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Hymns: E: 53; O: 285; C: 50; R: 572

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat	01/02/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Eddie McKeown (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Bernie & Paddy
Sun	02/02/25	Presentation of the Lord, Feast	09:30 SMM	Teresa Murphy (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Ellen Crann (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Sarah Margaret Wingfield (RIP)
Mon	03/02/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con†	John Roche (RIP)
Tue	04/02/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			09:30 MPS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
Wed	05/02/25	St Agatha, Memoria	08:00 Con.†	Special Intention
			09:15 SMM	Alekutty Joseph (RIP)
Thu	06/02/25	St Paul Miki & Companions, Mem	11:30 OLAM	Funeral Service: James Finbar O'Regan
Fri	07/02/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:00 CTK	Margaret (Get Well)
			09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
Sat	08/02/25	St Josephine Bakhita, Mem	12:30 CTK	John Mitchell (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Alice O'Toole
Sun	09/02/25	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			10:00 CTK	Valerie Ancell (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Paddy Finn

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, Chris & Eddie Walsh, Elizabeth Teague, George Ferris, and Christine Stephens.

RIP: Please pray for James Finbar O'Regan, Daisy Glenn, Mary O'Connell, Patricia O'Day, Selina Tumulty, Maureen Mulrone who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** J O'Regan: Thu 06/02/25, 11:30, OLAM; D Glenn: Thu 27/02/25, 10:30, CTK; S Tumulty: Wed 12/02/25, CTK, 11:15; M Mulrone: Wed 26/02/25, OLAM, 11:30.

SANCTUARY LAMP is dedicated throughout January for the Walsh family at CTK and for a Personal Intention at OLAM. The new Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship rotas for 2025 are available for booking. If you would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp throughout a particular month for a donation of £25, please write your name/contact number and for whom you would wish the lamp to burn (living or deceased relatives) and any preferred month and enclose this in an envelope with your donation and return it to Fr. The.

SATURDAY 8TH OF FEBRUARY IS THE MEMORIA OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA. She is the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. St Josephine was herself a slave in Sudan before being sold to an Italian diplomat. He brought her to Italy. She eventually entered religious life in Italy for 45 years before her death in 1947. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK, hidden in plain sight in our neighbourhood. Pope Francis describes human trafficking as "blood money" and a "crime against humanity". We are all called to combat this evil trade. To find out more and what you can do, go to [Santa Marta Group | St. Bakhita Day](#).

Fr. Peter Ross: On Mon 10/02/25 at 18:00, Fr. Peter Ross will preside and preach at a Mass of Thanksgiving for his priesthood and for his time among us as Deacon. There will be a Reception afterwards in the Maryvale Community Centre. All are welcome.

Parental Support Programme – Session Three will be on Thu 13/02/25 at 19:00 and repeated on Sat 15/02/25 at 15:00.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose + Card: £ 379.43
 Envelopes: £ 83.00
 Standing Orders £ 247.23
Total: £ 709.66

**Last Week's Collection OLAM**

Loose: £ 398.45
 Envelopes: £ 196.50
 Standing Orders £ 94.69
Total: £ 689.64

Second Collection: This week: the LIFE charity

Christ the King		1 st /2 nd Feb	8 th /9 th Feb
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Maxine	Aoife
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Theresa	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Jean de Dieu	Joyce

Racial Justice Sunday - 16 February 2025: This year, Racial Justice Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 16th February. The theme, Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice, invites Catholics across England and Wales to reflect on the collective journey towards racial justice in our schools, parishes and the wider society. Bishop Paul McAleenan said: "2025 is a very special year. It marks both a Year of Jubilee and the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday."

Half-day of Recollection: The next half day of recollection hosted by the Sisters Minor of St Francis will take place on Saturday 15th February at the Convent beginning at 3 pm. A half-day of recollection begins with prayer and worship, includes a talk as well as tea and social time and concludes with Benediction, finishing at 6 pm. The talk on this occasion is: "King David – a man after God's own heart" given by Fr. Andrew Richardson from Oscott College.

Congratulations to Mrs Breslin and her staff and children at Christ the King School: for getting OUTSTANDING from OFSTED for their constant commitment in every aspect.

Christmas Fayer: Claire Adler is officially taking over the organising of the event as of this year for Christ The King Church. For current volunteers, we have our first volunteers' meeting of the year on Sat 1st March at St Johns Centre at 10.30am. New volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to Volunteer, please contact Claire at the parish office on 0121 3730988 or email christ-theking.bham@rcaod.org.uk

Cluster Celebration of Pentecost: On Saturday 7th June 2025 at 6 pm there will be a Solemn Pentecost Vigil and Mass at OLAM followed by a Reception in the Maryvale Community Centre at approximately 7.30 pm. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. Our Solemn Vigil Mass and Reception provide an opportunity for us to thank God for the Church and for the progress the Cluster has made so far. All are welcome

Enrolment for FHC and Confirmation in 2026: The children in Year 2 and Year 5 in both Primary Schools are expected to have their Mass Attendance card signed every weekend and details given on visit from either Deacon Gary or Fr The. The list will close on Palm Sunday of 2025. Those children who have applied will be formally enrolled for the Sacraments at the Sunday masses over the weekend of 7th/8th June 2025. Any later inquiries will be scheduled for next year.

Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 5th February at 7 pm in the Guild Room. If there are any matters you think we should add to our agenda, please pass them to a member of the Parish Council.

General Meetings of the Cluster will take place on Sunday 18/05/25 and 21/09/25 respectively. Both meetings will be in the St John's Centre and both will start at 3 pm.

Booking of St John's Centre: Please note that only the key holder of any private booking of St John's is allowed to let their people in at the time of booking.

Marriage Week - 7 February - 14 February: As we mark National Marriage Week 2025 think about the huge importance of marriage in our lives and society. In a world that can be confusing and divided, hope shines brightly especially in this Jubilee Year. And the hope of marriage is that it becomes a source of stability and happiness, showing us the endless love that God has for all of us.

Gospel Reflection: Fr Donagh O'Shea

The Law is mentioned three times in this reading: everything is being done "according to the Law." Jesus appears as fully within the Law; everything is being done the right way. But we know with hindsight that he was put to death in the name of that same Law. Can you still see the eight-day-old baby once you have mentioned his death?

Sometimes it can be a good thing to set aside some of our hindsight. When hindsight gets in before sight itself, it can blind rather than illuminate. We have to give Jesus time to grow up – not only in himself but in us.

What else is mentioned three times in this reading? The Holy Spirit. But remember, this is the Old Testament Holy Spirit. It is not yet the divine Person of the Christian Trinity. It was the undifferentiated Spirit of God that hovered over the waters at the beginning of creation (Genesis 1:2). The new Spirit would take people right out of the embrace of the Law.

It took an old man, Simeon, to discern the new thing that was happening. And the elderly woman, Anna, is also aware. They are wonderful examples of the clarity that can be found in old people. Every night of life the Church's Night Prayer repeats Simeon's canticle. "Now, O Lord, you can dismiss your servant in peace...." It is deeply meaningful. Every day is like a short lifetime, and nightfall reminds us of approaching death. The end is therefore not to be dreaded as something we have always excluded from our consciousness, but welcomed as a fulfilment – much as the body welcomes the prospect of rest and sleep.