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Hymns: E: 413; O: 131; C: 556; R: 24

### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

<b>Sat</b>	14/09/24	Feast of the Exaltation Of the Holy Cross	12:30 CTK 18:00 OLAM	Audrey & Roy Vickers (RIP) Sadie Bessant (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	15/09/24	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Evangelii Gaudium Sunday</i>	09:30 SMM 10:00 CTK 11:30 OLAM	Pauline Cassidy (RIP) Clare and Gary O'Brien (Ruby Jubilee) James Brady
<b>Mon</b>	16/09/24	SS Cornelius, Pope Cyprian, Martyrs	08:00 Con. 11:30 SMM	Gerrard Byrne (RIP) Requiem: Grzegorz Wiktor Buc
<b>Tue</b>	17/09/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con. 09:15 SMM	Special Intention Maria Agendia (RIP)
<b>Wed</b>	18/09/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con. 11:00 OLAM	Fr Prabhakar Requiem: Mary Teresa Duffy
<b>Thu</b>	19/09/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:00 CTK	Peter Gorman (RIP)
<b>Fri</b>	20/09/24	Mem of St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, and Companions, Korean Martyrs	09:00 CTK 11:00 CTK	Boleslaw Banat (RIP) Funeral Service: Mark McKeown
<b>Sat</b>	21/09/24	Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle	12:30 CTK 18:00 OLAM	David Howard Ann Nolan (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	22/09/24	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM 10:00 CTK 11:30 OLAM	Celebrant's Intention Ron Levell (RIP) Mary Donaghue (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, 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 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 p.m. in the CTK Guild Room.

**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.

**NEWMAN CLUSTER meeting:** Sunday, 22/09/24 at 4 pm in the St John's Centre, next door to Christ the King Church.

**Last Weeks' Collection CTK**

Loose: £  
 Envelopes: £  
 Standing Orders: £ 247.23  
**Total: £**

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 your generous support**

**Last Weeks' Collection OLAM**

Loose: £  
 Envelopes: £  
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69  
**Total: £**

**Second Collection:** This weekend: Catholic Evangelisation; Next weekend: Fr Hudson's Society.

Christ the King		14/15 Sept	21/22 Sept
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Tracy	Aoife
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Patience	Oscottian
	Minister of Holy Communion	Isy Moss	Jean de Dieu Ntungu

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

**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.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Day for Catechists:** The day for catechists is 16th November, 10.30-4pm at the Abbey Church in Erdington, B23 6QJ. Contact email for registering interest is [bned.catechists@gmail.com](mailto:bned.catechists@gmail.com).

**Sycamore Course Autumn 2024 Meetings at St Margaret Mary's** in the Newman Gallery in Church (upstairs) on Wednesdays at 5.30pm – 6.30pm. We restart in September, with these dates: 25/9/24 The existence of God; 2/10 Who is Jesus?; 16/10, The Holy Spirit and the Church; Half term; 6/11 Power of Prayer; 27/11 Finding Freedom; 4/12 The Sacraments; 11/12 Forgiveness; 18/12 The Mass.

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA:**

I heard someone described as "a priestly priest," and wondered what it meant. Whatever else it might mean, it meant that he matched perfectly somebody's idea of a Priest - an uncertain distinction in itself. A Priest of my acquaintance received a standing ovation after a sermon, and was glowing for days, until another Priest said to him, "I shouldn't be so happy about it: Jesus preached and they crucified him; you preached and they gave you a standing ovation!"

Jesus was the exact opposite of what he was expected to be: he was an unmessianic Messiah. In the popular mind, the Messiah was expected to be a powerful military and political leader, who would bring his people to victory over all their enemies, in the name of God, of course. When Peter called him Messiah, he was "sternly rebuked" and told not to repeat it. Instantly, Jesus began to speak of suffering instead: "He began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering...and be put to death" (today's reading). Suffering and death were no part of the image of Messiah, but rather victory.

Christians speak of Christ's "victory over sin and death". He achieved this victory, not by killing, but by dying. St Augustine said he was "victor and victim; and *victor because he was the victim*". This striking expression reverses all our notions about victory and defeat. Indeed, the Cross of Christ reverses all our values: success and failure, power and weakness, glory and shame, wealth and poverty, belonging and rejection, even life and death.... His greatest disciples understood this well: St Paul wrote, "I will not boast, except of my weaknesses" (2 Corinthians 12:5), and "when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10). It is only by the grace of God that this revolution can shape our lives. We are blessed if we experience it at all, even if only for a moment. The hierarchy of the Western Church moved quite comfortably into the Imperial world of power and palaces and purple – the original secularisation of the Church. A Cardinal, in all his regalia, is a much more secularised figure than a Priest in scruffy denim. But, fundamentally, secularisation is a state of mind. What matters is that a disciple should "have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16).