



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

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Stephen Clarke. He can be contacted at [sg.christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk)  
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Hymns: E: 4; O: 288; C: 364; R: 17

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

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

<b>Sat</b>	16/11/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK†	Fr Michael White
			18:00 OLAM	Andrew Deane (Anni.)
<b>Sun</b>	17/11/24	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			10:00 CTK	Frank King (Anni.)
			11:30 OLAM	Michael King (RIP)
<b>Mon</b>	18/11/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Peggy Curran (Get well)
<b>Tue</b>	19/11/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 MPS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
<b>Wed</b>	20/11/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con	Bishop Howard Tripp
<b>Thu</b>	21/11/24	Presentation of Our Lady, Mem.	12:00 CTK	Bishop John Jukes OFM
<b>Fri</b>	22/11/24	St Cecilia, Mem.	08:00 Con.	Helen Walsh (sick)
<b>Sat</b>	23/11/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Teresa Webb
			18:00 OLAM	Jacqui Carron (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	24/11/24	Christ the King, Solemnity	09:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			10:00 CTK	Peter Myles (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Aileen & Larry McEntee

**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 Elaine Douglas.

**RIP:** Please pray for Kathleen Rice, Joseph Michael O'Leary and Elizabeth (Betty) Guest who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**Funerals:** K Rice: Mon 25/11/24, 10:30, CTK; J O'Leary: Thu 12/12/24, 10:45, OLAM.

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

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

**CLUSTER ADVENT SERVICE:** There will be a service in preparation for the Christmas Season at St Margaret Mary on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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: 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – "Finding Freedom"; 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – "The Sacraments"; 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – "Forgiveness" and 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – "The Mass".

**CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS** are available for sale on our church piety stall.

**PARISH CAROL SERVICE:** The parish carol service will be on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6 pm at Christ the King. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards.

**Last Week's Collection CTK**

Loose: £ 335.61  
 Envelopes: £ 179.00  
 Standing Orders £ 247.23  
**Total: £ 761.84**

**Last Week's Collection OLAM**

Loose: £ 184.96  
 Envelopes: £ 112.50  
 Standing Orders £ 94.69  
**Total: £ 392.15**

**Thank you for  
your generous support**

Christ the King		16/17 Nov	23/24 Nov
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Maxine	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Susan
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Oscottian	School
	Minister of Holy Communion	Jean de Dieu	Joyce

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE - ONE WEEK TO GO**

Thank you for your help so far. Please bring back sold Raffle Tickets as soon as possible to help us fold them. Also any help with the Main Cash Prizes. Last call for Bottles - Tombola Prizes - Chocolate. Then just turn up on the day next Saturday from 1.30 to make it a splendid Parish Occasion. It's a Cash only event. Volunteers are still very welcome. We'll find you a job. **THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU.**

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUSTER:** The next General Meeting of the Cluster will be on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**A WORD OF THANKS:** We have been very grateful to Margaret Rochford for the voluntary work she has been doing in the Parish Office. Her time in that role has now come to an end. Thank you, Margaret.

**JOB VACANCY:** The Parish has a vacancy for a Parish Secretary. The number of hours to be worked are negotiable depending on the circumstances of the successful applicant. The Secretary must be in the Parish Office Monday to Friday for at least part of each day. The hourly rate will be £12.60 to £14.50 depending on qualifications and experience. The right to work in the UK must be demonstrated. If you are interested in applying, please email Deacon Gary who will send you the full job description. Closing date for applications: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY:** At all Masses this weekend we shall be marking Safeguarding Sunday. Safeguarding Sunday is an initiative of the Christian charity Thirtyone:eight which works with survivors of abuse. The name is taken from a verse of Sacred Scripture. The charity writes: "We believe that safeguarding is an outworking of our faith in a loving and just God – the God who calls us to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves and to defend the rights of the vulnerable (Proverbs 31:8).

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:** According to the Diocesan guidance for clergy, 'for the purposes of the Certificate of Catholic Practice, a person is a practising Catholic if they observe the Church's precept of attending Mass on Sundays and holidays of obligation. It is also clear that fortnightly or monthly attendance does not constitute the practice required by the canons.' In order to make the signing of this certificate transparent, all children need to have their school planner signed by the parish clergy every weekend during the time they are in primary school.

**YOUTH GROUP:** The next meetings of the Youth Group will be on Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov and Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm.

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY: Fr Donagh O'Shea**

When we hear the words "At that time," or "In those days" we prepare ourselves for a story about the past. This is how the first and third readings of today's Mass begin. But in fact both readings are about the future. 'Apocalyptic' is the word used to describe the kind of writing we see in today's readings. It is practically impossible for us to understand the serious meaning of this today, because (apart from science-fiction) the only apocalyptic we hear is from the lips of biblical fundamentalists, who appear to be gloating in advance over the destruction of the world and everyone in it except themselves. Biblical apocalypse was written in times of persecution, to encourage the persecuted by telling them that their sufferings were foreseen by God, and that they would prevail in the end. Courage, not fear, was being promoted. One aspect of it we can relate to fairly readily in our day: transience. Everything is passing, everything that is living will die. In an age of immense and rapid change we cannot fail to see that everything is passing. In some part of our minds we would like to hold this reality away from us because it is too painful to think about. But the Scriptures tell us to think about these things. "Like a weaver you (God) have rolled up my life, you cut me off from the loom" (Isaiah 38:12). Our religion asks us to embrace death and transience, for if there is no death there is no resurrection. "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is worthless, and so is your faith. (1 Cor 15:14). Let's take whatever assurance we can get from the apocalyptic message of today's gospel. There is something else that apocalyptic writing can show us about ourselves: our bondage to calendars and clocks. A gentle Indian nun who had lived for a year in the West had finally got courage to say how she perceived us. "Western people," she said, "are always asking, 'Why?' and 'How much?' and 'What time is it?'" We want to know when something is going to happen, as if this were the heart of the matter. It is the fact that everything is coming to an end that is central, not when it will happen. There is even a sense in which it is already happening every moment. Every moment my personal world, with its dream of permanence, is coming to an end. Every moment, because my world is coming to an end, I see that I cannot find security in the past but must throw myself on God's mercy, every moment.