



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

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Hymns: E: 68 (1-4); O: 242; C: 49; R: 285

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

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| Sat | 07/09/24 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 12:30 CTK† | Kathleen Murphy |
| | | | 18:00 OLAM | Michael Quinn (RIP) |
| Sun | 08/09/24 | 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 09:30 SMM | Pauline Cassidy (RIP) |
| | | | 10:00 CTK | Stephen Moore (RIP) |
| | | | 11:30 OLAM | Olive Howkins (RIP) |
| Mon | 09/09/24 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 08:00 Con.† | Tom and Mark |
| | | | 19:00 SMM | Sean Cooper (RIP) |
| Tue | 10/09/24 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 08:00 Con.† | Private Intention |
| Wed | 11/09/24 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 09:15 SMM | Celebrant's Intention |
| Thu | 12/09/24 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 12:00 CTK | Special Intention |
| Fri | 13/09/24 | St. John Chrysostom, Mem. | 09:00 CTK | The McDonagh's & the Maughan's |
| | | | 09:15 SMM | Celebrant's Intention |
| Sat | 14/09/24 | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast | 12:30 CTK | Audrey & Roy Vickers (RIP) |
| | | | 18:00 OLAM† | Sadie Bessant (RIP) |
| Sun | 15/09/24 | 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Evangelii Gaudium Sunday</i> | 09:30 SMM | Pauline Cassidy (RIP) |
| | | | 10:00 CTK† | Clare and Gary O'Brien (Ruby Jubilee) |
| | | | 11:30 OLAM | James Brady |

Bible Study with Deacon Dominic Fahey has now finished for the Summer and will resume on Thursday 12th 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, Elizabeth Teague, Deacon Gary and George Ferris.

RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Teresa Duffy, Mark McKeown, and Eileen Harte who died recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** M Duffy: Wed 18/09/24, OLAM, 11:00; M McKeown: Fri 04/10/24, CTK, 11:00.

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**.

Next Parish Council meeting is on 18th September at 7.00 p.m. in the CTK Guild Room.

Refreshments after 10.00 Mass on 15th September: On 15th September, Deacon Gary and Clare celebrate their 40th 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.

RCIA Programme for those who would like to discern the Catholic faith for full communion with the Catholic Church and those adults who would like to be prepared for First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation will begin on Friday 20/09/24 in the Guild Room at 7:00pm.

First Holy Communion Preparation for children who go to non-Catholic schools will begin on Sun 06/10/24 with the 10:00am mass at CTK, followed by instructions in the Guild Room.

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

Last Weeks' Collection CTK

Loose: £ 256.08
 Envelopes: £ 134.50
 Standing Orders: £ 247.23
Total: £ 637.81

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your generous support**

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 184.20
 Envelopes: £ 157.00
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 435.89

Second Collection: This weekend: Catholic Education Service; Next weekend: Catholic Evangelisation

| Christ the King | | 07/08 Sept | 14/15 Sept |
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| Sat 12:30 | Minister of the Word | Kathleen | Tracy |
| | Minister of Holy Communion | Sue | Theresa |
| Sun 10.00 | Minister of the Word | Angela | Patience |
| | Minister of Holy Communion | Marion | Isy Moss |

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, 4th 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, becoming ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Education Sunday (08/09/24) 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 14th 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.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees - Sunday, 29th 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 110th 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.

SOCIAL EVENT: Last year we held a RaceNight evening which was most enjoyable and raised welcome funding for the Parishes. We hope to do this again on Friday October 18th in St Johns Centre. Next week we will be asking you to at the Christ the King Masses to help us by sponsoring the Runners and Riders and perhaps also sponsor one of the Races if you wish to. The other two Parishes are very welcome to join us in this and on the night. Please put this date in your diary and we hope to see you there. Thank you.

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: Jesus restores hearing and speech to the deaf man. He didn't just pat him on the head, as he was asked to do. The poor and the outcasts of Society are so used to being patronised that they are often glad even of that. But Jesus restored his hearing, enabling him to know what was going on; and he gave him a voice with which to make himself heard. He brought him from beyond the margins into Society. Notice a very human touch: he took the deaf man aside from the crowd (unlike the healing story in tomorrow's reading). Deaf people are easily embarrassed because they know you have to speak louder than usual, and everyone can hear. Then, instead of speaking, Jesus seemed to act out the healing.

In the Gospels, deafness is not only a medical condition; it has overtones of spiritual deafness, being unable to hear God. "You called to me", St Augustine said to God (in his *Confessions*), "you called to me; you cried aloud to me; you broke through my barrier of deafness. You shone upon me; your radiance enveloped me; you put my blindness to flight. You shed your fragrance about me; I drew breath and now I gasp for you. I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me and I burned for your peace". Notice that Augustine used all five senses in that sentence: hearing, sight, smell, taste, touch. All the senses aspire to God, everything in us reaches upwards, our whole being is a longing for God. And conversely, if we were truly seeking God, we would be alive in all our senses. Many of us are half dead: sleepy, heedless, habitually bored.... We are called to be fully alive. So, restoring the man's hearing, has the overtone of making him fully alive to God. He also restored the man's capacity for speech. The overtone here is the praise of God: the man would now be able to praise God with his voice.

There is a detail here worth noticing in passing: Mark, writing in Greek, nevertheless records the Aramaic word that Jesus used in healing the man (as he did in the case of the healing of a little girl, in 5:41). Aramaic was Jesus' "mother tongue". Matthew omits this (and both Matthew and Luke omit the Aramaic words, *talitha kum*, from the healing of the little girl). This omission, the specialists say, was probably due to a fear of superstition: Greek-speaking people might get the impression that there was some occult power in the strange word itself. Magic is never far away from religion, and there is a great need to be careful. In the present age, there is sometimes an unhealthy emphasis on miracles, apparitions, messages – even, at one time, moving statues. We are never to forget that religion is not about signs and wonders, but about hearing God's word and living a life that looks towards God. And, in addition, (as we saw in Jesus' treatment of the deaf man), sensitivity and kindness.