



The Newman Cluster

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Hymns: E: 53; O: 467; C: 463; R: 122

MASSES THIS WEEK CTK: Christ the King; OLAM: Maryvale; MIns: Maryvale Institute; SMM: St Margaret Mary's

Sat	12/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK†	Thanksgiving (MB)
			18:00 OLAM	Sadie Bessant (RIP)
			09:30 SMM	Rachel Carey
Sun	13/10/24	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK	Andrew Mohammed (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Coman Coyle (get well)
			15:00 MIns	Social Justice Event
			19:00 MIns	Kerygmatic Talk
Mon	14/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:00 OLAM	John Roche (RIP)
			19:00 MIns	Kerygmatic Talk
Tue	15/10/24	St Teresa of Avila, Mem.	08:45 MIns	John O'Reilly
			19:00 OLAM	Kerygmatic Talk
Wed	16/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:45 MIns	Sr Margaret McQuaid (RIP)
			19:00 OLAM	Kerygmatic Talk
Thu	17/10/24	St Ignatius of Antioch, Mem.	08:45 OLAM	Bridget Quinn (RIP)
			19:00 MIns	Kerygmatic Talk
Fri	18/10/24	St Luke, Feast	08:45 OLAM	Private Intention
			09:00 CTK	The McDonagh's & the Maughan's
			19:00 MIns	Kerygmatic Talk
Sat	19/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:30 OLAM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
			12:30 CTK	Bridget Walsh (Anni.)
			15:00 MCC	Youth Event
			18:00 OLAM	Catherine Maxwell (RIP)
Sun	20/10/24	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			10:00 CTK	Aloysius Gonzaga Ikwuka (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Ian Frank Bartlett (Anni.)

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, Joanne Fields, Caitlin Hodgetts, Joan/Alan Horton, Fr Michael Ho, Peggy O'Donovan, Pauline O'Brien, Annette Molloy, Chris & Eddie Walsh, Elizabeth Teague.

RIP: Please pray for Carol Timmis, Felicia Onyeabo, Patrick Ormsby, Patrick Casey and Paul Smith who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. Funerals: C Timmis: CTK, Mon 28/10/25, 12:00; P Ormsby's: OLAM, Thu 31/10/24, 11:30; P Casey's: CTK, Thu 07/11/24, 12:00; P Smith's: OLAM, Fri 08/11/24, 11:00.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP, which is lit to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, is dedicated throughout 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 fourth time of asking.

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: £

2nd Collection: NEXT weekend for Missio.

Christ the King		12/13 Oct	19/20 Oct
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Tracy	Aoife
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Theresa	Patience
	Minister of Holy Communion	Isy Moss	Jean de Dieu

Christmas Fayre: We are on target to have the Christmas Fayre on Saturday the 23rd November at 13:30.

As requested last Sunday please help us to make it a success by bringing in Bottles for the Bottle Stall, Gifts for the Tombola, and Prizes including Cash for the Christmas Raffle. We also need lots of Chocolate for the ever popular Chocolate Stall which we forgot to mention last week. Support the Parish and yourselves by making the Christmas Fayre a joyful and successful occasion again. Bring in donations as soon as you can. 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.

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 Brendan Byrne SJ.

All three readings this week come together around a radical view of Christian life...The Gospel provides an example of how the following of Jesus requires detachment from what the world values highly: in this case, the security and other advantages provided by wealth: the rich young man does want to inherit eternal life. He comes to Jesus as to a teacher whose wisdom is already well known. Jesus deflects the appellation 'Good' away from himself and on to God alone. God is the author and giver of life. Questions about 'life' must be considered strictly in relation to what God has laid down and this, in first instance at least, is to be found in the commandments of the Torah, several of which – all ones dealing with duties to one's neighbour – Jesus lists.

When the man responds that he has kept all these from his youth, the interaction moves to a new plane. Jesus, we are told, 'looked steadily at him and loved him'. How the love was evident we are not told – possibly in the nature of Jesus' gaze on the man, possibly in some gesture of affection such as an embrace. What the report of Jesus' reaction does establish, however, is that the discussion, from being a rather theoretical one about the requirements of the Torah, is now placed within a context of personal relationship, with the initiative from Jesus' side. The series of instructions that follow next do not stand by themselves but flow entirely from the relationship now offered. The sense of being chosen and 'loved' by Jesus should communicate the freedom from attachment to wealth that following him will require.

Most Jews in Jesus' day regarded wealth as a blessing and as an opportunity for doing good. In an insecure world wealth is the most obvious form of security for the future. For Jesus the only real source of security is to have 'wealth' not in an earthly bank, but in a heavenly one. And the only way to deposit that treasure in that heavenly bank is to give it here and now to the poor. Where earthly banks can easily fail, the heavenly one has a divine guarantee. Everything comes back then to the man's being prepared to share something of Jesus' radical trust in God.

The man declines the invitation. The prospect of love and companionship with Jesus is not strong enough to break attachment to his great wealth. The fact, though, that he goes away 'sad' shows that he knows he is declining something that would have given him the fulfilment for which, at the deepest part of his person, it seems he was longing.

Jesus respects the man's freedom and lets him go. But he does make a comment of more general application: the difficulty riches cause for entrance into the 'Kingdom of God'. To reinforce the point in an arresting, even humorous way he adds what may be a proverbial statement: the difficulty of a camel passing through the eye of a needle. When the disciples point out that this makes salvation impossible, Jesus responds that this is to look only at human capacity, not at the power of God, which stands behind the whole life and mission of Jesus. In the context of the love and companionship he creates (and to which he called the rich man) such freedom from attachment to wealth becomes possible – as Peter's following comment does in fact point out.

Jesus hardly required literal abandonment of possessions from all his followers. However, all are called to a freedom from the kind of attachment to wealth that shows distrust of the God proclaimed by Jesus: One who can be trusted absolutely to bestow (eternal) life on those who follow Jesus' way.