



The Newman Cluster

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Hymns: E: 413; O: 131; C: 345; R: 448

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 19/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	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	Joyce Anderson (RIP)
		10:00 CTK	Aloysius Gonzaga Ikwuka (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM	Ian Frank Bartlett (Anni.)
Mon 21/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Noel & Bernadette Shanahan
Tue 22/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 MPS	Pauline Whithero
Wed 23/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Ngoc Que Tran (RIP)
		09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
Thu 24/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:00 CTK	Jean Fahy (RIP)
Fri 25/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:00 CTK	Anna Thuong (RIP)
Sat 26/10/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Maria McCartan (Anni.)
		18:00 OLAM	Molly James (SI)
Sun 27/10/24	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	John Glasgow (RIP)
		10:00 CTK	Veronica Briggs (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM	Eva Green (Anni.)

Parish Mission: Many thanks to the Mission Team, including Br Loarne, Sisters Minor of St Francis and volunteers from both parishes. Thanks also to the Sion Community, the HOD Community, the living witnesses who came to give testimony of faith, the speakers who gave talks during the second week, the Heads and Staff of both Maryvale Primary School and Cardinal Wiseman School. Above all, thanks to those who join in supporting the Mission with their prayers. Inquiries made by young people and parents in schools will be followed up by the Mission Team. Please continue to ask the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into his harvest field.

Rosary Group: meeting **every Wednesday** in Christ the King Church at 1:30pm.

Pray For The Sick: Monique Hunt, Luke Byrne, Jean McCabe, Paul Cowan, Gerald, John, Josephine 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, George Ferris and Kath Rice.

RIP: Please pray for Carol Timmis, Felicia Onyeabo, Patrick Ormsby, Patrick Casey, Paul Smith, Murial Cowan and Bernadette Lee who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** C Timmis: CTK, Mon 28/10/25, 12:00; P Ormsby: OLAM, Thu 31/10/24, 11:30; M Cowan: CTK, Mon 04/11/24, 12:00; B Lee: CTK, Tue 05/11/24, 10:00; P Casey: CTK, Thu 07/11/24, 12:00; P. Smith: 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 fifth time of asking.

Last Weeks' Collection CTK

Loose: £ 295.41
 Envelopes: £ 140.00
 Standing Orders: £ 247.23
Total: £ 682.64

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your generous support**

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 296.60
 Envelopes: £ 110.00
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 501.29

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday: Mission is a popular theme in the Church today. We are encouraged to be missionary disciples and Pope Francis urges our communities to live 'in a missionary key' (Evangelii Gaudium, 33). This kind of missionary activity is personal and local. World Mission Sunday, however, reminds us that mission goes beyond ourselves, our parishes and our diocese. It is a mission to the world, fulfilling the words of the prophet Habakkuk, 'For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord' (Hab 2:14).

The Pope's charity which supports the Church's mission to the world is called Missio. This global charity draws our attention to the parts of the world where the Church is growing and vibrant, where it is poor and in need and where it is suffering from persecution and difficulty. Missio supports these areas by encouraging us to pray and to assist financially, providing for specific needs in furthering the Church's mission. You can help by prayer and by donating to the second collection this weekend. Missio is part of our mission.

Missio UK has had a long tradition of the Red Box for every Catholic home. It serves in three ways: to remind you that you are a missionary, to encourage you to pray for the Church's mission to the world and to enable you support that work financially, if you can.

Christ the King		19/20 Oct	26/27 Oct
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	Kathleen
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Patience	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Jean de Dieu	Joyce

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.

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.

SYCAMORE COURSE - AUTUMN MEETINGS AT ST MARGARET MARY'S CHURCH (in the upstairs Newman Gallery on Wednesdays from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Forthcoming themes are as follows: Half term; 6th Nov – "Power of Prayer"; 27th Nov – "Finding Freedom"; 4th Dec – "The Sacraments"; 11th & 12th Dec – "Forgiveness" and 18th Dec – "The Mass".

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

Take action on the two-child cap policy: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales continues to be seriously concerned about the implications of the current two-child policy on Universal Credit payments for vulnerable, larger families. Introduced in 2017, the policy has been undermining the financial security of families with three or more children. Such families often have no choice but to make claims for Universal Credit as a result of common, but unpredictable, life events, such as job loss or the onset of disability. The majority of families affected by the two-child policy are working families. Use our e-Action form to contact your MP to outline your opposition to the two-child policy on Universal Credit payments for vulnerable, larger families.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA:

Jesus is walking deliberately towards his death in Jerusalem (Mk 10:32). It is easy to imagine that procession: Jesus striding ahead, the disciples following in a daze, and the crowd bewildered. Normal prudence would urge us to avoid suffering and death – to go in the other direction. But this scene is telling us something about the wisdom of the cross, which is foolishness in terms of human wisdom.

James and John picked a bad moment. "Their timing was precisely wrong," said St John Chrysostom, "for this was not the right time for crowns or prizes. It was the time for struggles, contests, toils, sweat, wrestling-rings and battles." The silliness of their question stands out all the more clearly because of the gravity of the moment. They are looking for preferment. Mark's is the earliest of the gospels, and it has none of the polish that the others have; it is blunt in several revealing ways. Matthew's gospel (20:20) edits the story and has their mother make the embarrassing request! But he forgot to adjust the rest of the story accordingly. He has Jesus replying in the plural, not the singular; and he forgot to delete the words about the others becoming angry with the brothers. If it had been their mother who made the request, Jesus would have replied in the singular, and the others would have been sorry for the brothers or embarrassed for them, but certainly not angry with them. Why the cover-up? These two were to become great apostles; with Peter they were the inner group. Yet we see how crass they were in this passage. It gives us all some hope!

With irony Chrysostom noted that there were indeed great things in store for the two brothers. "Jesus foretold great things for them; that is, you shall be held worthy of martyrdom, you shall suffer the things I have suffered, you shall end your life with a death from violence, and in this also you shall be sharers with me."

Look at the others, the ones who were angry with the "Sons of Thunder" for wanting preferment. If you are angry you are involved somehow; you too are in the running. If the others were not also thinking just like the Sons of Thunder, they would not be angry with them, they would simply pity them; they would take them aside and have a brotherly chat with them. But they were angry, they were in no way different from them – except that they were more cunning, less forthright. It is always instructive to look with clear sight at our anger. It always has something to tell us.