a crucial moment, he dissociated himself emphatically from Jesus: "I do not know the man!" (Matthew 26:74). Later again, even after the Resurrection, he was trying to have it both ways, and Paul had to "oppose him to his face, because he stood self-condemned" (Galatians 2:11). Clearly, a profession of faith is more easily said than done.

Joshua had said, "God is a jealous God" (Joshua 24:19). What sense does it make to speak of the jealousy of God? It is a large theme in the Old Testament. In one place, 'Jealousy' is even said to be God's name (Exodus 34:14). The human emotion of jealousy is usually so neurotic that we have to adjust it considerably before applying it to God. When human jealousy goes too far, it elicits weary and dull responses: "Of course I love you". If we don't understand God's jealousy, we may get into the habit of saying the right things, but without sincerity, as in a stale marriage.

But there is right jealousy. If parents saw their daughter getting into an intense friendship with an unprincipled ruffian, they would be very jealous indeed! This does not mean that they want to keep her locked up forever. They want her to meet people who will not use her as a plaything, but instead respect and love her. Their jealousy is an expression of their love. Likewise God, only infinitely more so.

God is absolute. This means that God is not prepared to be *part* of anything. A God who was less than absolute would only be a plaything for human beings. Likewise, the demands of Jesus are absolute. They can be rejected, but they cannot be diluted. Why? Because that is the nature of love.