



The Newman Cluster

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Hymns: E: 312; O: 29; C: 493; R: 140

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat	17/05/25	Easter Feria	12:30 CTK	Noreen Kenny (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Vere Mee (RIP)
Sun	18/05/25	Fifth Sunday of Easter	09:30 SMM	Leslie Anderson (RIP)
			10:00 CTK†	Bill, Joanna, Gary Taylor (RIP)
			11:00 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			11:30 OLAM	Geraldine Dole (RIP)
Mon	19/05/25	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.†	Private Intention
Tue	20/05/25	Easter Feria	09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			09:30 MPS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
Wed	21/05/25	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.†	Special Intention
			09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
Thu	22/07/25	Easter Feria	12:00 CTK	Betty Smyth (RIP)
Fri	23/05/25	Easter Feria	09:00 CTK	Christy Ranahan (RIP)
			09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
Sat	24/05/25	Easter Feria	12:30 CTK.	Arthur McKeown (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Jimmy Ranahan (RIP)
			18:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
Sun	25/05/25	Sixth Sunday of Easter	09:30 SMM	John Fitzmaurice (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Mary Dent (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Urwins (Thanksgiving)

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 John Fitzmaurice, John Wallis, Teresa Downey and Peter O'Brien who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** J Fitzmaurice: Tue 03/06/25, 12:15, CTK; P O'Brien: Fri 30/05/25, 11:30, OLAM.

Please pray for the soul of Ronald Crane (77) from SMM who died on Saturday, 10th May. Ronald was sustained to the end with the rites of the church. He had suffered with pancreatic cancer. Ronald was the Vicar of Emmanuel Church, Wylde Green, and he brought a significant group of Anglicans into full communion with the Holy See in 2011 following Pope Benedict's establishment of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.

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.

Dress Rehearsals: 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.

Christ the King		17 th /18 th May	24 th /25 th May
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Theresa	
	Minister of Holy Communion	Jean de Dieu	Joyce



The family of Luke Byrne would like to thank everyone who attended his Requiem Mass, sent cards, and messages of sympathy about his recent death. We would also wish to thank everyone at the Church community who made the last years of his life happy with your assistance, chats, smiles and prayers. He is at peace reunited with his beloved Delia. Please pray for Luke and his family at this time. Thank you.

St Vincent de Paul Society: Dear Parishioners, thank you to all of you who expressed an interest following the pulpit address last weekend by our recruitment officer Maria Lynch.

As mentioned, we have an information evening at 7pm on Wed 21/05/25 in the Guild room open to all. This is where we can tell you a little bit more about the organisation and what we do. There is absolutely no obligation for you to make a decision there and then but if you feel you may have some time to offer support our local community please come along. Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers. Theresa.

First Holy Communion Preparation sessions for children attending non-Catholic Schools will run from Sun 05/10/25 until mid-June 2026. Enrolment meeting on Sun 21/09/25 at 11:15. Enquiries can be made by ringing 07732 474 470.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Birmingham Walsingham Association: Sat 27/09/25 till Mon 29/09/25. For further details please see noticeboard or ring 07710 189036 or email charlespatrickkeily@gmail.com.

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, 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**. 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. Mike Lagrimas

Love means sacrifice. Love is a very common word. In fact, we use it very loosely and we have the tendency to trivialize it. Seldom do we realize the grandeur and profundity of its meaning and the seriousness of its challenge. In the Gospel, Jesus made a very important qualification to the love he is talking about: "Love one another as I have loved you." In other words, Jesus is urging us to follow his kind of love, that is, self-sacrificing love, even to the point of offering oneself for the beloved. Blessed Mother Teresa said: "True love causes pain. Jesus, in order to give us the proof of his love, died on the cross. A mother, in order to give birth to her baby, has to suffer. If you really love one another, you will not be able to avoid making sacrifices." That is why, in our experience, true love hurts. But the hurt becomes bearable, and even meaningful and necessary because it is borne out of love. That is precisely the difference between a donation and a sacrifice. A donation is something that comes out of the pocket; a sacrifice comes out of the heart. And God is not asking for our donation; rather, He is asking for sacrifice, something painful because it is what we give from our hearts filled with love. Love makes faith real and unifying. Mother Teresa said: "If faith is scarce, it is because there is too much selfishness in the world, too much egoism. Faith, in order to be authentic, has to be generous and giving. Love and faith go hand in hand." This is the main problem among many Christians. We tend to separate faith from love. We pray and worship God, but our hearts are selfish. We are not generous enough. We are not willing and ready to make sacrifices. If ever we give, we oftentimes give grudgingly and we expect return. Filipinos are well known for our Christian faith; but also equally known for our disunity (regionalism; factionalism). How can a people, united in worship, be so divided? We pray together, but we do not act together. And we enjoy spreading gossips and intrigues, and fomenting dissent. What exacerbates the situation is because we are not only the agents of gossips; we are also its willing clients. So long as there are people willing to listen to and believe in false and malicious stories, these will never end. During this election period in the Philippines, we see how fragmented our country has become, and how vicious are the tactics used by the candidates to attack each other in order to win. Definitely, it is the devil working in and through us. Hence, even though we are a Catholic nation, our worship is fruitless and even abominable in the eyes of God. In the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, God said: "This people pays me lip service, but their heart is far from me."

True love need not be uncommon and extraordinary. We do not need to be heroic in our acts of love. We do not need to do spectacular acts of apostolate. What is only needed is to do things with sincere love, devoid of any selfish motivation. Mother Teresa has the exact words for this: "God has created us so we do small things with great love."

Love is the only true mark of a Christian. We are all followers of Christ. But not all are true followers. Many are Christians in name, others are by convenience, and many others are seasonal Christians. Going to Church, having devotional novenas and joining religious organizations or ministries, though these are commendable in themselves, are not proofs of being true followers of Christ. There is always the need to purify our motivations and rectify our directions. Everything we do that may be good in themselves lose meaning and value when they are not done out of love. Refer to St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13 – all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are in vain when there is no love. In other words, the value of anything we do will only come when we do it out of love. Then and only then can we be considered true followers of Christ.