



The Newman Cluster

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

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Hymns: E: 479; O: 16; C: 270; R: 238

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat	03/05/25	Easter Feria	12:30 CTK	James Fisher (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Paddy & Maggie Holland (RIP)
Sun	04/05/25	Third Sunday of Easter	09:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			10:00 CTK†	Eileen Ziegestowski (Anni.)
			11:30 OLAM	Jim Butler (RIP)
Mon	05/05/25	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.†	Kathleen Boyle (RIP)
Tue	06/05/25	Easter Feria	08:00 Con	Bartholomew Pham (RIP)
Wed	07/05/25	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.†	Kathy Connor
			09:15 SMM	The Conclave which begins this day
Thu	08/07/25	Easter Feria	12:00 CTK	Muriel Cowan (RIP)
Fri	09/05/25	Easter Feria	09:00 CTK	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
			09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
Sat	10/05/25	Easter Feria	12:30 CTK.	Alf Broth (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Sadie Bessant (RIP)
			18:30 SMM	Ken Gibbs
Sun	11/05/25	Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>	09:30 SMM	William Cooper (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Alexander McKenna (Anni.)
			11:00 SMM	Joan & Eric Fielding (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Celebrant's Intention

Pray For The Sick: 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: Luke Byrne's Reception into Church will be on Monday 12th May at 16.00. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 13th May at 11.30 – both at CTK. Please also pray for Barbara Kelleher and Pearl Rider whose Funerals will take place at Streetly Crematorium at 14.15 and Perry Barr Crematorium at 12.30 respectively.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedication throughout May: the Clancy family at CTK & for the Foley and Ranahan families at OLAM.

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.**

Annual Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Monday 12th May to Wednesday 21st May 2025 inclusive at St Francis of Assisi, Handsworth Birmingham B19 1EB. Please see the Poster at the back of Church for more details.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Children in CTK Primary School): FHC children and parents: Tue 06/05/25 and Wed 07/05/25 at 15:15. Confirmation Candidates and their parents and sponsors: Fri 13/06/25 at 15:15.

Dress Rehearsals: CTK First Holy Communion: 2nd May at 15:15 in Church. CTK Confirmation: 6th June at 15:15 in Church. **Next Parental Support Session:** Thursday 15th May at 19.00 pm in the St John's Centre. This will be the last in the series.

Forthcoming Youth Group Meetings: 23rd May, both from 18.30 to 20.00 in the St John's Centre.

Half Day of Recollection: The Sisters will host the next Half Day of Recollection on Saturday 17th May from 15.00 to 18.00. Deacon Dominic will give a talk on Salvation History.

Mission Boxes: Could the red mission box holders please bring their boxes to church to be emptied at your earliest convenience.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose: £ 306.85
 Envelopes: £ 92.18
 Standing Orders £ 247.23
Total: £ 646.26

Next Weekend:

2nd Collection is for Clergy Training Fund.**Last Week's Collection OLAM**

Loose: £ 252.04
 Envelopes: £ 140.35
 Standing Orders £ 94.69
Total: £ 487.08

Christ the King		3 rd /4 th May	10 th /11 th May
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Patience	Steve
	Minister of Holy Communion	Marian	Sister



Enquirers interested in the Permanent Diaconate: Men (married or single) who might wish to reflect on the possibility of a vocation as a permanent deacon, or who simply wish to find out a little more, are warmly invited to attend Evening Prayer and Benediction followed by tea and light refreshments at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls church in Acocks Green on Sunday 11th May at 16.30pm. **Wives and family members are also very welcome.** For further details contact dcn.tim.anthony@rcaob.org.uk or just turn up to reflect and listen.

General Meeting of the Cluster: Sun 18th May 2025 at 15.00 in the St John's Centre. The sole item on the agenda will be a continuation of the discussion about the full formal merger of the two parishes in our United Catholic Community. Deacon Gary has prepared a paper relating to this which has been sent out to those who asked for it at the AGM. It will be on both websites very shortly.

