



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

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Hymns: E: 53; O: 467; C: 366; R: 473

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat	09/11/24	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	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.)
Mon	11/11/24	St Martin of Tours, Mem.	08:00 Con.	John Roche (RIP)
			12:00 CTK	Requiem: Muriel Cowan
Tue	12/11/24	St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr, Mem.		Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy
Wed	13/11/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con	Rosie and Michael Mulledy
			17:00 CTK	Holy Hour for Dignity of Human Life
Thu	14/11/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con	Maura Ranahan (Anni.)
Fri	15/11/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:00 CTK	Meriel Norbury
Sat	16/11/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Fr Michael White
			18:00 OLAM	Andrew Deane (Anni.)
Sun	17/11/24	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			10:00 CTK	Frank King (Anni.)
			11:30 OLAM	Michael King (RIP)

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

RIP: Please pray for Muriel Cowan and Catherine Rice 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.

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.

HALF DAY OF RECOLLECTION: The next half -day of recollection will be at the Convent of the Sisters Minor of St Francis (address above) at **3 pm on Saturday 16th November 2024**. All welcome.

ENROLMENT FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOLLOWING BAPTISM: Please pray for the children from Christ the King Primary School who on **23rd/24th November** will be enrolled onto the preparation programme for First Holy Communion and Confirmation and for their parents and Godparents.

Remembrance Day: Our war dead must not fall into the trenches of our collective failing memory. At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we remember the fallen of our wars. The Armistice, an agreement that ended the fighting of the First World War ahead of peace negotiations, began at 11am on 11/11/1918. Armistice is Latin for to stand (still) arms. We also pay our respects to the Armed Forces family on Remembrance Sunday.

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

Last Two Weeks' Collection CTK

Loose: £ 158.00
 Envelopes: £ 637.84
 Standing Orders x2 £ 247.23
Total: £ 12,80.30

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Last Two Weeks' Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 388.53
 Envelopes: £ 389.99
 Standing Orders x2 £ 94.69
Total: £ 967.90

Christ the King		09/10 Nov	09/10 Nov
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	Maxine
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Susan
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Steve	Oscottian
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sister	Jean de Dieu

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We still have Raffle Tickets to buy and to sell to your friends and family for the Christmas Fayre. Please return those you have sold by next Sunday the 17th, to give us time to collect and fold them ready for the Draw. Also remember BOTTLES - GIFTS FOR THE TOMBOLA and RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDING CASH. Help Support the Event and make it a success on Saturday 23rd at 1.30. Thank you.

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: 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.

CLUSTER ADVENT SERVICE: There will be a service in preparation for the Christmas Season at St Margaret Mary on **Sunday 15th December 2024 at 4 pm**. Fr. Leonard will preside. Frs. Simon and Thé and Deacons Dominic and Gary will all lead short reflections on the Psalms we will have been using in Advent.

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

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 has taken up the role of acting Chair until there can be a general meeting and officers elected. Please speak to her after Sunday mass or text her on 07424 162754 for further information.

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Archdiocesan Catholic Multi-Academy Trust (CMAT) is seeking a Chief Executive Officer. See the poster at the back of Church. There is an Information Pack available. Speak to Deacon Gary if you would like it.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: Fr Donagh O'Shea

Just before telling us about the widow's two coins, Mark (like Luke) lets us hear Jesus denouncing the teachers of the Law "who like to be seen in long robes and love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to take the reserved seats in the synagogues and places of honour at feasts. They even devour the property of widows, while making a show of long prayers" (Mk 12:38-40). Widows were the very symbol of the helpless poor. Then when he sees this poor widow putting money ("all she has to live on") into the Temple treasury, he denounces the practice of taking money from the poor to shore up a decaying religious institution. Her very generosity is a judgment on that institution. This incident shows how effortlessly successful that institution had been in exploiting the poor. Commentators have usually put a pious interpretation on this text, praising the widow's generosity. It bears this interpretation, certainly, but it is her very generosity that condemns the avarice of the Temple authorities. The scribes were religious scholars, proud of their status, dressed to be recognised. Along with the Pharisees they had contrived to impose twenty-four different kinds of Temple tax on the people, thus holding the poor in a terrible dilemma: either to go hungry or to break the law. "They devour the property of widows," Jesus said. Hidden behind the mask of respectability were the fangs of the predator. This poor widow did not know that Jesus was watching her. Unlike the scribes and Pharisees she did not do things just to be seen doing them. When any virtue is deeply rooted it is unselfconscious; only superficial virtue is self-conscious. Meister Eckhart wrote, "When a virtue performs itself more by itself and for love of virtue without any why or wherefore – then one has the perfection of virtue, and not before." That poor widow had vastly greater depth than those scholarly scribes. Some things don't change much from one age and society to another. St Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century said that any little old lady (una vetera) may have deeper faith and wisdom than the most learned theologian of the day. The widow's unselfconscious virtue, however, lets us see also how easy it is to exploit the poor; after a time it even seems the respectable thing to do. A couple of decades ago a South American bishop said, "When we defend the poor, Rome accuses us of meddling in politics – but never when we side with the rich." The Good News is as much news today as it was in the earliest times because the world hasn't changed: few care about the poor, and authorities are mainly self-serving. When help comes it comes usually from unexpected quarters.