



## The Newman Cluster

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Hymns: E: 175; O: 468; C: 298; R: 242

#### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

<b>Sat</b>	10/05/25	Easter Feria	12:30 CTK	Alf Broth (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Sadie Bessant (RIP)
			18:30 SMM	Ken Gibbs
<b>Sun</b>	11/05/25	Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday	09:30 SMM	William Cooper (RIP)
			10:00 CTK†	Alexander McKenna (Anni.)
			11:00 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			11:30 OLAM†	Joan & Eric Fielding (RIP)
<b>Mon</b>	12/05/25	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.†	Allen Goodwin (get well)
<b>Tue</b>	13/05/25	Easter Feria	09:30 MPS	People of the parishes
			11:30 CTK	Requiem: Luke Byrne
<b>Wed</b>	14/05/25	St Matthias, Feast	08:00 Con.†	James Byrne (RIP)
			11:00 SMM	Requiem: Doris Nolan
<b>Thu</b>	15/07/25	Easter Feria	12:00 CTK	Gaile Hooker (RIP)
<b>Fri</b>	16/05/25	Easter Feria	09:00 CTK	John Roche (RIP)
			09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
<b>Sat</b>	17/05/25	Easter Feria	12:30 CTK.	Noreen Kenny (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Vere Mee (RIP)
			18:30 SMM	People of the parish
<b>Sun</b>	18/05/25	Fifth Sunday of Easter	09:30 SMM	Leslie Anderson (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Bill, Joanna, Gary Taylor (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Geraldine Dole (RIP)

**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:** Please pray for Luke Byrne and John Fitzmaurice who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**Funerals:** L Byrne: Tue 13/05/25, 11:30, CTK; J Fitzmaurice: Tue 03/06/25, 12:15, CTK.

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

**Intercultural Mass:** On **Sat 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.**

**Annual Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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):** Confirmation Candidates and their parents and sponsors: Fri 13/06/25 at 15:15.

**Dress Rehearsals:** CTK Confirmation: 6<sup>th</sup> June at 15:15 in Church. **Next Parental Support Session:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 19.00 pm in the St John's Centre. This will be the last in the series.

**Forthcoming Youth Group Meetings:** 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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: £ 276.71  
 Envelopes: £ 81.00  
 Standing Orders £ 247.23  
**Total: £ 604.94**

This Weekend:  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for Clergy Training Fund.

**Last Week's Collection OLAM**

Loose: £ 200.33  
 Envelopes: £ 144.48  
 Standing Orders £ 94.69  
**Total: £ 439.50**

Christ the King		10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> May
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Theresa	Aoife
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Steve	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sister	Jean de Dieu



**St Vincent de Paul Society Annual Report:** Dear Parishioners, I would like to share with you the main details I have sent to our head office in London, outlining our activities for the last financial year.

Visits to families - 210. Visits to older people - 159. Provision of food - 201. Provision of clothing and household items - 61. Transport - 154. Shopping - 64. Total number of hours spent on SVP activity - 632.

On behalf of all our members and beneficiaries I would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support and ask that you keep those in need within our parishes in your prayers. Theresa.

**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. For further details contact [dcn.tim.anthony@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.tim.anthony@rcaob.org.uk) or just turn up to reflect and listen.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**General Meeting of the Cluster: Sun 18/05/25 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. 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.

**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**. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

**WeBelieve, 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 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**. 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](http://www.webeliefefestival.com)

**Gospel Reflection: Fr Donagh O'Shea:** "The Father I and are one." Jesus is not saying this in a weak sense: he is not just saying that he and the Father are of like mind, etc. Had his hearers understood him in this sense they would not have taken up stones to kill him. The union of Jesus with the Father is the inexhaustible mystery of our Faith. It is not only about Jesus; it has to do with us too. He is "the first-born of many brothers and sisters," "He is the head, we are the body." He came into the world not for himself but for us. In our age the individual is supreme: the individual is seen as the sole bearer of meaning. So when it comes to thinking about Jesus we are inclined to see him too as simply an individual - a totally exceptional one, to be sure, but still an individual. That could not be a full account of Jesus. When he says 'I', we are in the picture too.

In 1943 Pius XII wrote an encyclical letter called *Mystici Corporis*, The Mystical Body of Christ. In it he said, "Some people, through fear, see this profound doctrine as dangerous, and so they shrink from it as from the beautiful but forbidden fruit of paradise...." But, he added, "Mysteries revealed by God cannot be harmful to us, nor should they remain as treasures hidden in a field, useless."

This, of course, was not a new teaching. St Paul comes back to it again and again. Here are a few passages you might look up: Col 1: 18 - "Christ is the head of the body, the church." Rom 12:4-5 - "For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." 1 Cor 12:13 – "In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

St Paul's was not a lone voice. Pius XII adds, "The unbroken tradition of the Fathers from the earliest times teaches that the Divine Redeemer and the Church which is His Body form but one mystical person, that is to say, the whole Christ." The saints and mystics down the ages have tried to draw us back to this depth of our Faith. Meister Eckhart (+1328) had an overpowering sense of the union of every Christian with God in Christ. This was the passion of Eckhart's life. He and others like him have the power to rescue Christians from excessive individualism in our thinking and in our practice, and to restore us to an awareness of the Mystical Body of Christ. "The soul is one with God and not united. Here is a simile: if we fill a tub with water, the water in the tub is united but not one with it, for where there is water there is no wood, and where there is wood there is no water. Now take the wood and immerse it in the water. The wood is still only united and not one (with the water). It is different with the soul: she becomes one with God and not united, for where God is, there the soul is and where the soul is, there God is."

This is strange language - "one with God and not united" - but when people speak about this mystery their language is bound to seem strange. Clearly he did not mean that there was no difference in being between the soul and God, but that they were one in love. Julian of Norwich in the same century (the 14th) wrote, "I saw no difference between God and our substance: but as it were all God; and yet my understanding took it that our substance is in God: that is to say, that God is God, and our substance is a creature in God."

These texts that I quoted are not the language of scientists or philosophers; they are the language of love.