



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

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Hymns: E: 410; O: 27; C: 345; R: 105

### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

<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)
<b>Mon</b>	02/08/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Private Intention
			09:00 CTK	Anna Coyle (RIP)
<b>Tue</b>	03/08/24	St. Gregory the Great, Feast	08:00 Con.†	Mary McGee (RIP)
			09:15 SMM	Gillian Ascott (RIP)
<b>Wed</b>	04/08/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Bartholomew Pham (RIP)
			09:15 SMM	Carmel Finnegan
<b>Thu</b>	05/08/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:00 CTK†	Sally Piper (RIP)
<b>Fri</b>	06/08/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:00 CTK	Ngoc Que Tran (RIP)
			14:00 MPS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
<b>Sat</b>	07/08/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK†	Kathleen Murphy
			18:00 OLAM	Michael Quinn (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	08/09/24	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Pauline Cassidy (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Stephen Moore (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Olive Howkins (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, Peggy O'Donovan, Pauline O'Brien, Annette Molloy, Chris & Eddie Walsh, Deacon Gary and George Ferris.

**RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Teresa Duffy who all died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will be on Wed 18/09/24, 11:00, at OLAM.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**, which is lit to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, is dedicated throughout September, for **Deacon Gary & Clare O'Brien at CTK** and for **"Peace In The World" at OLAM**.

**Children's Liturgy:** The Liturgy Group will start again at 10.00 Mass on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September. It is for Children who are in Reception Class or above. We hope you have had a safe and enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing you again on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The Liturgy Group leaders.

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

**Refreshments after 10.00 Mass on 15<sup>th</sup> September:** On 15<sup>th</sup> September, Deacon Gary and Clare celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Everyone at the 10.00 Mass on that day is warmly invited to join Deacon Gary and Clare, and their guests from outside the parish in the Kingstanding Inn for tea/coffee and cake after Mass. Please email Deacon Gary at the address at the top of the Newsletter if you are planning to come so that we have some idea of numbers.

**Last Weeks' Collection CTK**

Loose: £ 257.72  
 Envelopes: £ 102.00  
 Standing Orders: £ 247.23  
**Total: £ 606.95**

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 your generous support**

**Last Weeks' Collection OLAM**

Loose: £ 166.76  
 Envelopes: £ 123.50  
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69  
**Total: £ 384.95**

Next week's Second Collection will be for the Catholic Education Service.

Christ the King		31 Aug/01 Sept	07/08 Sept
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	Kathleen
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa W	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Theresa B	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce	Marion

**Season of Creation** (01/09/24 – 04/10/24) 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** this year falls on 8 Sept - just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2024 is, "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak" - Mark (7:31-37). Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England & 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 Sept) 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** for complete Beginners/Intermediates start on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00 pm at Holy Cross and St Francis Parish Hall B76 2RS. Please phone Gerard for more details on 07929 873828.

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees - Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> Sep:** The Church has been celebrating the WDMR since 1914. It's always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges. Pope Francis' message for the 110<sup>th</sup> WDMR is: God walks with His people. In this message, the Holy Father reminds us that all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth, on our way to the "true homeland".

**Year of Jubilee 2025:** The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. Preparations for the 2025 Year of Jubilee will begin in Advent 2024, which will mark the start of a year of prayer.

**Church Front Garden:** The plants and bushes at the front of the Church would benefit from being pruned and trimmed back. If there is someone who would be willing to help with that please contact Fr The. If there was more than one person to help with that it would be much easier. It does not need to be done every week but regularly in the growing season to keep it tidy.

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA:** What we call history is not the past; it is the present looking at the past. By placing the Pharisees before our eyes in so many readings, the Liturgy is clearly calling us to see ourselves in them. Like them, we know that it is much easier to deal with outer, visible things, than with the inner world of attitudes: with the heart. And so, like them, we tend to evaluate ourselves and others in purely external ways: the number of prayers we recite, the amount of money we give, etc. There is nothing wrong with external things, but there is also an inner world that shapes and gives meaning to the external. When we make religion a 'business', we turn the inner spirit into an external 'thing'. The German philosopher, Hegel, one of the most influential thinkers of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, wrote: "The Holy, as a mere thing, has the character of externality; thus it is capable of being taken possession of by another to my exclusion; it may come into an alien hand, since the process of appropriating it is not one that takes place in the Spirit.... The highest of human blessings is thus thought to be in the hands of others". This was not written about the historical Pharisees, but about Christians who developed a similar attitude to theirs. It is difficult to retain a clear vision of the Gospel: that "God is Spirit, and those who worship him should worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). We are forever in danger of stepping into the shoes of the Pharisees.

What the Pharisees lacked in spectacular fashion was any kind of interiority or depth; their minds were turned outwards, to rules and casuistry. What matters, Jesus said, is not what goes into a person from the outside, but what comes out from the inside. Religion is not about things - it is about you! It is about the kind of response you make to the world, to others, and to God. It is about whether that wonderful 'chemistry' of the Gospel is happening in you: the kind of chemistry that can turn bad stuff into good, curses into blessings, suffering into prayer.

The spirit of faith is hard to keep in sight at all times, yet it is meant for all times. It is the most sublime wisdom, yet it is meant to be very practical and not just a philosophy, a way of thinking. One way to make these ends meet is to identify religion with a few very visible practices. This is what the Pharisees and others did in the time of Jesus, and it is a constant temptation for ourselves.