



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

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Hymns: E: 105; O: 563; C: 455; R: 122

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

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
Mon	10/02/25	St Scholastica, Virgin	08:00 Con	John Roche (RIP)
			18.00 OLAM	Father Peter Ross
Tue	11/02/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
			09:15 SMM	Christina Herbert (RIP)
Wed	12/02/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.	Edward Bailey (RIP)
			09:15 SMM	Sinead Sullivan (RIP)
			11:15 CTK	Requiem: Selina Tumulty
Thu	13/02/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:00 CTK	John Foley (RIP)
Fri	14/02/25	St Cyril and St Methodius, Feast	09:00 CTK	Ray Gregory (RIP)
			09:15 SMM	Thomas Francis (RIP)
Sat	15/02/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Joe McKeown (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Anne Whelan (B'day)
Sun	16/02/25	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Racial Justice Sunday	09:30 SMM	Maria Agendia (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Paddy & Maggie Holland (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Ted Bridge and Lily Bridge (RIP)

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 Daisy Glenn, Mary O'Connell, Patricia O'Day, Selina Tumulty, Maureen Mulrone who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** 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; M O'Connell: Fri 14/02/25, 11:30, St Mary of the Angels, Aldridge.

SANCTUARY LAMP is dedicated throughout February for Edward Bambe at CTK and for Justice and Peace at OLAM.

Fr. Peter Ross: On Mon 10/02/25 at OLAM 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.

RCIA meeting on Tuesday in the Guild Room on Tuesday 11/02/25 at 19:00.

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

Youth Group Meetings: The next two meetings will be on 14th February and 28th February 2025 both in the Guild Room beginning at 6.30 pm.

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.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose + Card: £ 410.05
 Envelopes: £ 111.00
 Standing Orders £ 247.23
Total: £ 768.28

**Last Week's Collection OLAM**

Loose: £ 211.08
 Envelopes: £ 121.81
 Standing Orders £ 94.69
Total: £ 427.58

Christ the King		8 th /9 th Feb	15 th /16 th Feb
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	Kathleen
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Angela	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce	Marian

Formation for Ministers of the Word: Deacon Gary will be offering some formation to the current Ministers of the Word in St Margaret Mary in four sessions on **19th and 26th March and 2nd and 9th April**, each session beginning at 7pm. Details of the programme are at the back of Church in both CTK and OLAM. Any current Minister of the Word is welcome to attend for a refresher and to offer the benefit of their experience during Q & A. Anyone who feels called to offer themselves for this important ministry is encouraged to attend these sessions.

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

Young Discerners Group: Are you a young man in School Years 9 - 13, who wants to explore a vocation to the Catholic priesthood? Why not come to St. Mary's College, Oscott in Birmingham for a chance to meet Fr. Craig Szmidt (the Vocation Director) and spend time in discussion and prayer with others who are thinking about a vocation to the priesthood? The day will include a tour of Oscott and an opportunity to speak with seminarians, joining them for the celebration of Holy Mass and lunch. The first meeting is on Saturday 5th April 2025, 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. To find out more, contact Deacon Owen Gresty 0121 321 5135 or deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk FREE OF CHARGE - BUT BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

Christmas Fayre: 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

Aid to the Church in Need report on persecution of Christians in Nigeria: <https://acnuk.org/news/nigeria-dozens-of-christians-killed-last-month/>

Care for the Family Conference for parents, 'Big Parenting Questions' is in Birmingham on 13th March. Tickets <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-parenting-questions-birmingham-tickets-1049439009327?aff=BPQwebpage>

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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 2017.

Report Of the Maryvale Parish Council Member regarding the Condition of our Church: Parishioners, At the meeting of the Parish Council on Wed 5th Feb, part of the meeting was taken up with a long discussion regarding the state of Our Lady of the Assumption Church. I was asked to compile a report for inclusion and distribution with the newsletter in order to ensure that all parishioners were fully aware of the situation.

The following points were discussed:

- Building is in a very poor condition.
- The Balcony is no longer considered safe enough to be used.
- The Roof is leaking in a Number of Places.
- Flooding also occurs.
- Heating the Building is very expensive, with no noticeable benefit.
- The cost of repairing the building would be very expensive.

Given the above it is clear that difficult decisions will have to be made sooner rather than later and it is hoped that all parishioners will participate in the discussion process.

It is important that we all have a clear understanding of the problems and the possible remedies.

It is clearly understood and acknowledged that there is a need for a suitable building for the faithful of Old Oscott Hill in which to worship. How we achieve that goal is for us all to come together and find a solution to the problem.

The Parish Council has set up a small sub committee to look urgently at the issues presented by the current building so that a clear, full, and costed understanding can be compiled.

Graham Green on behalf of the Parish Councillors of OLAM.