



The Newman Cluster

Christ the King, Kingstanding and Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale

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Hymns: E: 410; O: 268; C: 139; R: 463

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat	05/04/25	Feria in Lent	12:30 CTK†	Michale Canavan (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Gina Higgins (RIP)
Sun	06/04/25	5 th Sunday of Lent	09:30 SMM	Katherine Ryan (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Michael McMahon (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Antonia Purcell (Anni.)
Mon	07/04/25	Lent Feria	07:30 SMM	Fr Walter Nyatsanza (RIP)
Tue	08/04/25	Lent Feria	11:00 CTK	Requiem: Margaret McCallion
			12:30 SMM	Requiem: Sheila Wyatt
Wed	09/04/25	Lent Feria	08:00 Con.†	Margaret Canavan & family
			09.15 SMM	Deacon Dominic Fahey
Thu	10/04/25	Lent Feria	12:00 CTK	Debbie Foody & family
Fri	11/04/25	Lent Feria	09:00 CTK	Rose Lennon & family
			19:00 CTK	Stations of the Cross (+ Confession)
Sat	12/04/25	Lent Feria	12:30 CTK	Deacon Jack Foxall (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Dan O'Donnell (RIP)
Sun	13/04/25	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	09:30 SMM	Esther Okunbowa (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Ken and Marian Levell (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM†	Vere Mee (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 Barbara Keleher, Anthony Lloyd, Bernadette MacFarlane, Bessie Harvey-Domonic, Maureen Horan and Pearl Rider who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** B MacFarlane; ; M Horan; ; P Rider: .

SANCTUARY LAMP is dedicated throughout April for the Cotter & the Lowe families at CTK and for the Roche family at OLAM.

Lent Talk on the Nicene Creed: 7 pm at SMM – One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic (Church & Baptism). Fr Leonard Cox.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to St John Henry Newman's Littlemore College and Chapel is on Sat 10th May. Details to follow.

Formation for Ministers of the Word: The last session with Deacon Gary on this topic with current Ministers of the Word in St Margaret Mary is on Wed 9th April, beginning at 7pm.

Parish Annual General Meeting: The Parish AGM is an opportunity for everyone at CTK and OLAM to come together as a single united parish, to review the past year and to discuss important matters affecting our future. The full agenda is still being finalised but at the very least we shall need to consider the future of our parish buildings and finance. The AGM will be held on **Tuesday 29th April 2025 in the St John's Centre and will begin at 6.30 pm.**

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets: Poświęcenie pokarmów odbędzie się w Sobotę Wielkanocną 19-go kwietnia o godzinie 10:00.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose: £ 395.47
 Envelopes: £ 111.00
 Standing Orders £ 247.23
Total: £ 753.70

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 369.42
 Envelopes: £ 120.50
 Standing Orders £ 94.69
Total: £ 584.61

	Christ the King	5 th /6 th April	12 th /13 th April
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Theresa	Kathleen
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Steve	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Marian	Sister



Youth Group meeting on Fridays 11th and 25th April from 6:30pm.

Half day of recollection on Sat 12th April at the Convent, 192 Hawthorn Road, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

Race Nights: We are hoping to hold one of our popular Race Nights on Fri 16/05/25. We need Sponsors for the Races and prizes for the Raffle and the Race winners. We will give out the forms this weekend for you to fill in with the names for your Horses and Jockeys. £2 for a Horse and £1 for a Jockey to run in the race. We want 80 Horses and Jockeys and get in early as they sell quickly. Please hand the completed forms back as soon as you can. It is an excellent Fund Raiser for the Parish and lots of fun on the night. Come along and support us. Have a great night and help the Parish Finances.

Intercultural Mass: On **Sat 7th 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.**

African Mass at Pentecost: Our Catholic African Community will be facilitating another Mass in the African style on the Solemnity of Pentecost on Sunday 8th June 2025 at 2 pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

Choice of Masses for the conferral of Sacraments of Initiation 2025: The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Easter Day (20th April) and on the Vigil of Pentecost (7th June in the 12.30 pm Mass). All other Sunday Masses in the Easter Season (21st April to 8th June inclusive) as well as the evening Mass on Ascension Thursday (29th May) will be available for the celebration of First Holy Communion. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Trinity Sunday at the 12.30 pm Mass at CTK ((14th June) and the 11.30 am Mass at OLAM (15th June). **To book into any of these dates, please email the Parish Secretary with your preferred date. Father Thé or Deacon Gary will then have a word with you and assuming all is in order confirm your choice and give you details of the rehearsal.**

WeBelieve, 25th-28th July 2025, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of **St Mary's College, Oscott**, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webeliefefestival.com

Free Skills Training at New Heights Project with FareShare Midlands: Are you looking to boost your career prospects, improve your well-being, or manage your finances more effectively? Join FareShare Midlands for free, informative, and engaging training sessions at St John's Centre. Upcoming Sessions: Achieving Positive Wellbeing and Mental Health – 1st March, 12:30 - 2:30 pm; Employment Skills and Work Directions – 21st March, 12:30 - 2:30 pm
 To find out more, contact Rachel at 07726 486 62 or email Rachel.Jackson@faresharemidlands.org.uk.

Gospel Reflection: <https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/06-april-2025-5th-sunday-of-lent-year-c/>

What motivated the Pharisees in that confrontation about sin and punishment? They caught a woman in the act of adultery and brought her into the Temple precincts, thronged with people, to shame her as publicly as possible. Then they wanted to carry out the death penalty as laid down in the Torah, namely death by stoning. As an added extra, they wanted to use the occasion to discredit Jesus in the eyes of his followers. "What have you to say?" they demand of him. If his response was simply, "Leave the woman along; let her go free," they could accuse him of condoning adultery. But if he agreed with their sentence, he would be seen as lacking in mercy. Jesus saw through their plotting and made them withdraw in confusion.

What did Jesus write with his finger on the ground? The Gospel gives us a possible clue. It does not use the normal Greek word for "write" (graphein), but a compound word (kata-graphein) which means to draw up a condemnation. Possibly he may have listed on the ground some common sins against humanity, to make them think. At any rate, his challenge that the person who was without sin should cast the first stone met with no response. Although Jesus did not condemn the woman, neither did he excuse what she had done. "Don't sin any more," was both a pardon and a warning to her.

Like the Pharisees, we may be tempted to imagine a God in our own image and likeness, as a stern, punitive father, who can be persuaded to forgive only after our abject repentance. This kind of religion can be cold and loveless. And as St Paul says in the 2nd Reading, trying to relate to God just by strictly keeping the Law is an obsolete kind of religion. Only when we let God's love, as seen in Christ, to embrace and change our heart, can we begin to grow.

To judge from today's gospel, the worst of the seven deadly sins seems to be not lust, but pride. The Pharisees' proud self-righteousness left them feeling no need to ask God for mercy. Like the woman in danger, we need to admit our own sins and pray for mercy rather than condemn others. Even when we fail in our ideals, we trust in the mercy God extends to the sinner. For even our sins make no difference to God's enduring love for us.