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Hymns: E: 195; O: 288; C: 396; R: 129

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

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)
Mon	30/09/24	Memorial of St. Jerome	08:00 Con.	James & Kathleen Mooney
			11:30 SMM	Requiem: Mary (Marie) Wilcox
Tue	01/10/24	Memorial of St. Therese Of the Child Jesus	09:15 SMM	Elizabeth McKeever (RIP)
			09:30 MPS	John Murphy (Junior)
Wed	02/10/24	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels	08:00 Con.†	Agnes Mooney
			09:15 SMM	Johny Cook (RIP)
Thu	03/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:00 CTK†	Mick Coogan (RIP)
			18:30 SMM	Requiem: Tom Regan
Fri	04/10/24	Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi	09:00 CTK	Rev John Darley (RIP)
			11:00 CTK	Funeral Service: Mark McKeown
			19:00 Con	The McDonagh's & the Maughan's
Sat	05/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Clare & Gary O'Brien
			18:00 OLAM	James Cusack (RIP)
Sun	06/10/24	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Bridget McKenna
			10:00 CTK	Thanksgiving (CWA)
			11:30 OLAM†	Hugh & Teresa McHugh (Anni.)

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 and George Ferris.

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. And in October for the Ubah and Ikwuka Family Circle at CTK and for the Inglis/Sliwa/Kilcullen Family Circle 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 second 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.

Last two Weeks' Collection CTK

Loose: £ 710.77
 Envelopes: £ 310.00
 Standing Orders: £ 494.46
Total: £ 1,515.23 *

**Thank you for
 your generous support**

Last two Weeks' Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 350.20
 Envelopes: £ 254.75
 Standing Orders: £ 189.38
Total: £ 794.33 *

- Please note, the above totals are for 2 weeks combined for both Parishes.

There will be a 2nd Collection at all Masses NEXT weekend for the CAFOD Family Fast.

APF Red Mission Boxes: As Mission Sunday falls in October, could all current holders of APF Red Mission Boxes please bring these into Church for emptying and onward submission to the Mill Hill Fathers to support them in their invaluable work across the globe. (For those holders at CTK who also attend the Thursday Lunch Club, if it is more convenient for you to bring them in then, they can be returned to you before you leave). If anyone who has never had a Red Mission box in their home previously, but would like one, as a means of collecting their spare change throughout the year to donate to the Missions, then please speak to Fr. The.

Christ the King		28//29 Sept	05/06 Oct
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Theresa	Kathleen
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	John	Steve
	Minister of Holy Communion	Marion	Sister

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES - SUNDAY 29TH SEP: The Church has been celebrating the WDMR since 1914. It is 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".

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024: 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. If interested please contact: Tel. 020 3239 8662 or website www.med-irishcentre.com.

SYCAMORE COURSE - AUTUMN 2024 MEETINGS AT ST MARGARET MARY'S CHURCH (in the upstairs Newman Gallery on Wednesdays from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. The course restarts in September with the following themes 25th Sept – "The Existence of God"; 2nd Oct – "Who is Jesus?"; 16th Oct – "The Holy Spirit and the Church"; Half term; 6th Nov – "Power of Prayer"; 27th Nov – "Finding Freedom"; 4th Dec – "The Sacraments"; 11th & 12th Dec – "Forgiveness" and 18th Dec – "The Mass".

ONLINE TALK ON THE NEW LECTIONARY: As many will be aware, the readings that we listen to at Mass will change on the First Sunday of Advent across the country as we move to a new translation of the bible. Why the change and what difference will it make? To hear the answers to these questions and more, join us online at 7-8pm on Tue 1st Oct as we hear Fr Paul Denney, a biblical scholar who worked on the new lectionary, explain some of the key changes. It is free and open to all, to receive the link for Teams please email: fr.marco.egawhary@rcaob.org.uk.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA: "Our social fabric militates against relation", wrote G.W. Morgan in *Prophetic Voices*. "Competitiveness pervades everything we do and is taught from the time we are small children.... Our fundamental stance is not to respond to others, but to outdo them, vie with them, beat them".

This seems to be true of every business; and when we make a business of religion, it is true in that field too. The scurrilous polemics between Christian Churches in the past seem scandalous now, but they probably seemed normal in their time.

In the first reading at today's Mass, we see how Moses regarded the 'opposition'. A young man ran to delate some unofficial prophets. "The young man ran to tell Moses: 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp'. Moses' response showed a wonderful generosity of spirit: "If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!" The situation in the Gospel reading is an exact parallel, and Jesus' response is just like that of Moses. "Anyone who is not against us, is for us".

The lesson is that the Holy Spirit is nobody's property and blows wherever it wills (John 3:8). The Holy Spirit is God's gift to the Church, but the Holy Spirit is not restricted to acting in ways that we alone can recognise. No created reality can fully embody or express the freedom of God. The Church is always in danger of shrivelling and hardening into a sect, just as every believer is in danger of becoming a self-righteous reactionary. But the very qualities that are considered vices in an individual can sometimes be made to appear virtues in an organisation. Today's readings are like a road-sign that says "No Entry" on that road.

In the document *Nostra Aetate*, the Second Vatican Council stated: "The Catholic Church rejects nothing that is true and holy in these [non-Christian] religions. She regards with sincere reverence those ways of conduct and of life, those precepts and teachings which, though differing in many aspects from the ones she holds and sets forth, nonetheless often reflect a ray of that Truth which enlightens all people". This is not a sell-out, as some have claimed; it is in the spirit of Christ, who praised the "faith" even of a pagan Roman Centurion (Matthew 8:10). Only a truth that is very unsure of itself feels always compelled to make an enemy of the other.

This has relevance for us at the individual level too. As Raniero Cantalamessa put it, "We are to watch with joy, not with jealousy, the many who prophesy and cast out demons, thus contributing to authentic human development". And C.S. Lewis remarked that it would be very surprising if the Light of the World, Christ, were not reflected in some way in every part of the world. When we see good being done by anyone, Christian or not, we see Christ's face, in full light or in shadow.