Race Night: Our popular Race Night is taking place on Fri 16/05/25 beginning at 19.00 – first race at 19.30. Forms with the names for your Horses and Jockeys must be handed in to the Parish Office by Friday 9th May. It is £2 for a Horse and £1 for a Jockey to run in the race. Come along and support us. Have a great night and help the Parish Finances.

African Mass at Pentecost: Our Catholic African Community will be facilitating another Mass in the African style on the Solemnity of Pentecost on **Sun 08/06/25 at 2pm.** During the Mass we shall have the joy of celebrating a Baptism. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

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.webelievefestival.com

Gospel Reflection: Fr Donagh O'Shea: When we don't know where we are going, we turn back. When we are in doubt we return to what we know: the past. When Jesus was dead his disciples returned to their former way of life: they went back to fishing. But "they caught nothing that night." Even the past could give them no reassurance; they had nowhere to go. They had no future, they thought, because Jesus was dead; and now they seemed to have no past either. Tragedy and failure drove them into the present moment. It was in that cataclysmic Now that they saw Jesus. The Good News reveals itself in the Now. 'Now' is like a bomb thrown through our window, & ticking. The Resurrection of Jesus is God's new deed. There on the shore of the lake Jesus asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" People like to connect this with Peter's triple denial of Jesus: he was being given a chance to undo the damage, layer by layer. In addition, something else is happening in the original language, something that doesn't appear in English. There are several words for 'love' in Greek. Look at two of them. 'Philein' means to love someone as a friend; 'agapan' (pronounced agga-pan) means to love someone in the distinctive way that Jesus loved: unselfishly, creatively, unconditionally, endlessly. This second kind is mysteriously deeper and wider than the first, because it doesn't depend on like-mindedness as friendship does; it can even reach out to include one's enemies. Now, Jesus first asked Peter, 'Agapas me?' (Do you love me with this kind of love?) Peter replies, 'Philo se'. (I love you as a friend.) The second time the words are the same. But the third time, Jesus asks him, "Phileis me?" And Peter answers as before, 'Philo se'. Peter wasn't yet able to love Jesus in that heroic way; he could love him only as the friend he had known for three years. But the third time around, Jesus steps down, as it were, to accept what Peter was able to offer at that time.

Can we put it this way: all forms of love and friendship are capable of advancing gradually towards 'agapè', the heroic kind of love Jesus shows. How do we go along that road? By doing the best we can at the time. Peter was not able to rise to heroic love on that occasion. But he understood friendship. Friendship is the best rehearsal for agapè. It is a deep mystery in itself. "I have called you friends," Jesus said (John 15:15). But agapè is even deeper.

Peter's first instinct, once he had turned his back on Jesus, was to go back to the past. Like Jonah he set off in the wrong direction. But also like Jonah he didn't get very far; God's mercy caught up with him. Then when he was brought face to face with Jesus he couldn't quite grasp what he was being brought into. He would have to be dragged into the future. "When you grow old you will stretch out your hands and somebody else will put a belt around you and take you where you would rather not go". Peter's task was to let himself be dragged into the future, even though all his instincts rebelled against it. He is a sign to every believer. My temperament may try to drag me into the past, persuading me to call cowardice by some fancy name: prudence, or faith, or responsibility.... But there before me stands the humble figure of Peter, the crowing rooster by his side. If the compassion of Christ extends to him it extends to me too. If Christ trusts him to feed his lambs, his sheep, he trust me too.

In early Christian art Peter was always portrayed with the rooster beside him; this identified him. It was to give courage to the many Christians who had buckled under persecution and, like Peter, had betrayed the Lord. If he was received with mercy by Christ, so, they knew, would they be received. But in later times, when the Church turned to ways of power, Peter was portrayed holding the keys of the Kingdom.

St Paul knew the paradoxical ways of God: "When I am weak," he wrote, "then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10). It is true of Peter too. Peter was told by Jesus, "Strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22:32). It is in his very weakness that he does it.