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Hymns: E: 413; O: 313; C: 345; R: 312

MASSES THIS WEEK CTK: Christ the King; OLAM: Maryvale; MIns: Maryvale Institute; SMM: St Margaret Mary'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.)
Mon	07/10/24	Mem of Our Lady of the Rosary	07:30 SMM	Patrick Cunningham (RIP)
			08:45 OLAM	Michael Crann (RIP)
			19:00 MIns	Adoration and Evening Prayer
Tue	08/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:45 MIns	Adoration and Morning Prayer
			09:15 SMM	Private Intention
			19:00 OLAM	James & Kathleen Mooney
Wed	09/10/24	Feast of St. John Henry Newman	08:45 MIns	Adoration and Morning Prayer
			09:15 SMM	Anne Cunningham
			19:00 OLAM	Michael Quinn (RIP)
Thu	10/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:45 OLAM	Ann McGrath (RIP)
			10:30 SMM	Funeral: Margaret Lloyd
			19:00 MIns	Adoration and Evening Prayer
Fri	11/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:00 CTK	Private Intention
			09:30 OLAM	John Massey
			19:00 MIns	Testimonies Night
Sat	12/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Thanksgiving (MB)
			18:00 OLAM	Sadie Bessant (RIP)
Sun	13/10/24	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Rachel Carey
			10:00 CTK	Andrew Mohammed (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Coman Coyle (get well)

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, 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 Carol Timmis who passed away last Sunday. May she rest in peace.

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

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 third 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 Weeks' Collection CTK

Loose: £ 263.13
 Envelopes: £ 141.00
 Standing Orders: £ 247.23
Total: £ 651.36

**Thank you for
your generous support**

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 241.52
 Envelopes: £ 142.20
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 478.41

2nd Collection THIS weekend is for the CAFOD Family Fast.

Christ the King		05/06 Oct	12/13 Oct
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen	Tracy
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Steve	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sister	Isy Moss

Christmas Fayre: We hope to hold our annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23rd November, subject to finalising some arrangements. It will start at a slightly later time of 1.30 this year, with the draw for the Christmas Raffle at 3.30. The Raffle tickets are now available and we ask that you please take some books to sell as it is a big part of our fundraising. What we want now is for you to start bringing in Prizes for the Raffle, Bottles for the Bottle Stall and Gifts to be used on the Tombola Stall. Prizes, Prizes, Prizes, Bottles, Bottles, Bottles, Gifts, Gifts, Gifts !!! Let's get going to make this year another success for the Parish in Fundraising and a Fun Social event. Thank You.

APF Red Mission Boxes: Could all 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.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES - OCT 2024: 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request For further details: Contact: Tel. 020 3239 8662 or website www.med-irishcentre.com

SYCAMORE COURSE - AUTUMN MEETINGS AT ST MARGARET MARY'S CHURCH (in the upstairs Newman Gallery on Wednesdays from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Forthcoming themes "; 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".

PREPARING FOR THE NEW LECTIONARY: All are welcome to come to the in-person briefing that Fr. Allen Morris will be giving to the Cluster on 3rd November 2024 at 3 pm -4.30 pm in the St John's Centre.

BLESSING OF GRAVES IN 2024: The traditional blessing of graves will take place in the local cemeteries on the following dates: Oscott Cemetery – 2nd November at 3 pm; Erdington Abbey – 3rd November at 1.45 pm; Witton Cemetery – 10th November at 2.30 pm; New Hall Cemetery – 17th November at 2 pm; Rectory Road Cemetery at 2 pm.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA: On the very first page of the Bible, in the Book of Genesis (1:27) there is a beautiful lyrical description of the creation of man and woman: "God made human beings in his own image, in his own image he created them; male and female he created them". (See also 5:2) 'Adam' is not a name like James or John; it means 'the creature made of dust (the word for which is 'adamah' in Hebrew). In the first three Chapters of Genesis, 'Adam' means man and woman equally. Obviously, then, man and woman are on an equal footing and both are equally images of God.

All this, of course, is before the Fall! After the Fall, all is changed. Humans are seen as being under a curse, and they suffer differently for it. To the man, God said, "Cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:17-19). To the woman he said, 'I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you' (Genesis 3:16).

No going-away presents, no word of encouragement as they go out into the world to make a living. Scholars regard this Genesis story as a reflection of actual conditions in the ancient Near East at the time that Genesis was written. In particular, it reflects the position of women in society at that time. A woman was subject first to her father, and then to her husband. She was subject to them because she was their *property*. We used to be told that the Ninth Commandment was against entertaining sexual thoughts, and it was quoted only in part: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife". But, it was actually about property, as is clear when you read the full verse: "You shall you covet your neighbour's wife, you shall not set your heart on his house, his field, his servant - man or woman - his ox, his donkey or anything that is his" (Deuteronomy 5:21).

Divorce was very easily obtained in the time of Jesus. Some Rabbis taught that, if a woman ruined a meal or spoke badly about her in-laws, her husband could divorce her; some even said that if a man spotted a woman who was more beautiful than his wife, he could divorce his wife.

All this was the background to the Pharisees' question to Jesus, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" Instead of going into a legal haggles with them about the law of Moses, Jesus harked back to the original state of innocence (before the Genesis story of the expulsion from Eden). He affirmed the *original* state over the corrupted one; he stated God's idea of man, woman, and marriage. The original state was the companionship of equals, not ownership by the man; it was love, not domination and subjection.

Today, wherever husbands and wives respect and love each other, refusing to regard each other as property – disposable or otherwise – the mind of Christ is made visible and human beings are living in a state of original innocence instead of original sin.