



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

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Hymns: E: 410; O: 397; C: 317; R: 137

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat	21/09/24	Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle	12:30 CTK	David Howard
			18:00 OLAM	Ann Nolan (RIP)
Sun	22/09/24	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			10:00 CTK	Ron Levell (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Mary Donaghue (RIP)
Mon	23/09/24	Mem. of St. Pius of Pietrelcina	08:00 Con.†	Private Intention
Tue	24/09/24	Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham	09:30 MPS	John McDonnell (Anni.)
Wed	25/09/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Special Intentions
Thu	26/09/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30 CTK	Bob Thompson (B Anni.)
Fri	27/09/24	Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul	09:00 CTK	Rev Bernard Garratt (RIP)
Sat	28/09/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Jack Foxall (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Bob Clews (RIP)
Sun	29/09/24	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			10:00 CTK	Wood/Rice Families
			11:30 OLAM	Anthony Stephen Watts (RIP)

Bible Study with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the Guild Room at Christ The King **every Thursday** at 7:00pm

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 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 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**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION for children who, for good reason, attend Non-Catholic Schools, will begin on Sunday 06/10/24 with the 10:00am Mass at Christ The King, followed by Instruction in the Guild Room.

Banns of Marriage between James Philip Guest and Elle Somers of the Parish of Christ the King. If anybody knows cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, please declare it. This is for the first time of asking.

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.

Second Collection: This weekend: Fr. Hudson's Society

Christ the King		21/22 Sept	28/29 Sept
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Oscottian	John
	Minister of Holy Communion	Jean de Dieu Ntungu	Marion

NEWMAN CLUSTER MEETING: This Sunday 22nd at 4 pm in the St John's Centre, next door to Christ the King Church.

FORMATION FOR THE MISSION VISITING TEAM: 17th & 24th September at 7 pm in the Guild Room given by Paul Northam.

RaceNight: Due to the clashes, the RaceNight has been postponed until a more suitable date can be fixed.

Church Front Garden: The plants/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, 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.

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.

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".

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.

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.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA: St Augustine wrote: "Observe a tree, how it first reaches downwards, so that it may then shoot upwards. It sinks its roots deep into the ground, so that its top may reach towards the skies. Is it not from humility that it endeavours to grow? But, without humility, it will not reach higher. You want to grow up into the air without roots. That is not growth, but collapse".

The disciples of Jesus had not yet reached this awareness. They were not above squabbling about rank, a weakness that has hexed the clergy ever since. In this passage it says "they" were discussing; we can guess that James and John were in the thick of it, because in the very next chapter these two are asking for the best places in his Kingdom (10:35). It is the ego, the false self, that looks for promotion; the real self, the self that comes every moment from the hand of God, doesn't need it or look for it. "If you find yourself in love with precedence and high honour", said St John Chrysostom (347–407), "pursue the humblest things, pursue being the least regarded of all, pursue being the lowliest of all, pursue being the smallest of all, pursue placing yourselves behind others".

Religion often brings out the worst in people: hypocrisy, fanaticism and cruelty. Seeking preferment is not as serious a fault as these, but it is the next on the list. Jesus wanted, on this occasion, to be alone with the disciples, in peace and quiet, to give them a new teaching: about humility and suffering. This is the hardest lesson of all, and one that no one wants to hear, even though every mortal being is a sufferer. Jesus himself was to drain the cup of suffering to the dregs. "God had one son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering," wrote St Augustine. This made the disciples' squabbling for position look very shallow indeed. "What were you arguing about?" he asked. "They said nothing..." because they were ashamed. They suppressed their argument for the moment, and it looked as if the argument was over. But no, it would break out again later. By their very obtuseness, they are teaching us something – just as a slow learner sometimes helps the whole class by slowing down the teacher.