



## The Newman Cluster

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Hymns: E: 53; O: 369; C: 56; R: 17

#### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

<b>Sat</b>	15/07/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Joe McKeown (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Anne Whelan (B'day)
<b>Sun</b>	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)
<b>Mon</b>	17/02/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con†	The Hughes family
<b>Tue</b>	18/02/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:15 SMM	Chris and Krista Mulligan
			<b>12:15 OLAM</b>	<b>Requiem: John Cummins</b>
<b>Wed</b>	19/02/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	The Campbell family
<b>Thu</b>	20/02/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:00 CTK	Eileen Walsh (RIP)
<b>Fri</b>	21/02/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Mass at St Nicholas', Boldmere</b>
<b>Sat</b>	22/02/25	Chair of St Peter, Feast	12:30 CTK	Michael McArdle (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Tony Lynch (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	23/02/25	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			10:00 CTK†	Patricia and Lawrence Tams (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM†	Eileen Silvertsen

**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, Patricia O'Day, Maureen Mulrone, Noreen Kenny and Maureen Dargan who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** M Mulrone: Wed 26/02/25, OLAM, 11:30; D Glenn: Thu 27/02/25, 10:30, CTK; P O'Day: Fri 28/02/25, 11:00, CTK.

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

**Christmas Fayre 2025:** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:christ-theking.bham@rcaod.org.uk)

**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 **19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**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 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Any later inquiries will be scheduled for 2027.

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

Christ the King		15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Patience	John
	Minister of Holy Communion	Marian	Sister



**Big Raffle:** First of all thank you to everyone who has donated unwanted Christmas gifts, there is still time for you to donate so any chocolates, biscuits, wines, spirits or toiletries would be gratefully received. The raffle where everyone who buys a ticket wins a prize will take place after 10am Mass on Sun 16/03/25. Raffle tickets will go on sale on **Sun 23/02/25**. Tickets are £5 each and remember you are guaranteed a prize. The funds raised from this will go towards repairing the church roof.

**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 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 **Sat 05/04/25**, 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](mailto:deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk) FREE OF CHARGE - BUT BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

**Intercultural Mass:** On **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon**, Bishop David Evans will preside at an Intercultural Mass facilitated by the Ethnic Chaplaincies and the Eastern Catholic Churches of the Archdiocese. The venue is Our Lady and St Brigid's B31 5AB. More details are on the poster at the back of Church. **The Mass intention is Priestly Vocations.**

**Cluster Celebration of Pentecost:** On **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Recruitment Opportunities:** The Archdiocese is recruiting for the following four positions: Operations Director, IT Manager, Finance Manager and Gift Aid Officer. Full details and closing dates can be found at [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs). If you think you have the skills, please do apply.

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

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025 in the Year of Jubilee:** Archbishop Bernard invites you to come on this very special occasion in the life of the Archdiocese: **Saturday 24 – Friday 30 May 2025** [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes).

**Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to St John Henry Newman's Littlemore College and Chapel** is on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. Details to follow.

### Gospel Reflection: Fr Donagh O'Shea

Matthew's first Beatitude says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (5:3), but Luke says bluntly (today's gospel reading), "Blessed are you who are poor." If there was any danger of Christians evading the point by reading this metaphorically, or by thinking that this Beatitude was addressed only to other people, Luke sets the matter straight: "Blessed are you who are poor." And to make sure we get the point, he adds, "But woe to you who are rich."

It is true that there are some wealthy people who share their wealth generously. And it is possible even for wealthy people to place our trust in God; but in most cases it is unlikely that they will. Many wealthy people think only about becoming wealthier, and buying themselves out of all difficulties. Let's not destroy all hope by saying that this is deep in our nature. In itself it is a superficial tendency. But it is possible, if we don't mind ourselves, to become superficial all the way down.

To rely on wealth for everything is to take the easiest course. It goes nowhere: it is a failure to reach out, and a failure to reach in. If I am trapped by wealth, I feel I don't have to reach out to others (and soon I get out of the habit of reaching out to God). And I don't have to reach into my interior resources (my pocket is not my interior). This ultimately isolates me from others and from my deepest self. We often hear of immensely wealthy people who have become virtual recluses. They have chosen to buy their own private world, and to worship Mammon, the god who can be bought. It must be a very lonely world. The only thing left for them is the "conspicuous display of wealth," and there are plenty of celebrity magazines in which to display it.

The curious thing is that these magazines have a huge circulation. The super-rich must represent some kind of dream that many people have. It is a fruitless dream, is it not? Our faith calls us to dream of a world of "justice, love and peace," and not only to dream of it but to work for it in every way we can. We have to watch our dreams, because we become what we dream. We are called to live a life that is different in its attitude to power and wealth, a life in which the world's values are reversed.

We always want more of something or other. There's a kind of black hole at the centre of our being. I know a man who lives a materially poor life but he devotes all his time to reading: newspapers, books, magazines, the internet.... Everything goes in, nothing comes out. It is just a variation on the same theme. There are many variations: greed for love, for recognition, for entertainment, for anything that will fill the void.

Luke's gospel has much to say to us about wealth and poverty: see, for example, the parable of the man who stored up treasures for himself (12:16-21), and the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (16:19-31). He is attempting to save us from the great deception.