



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

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Hymns: E: 312; O: 414; C: 317; R: 17

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 02/11/24	Commemoration of All Souls	12:30 CTK	Paddy Cotter (RIP)
		18:00 OLAM	Janis Erglis (RIP)
Sun 03/11/24	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Katherine Russell
		10:00 CTK†	Carol Timmis (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM	Muriel Cowan (RIP)
Mon 04/11/24	Memorial of St Charles Borromeo	08:00 Con.†	Private Intention
Tue 05/11/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:15 SMM	Maureen Jones (RIP)
		09:30 MPS	People of the parishes
		10:30 CTK	Requiem: Bernadette Lee
Wed 06/11/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con†	Bartholomew Pham (RIP)
Thu 07/11/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:00 CTK	Requiem: Patrick Casey
Fri 08/11/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:00 CTK	Clare and Gary O'Brien
		11:00 OLAM	Funeral Service: Paul Smith
Sat 09/11/24	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast	12:30 CTK	Alan Broth (Anni.)
		18:00 OLAM†	Lily and P J Coyle
Sun 10/11/24	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Jo Mcentee (RIP)
		10:00 CTK	Marian Baran (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM	Alun Richards (Anni.)

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP: There is no Children's Liturgy Group this week. We will return next week on Sunday 10th. We look forward to seeing you then. The Liturgy Group Leaders

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, Peggy O'Donovan, Pauline O'Brien, Annette Molloy, Chris & Eddie Walsh, Elizabeth Teague, George Ferris and Kath Rice.

RIP: Please pray for Patrick Casey, Paul Smith, Muriel Cowan and Bernadette Lee who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** M Cowan: CTK, Mon 11/11/24, 12:00.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP is dedicated throughout November for the **Ollerenshaw family** at CTK and for the **Frank King and McBride family** at OLAM.

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.

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.

Last Weeks' Collection CTK

Loose: £
 Envelopes: £
 Standing Orders: £ 247.23
Total: £

**Thank you for
 your generous support**

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM

Loose: £
 Envelopes: £
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £

Second Collection: This weekend: Annual Collection and Appeal for the Johnson Association which provides financial help and support to the retired, sick and infirm clergy of the Archdiocese. Last year it supported approx. 65 priests, giving grants total of over £430,000. The Annual Collection raised almost £40,000. Your support either by donation in church, online or using the QR code would be most appreciated. Facts and Numbers: There are 126 active Diocesan priests in the Diocese: 11 outside the Diocese, 58 over the age of 65, only 22 under the age of 50. There are 67 retired priests, most of them receiving support from the John Association.

Christ the King		02/03 Nov	09/10 Nov
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Theresa	Aoife
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	John	Steve
	Minister of Holy Communion	Marion	Sister

Christmas Fayre: Preparations are well under way. The Fayre is on Saturday November 23rd beginning at the later time of 1.30. It will take place in the St. John's Centre, the School Hall and Father Christmas will be in his Grotto in the Playground. There will be a variety of stalls and food will be available. What we need now is your help in providing Bottles for the ever popular Bottle Stall, Prizes for the Tombola and the Raffle, and Chocolates for the Chocolate Stall. We would also very much appreciate any cash you can spare to help make up the Cash Prizes for the Raffle. Please take some books of Raffle Tickets at the back of the Church and sell some and buy some. The draw will be at 3.30 on the day. We all want this to be another successful year in raising funds for the Parish and a vibrant Social Event. Help us to support Fr. Thé and yourselves the Parishioners in this worthwhile annual celebration in the life of the Parish.

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: 6th Nov – “Power of Prayer”; 27th Nov – “Finding Freedom”; 4th Dec – “The Sacraments”; 11th & 12th Dec – “Forgiveness” and 18th Dec – “The Mass”.

GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUSTER: The next General Meeting of the Cluster will be on Sunday 24th November 2024 at 3 pm in the St John's Centre. After an update from Deacon Gary on the development of the sacramental programmes, the sole item for discussion will be becoming a Divine Renovation Cluster.

YOUTH GROUP: The next meetings of the Youth Group will be on Friday 22nd November and Friday 20th December at 7 pm both in the St John's Centre.

BULB PLANTING ON CONKER ISLAND: On Sunday 3rd November between 11 am and 1 pm, the Friends of Conker Island will be planting 450 daffodil bulbs on the island. This should produce some spring colour in the new year. The Friends of Conker Island is chaired by our parishioner Esther Devlin. Your support would be appreciated.

CATHOLIC AFRICAN COMMUNITY IN CHRIST THE KING AND ACROSS THE CLUSTER: Our African brothers and sisters have discerned that there is a need for an association within the parish community specifically in which all the members contribute to each other's spiritual support. Patience Ikwuka taken up the role of acting Chair until there can be a general meeting and officers elected. Please speak to her for further information.

Holy Hour on Wed 13/11/24 to pray for Respect for Life (5:00pm): Cardinal Vincent Nichols has called for Catholics in England and Wales to join him, and the Bishops of our countries, in having Holy Hour for the dignity of human life. This is an occasion for Catholics to pray not for better understanding but conversion of heart so that the persecution of the truth may come to an end.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: Fr Donagh O'Shea

This was a remarkably friendly exchange between Jesus and the scribe, and it stands in strong contrast with the two exchanges just before it in Mark's gospel. They pay each other handsome compliments. Perhaps this was put there to show that Jesus' teaching is not necessarily in conflict with the best of what was before. In other words, a bridge between the two is possible.

The scribe asked Jesus to mention one law, but he mentioned two. This was the clearest way of saying that they cannot be separated. Between these two there is a bridge: there is no real love of God without love of neighbour, and no deep or lasting love of neighbour without love of God. (But many love God unawares.) If these two cannot be separated, they are really only one in practice – like two hands. (In Irish a person who has lost one hand is said to be ar leath-lámh, “half-handed.”)

How important it is to construct bridges! A bridge is the other side made attainable; it enables you to hope. It was one of St Catherine of Siena's favourite images; she pictured Christ as a bridge. In her Dialogue, the Father says to her, “I made a bridge of my Son as he lived in your company. And though that living bridge has been taken from your sight, there remains the bridgeway of his teaching, which... is held together by my power and my Son's wisdom and the mercy of the Holy Spirit.”

Coming back to Jesus' answer to the scribe: it was the scribes' own answer. Strict orthodox Jews wore little leather sachets (phylacteries) around their wrists, containing two verses from Scripture. (They still do, when they are at prayer.) One of these verses was, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul” (Deuteronomy 11:13), and the other was, “You must love your neighbour as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18).