



The Newman Cluster

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Hymns: E: 195; O: 408; C: 220; R: 129

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat	24/05/25	Easter Feria	12:30 CTK	Arthur McKeown (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Jimmy Ranahan (RIP)
Sun	25/05/25	Sixth Sunday of Easter	09:30 SMM	John Fitzmaurice (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Mary Dent (RIP)
			11:00 SMM	Katherine Ryan
			11:30 OLAM	Urwins (Thanksgiving)
Mon	26/05/25	St Philip of Neri, Mem.	08:00 Con.	Joseph Hung (RIP)
Tue	27/05/25	St Augustine of Canterbury, F	09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
Wed	28/05/25	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
			09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
Thu	29/05/25	Solemnity of the Ascension <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	11:30 SMM	Requiem: Hugh William Smith
			12:00 CTK	Fr Michael White
			19:00 OLAM	Betty Guest (RIP)
Fri	30/05/25	Solemnity of Dedication	08:00 Con.	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
			09:15 SMM	Doris Nolan (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Requiem: Peter O'Brien
Sat	31/05/25	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12:30 CTK.	Neil Broth (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	James McNamara (RIP)
			18:30 SMM	John Buckley (RIP)
Sun	01/06/25	Seventh Sunday of Easter	09:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			10:00 CTK	Maureen Dargan (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Thanksgiving (JFS)

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, Peter O'Brien and Elaine Connaire 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; Ronald Crane: Thurs 12/06/25, 12:30, SMM; E Connaire: Wed 11/06/25, 13:00, CTK; J Wallis: Mon 16/06/25, 10:30, CTK.

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

Dress Rehearsals: CTK Confirmation: 6th June at 15:15 in Church. **Confirmation Dates:** CTK 14th June (12.30); OLAM 15th June (11.30).

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.**

Cluster Celebration of Pentecost: The **18.00 Mass at OLAM on 7th June** will be a concelebrated Solem Vigil for Pentecost. Deacon Gary will preach. There will be extra readings and music. After the Mass there will be light refreshments in the Maryvale Community Centre. Everybody is warmly invited and encouraged to share in this celebration.

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.

Prayer Support: Deacon Gary is in Lourdes this week on the Diocesan Pilgrimage and will pray for your intentions.

Christ the King		24 th /25 th May	31 st May/1 st June
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Maxine	Kathleen
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	John	Patience
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce	Marian



Debrief from the General Cluster Meeting last Sunday: Deacon Gary thanks everyone who attended last Sunday's meeting. We had an in-depth and constructive discussion on a wide range of matters. There is a great deal of detail to report back. Deacon Gary has asked those attending to offer advice on how that can be best be done. The headline conclusion of the meeting is that the merger of the two parishes cannot be avoided. However, Deacon Gary confirmed that even if our parishes merged, and so would have a new name eventually as the newly merged entity, the names of the actual Church buildings in which we worship will remain as CTK and OLA respectively. We are at the start of a lengthy process so nothing will be changing in a hurry. There is plenty of time yet for every single one of us to have their say.

A Word of Thanks: Steve Clarke and his family have moved out of the parish and so he has stepped down as our Parish Safeguarding Rep. We would like to thank Steve for his many years of service in this role. We wish him and his family every blessing following their house move.

Safeguarding Vacancy: Steve's departure from the parish leaves the post of Safeguarding Rep vacant. We cannot leave this unfilled for any length of time. Please pray hard for someone to answer the call to fulfil this vital role. If anyone already feels that they can answer that call, please speak to Fr. Thé.

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

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.

We Believe, 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

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.

Food Pantry – Fri 30/05/25 at New Heights (St. John's Centre) between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. Come along to access a range of affordable food and essentials, Everyone is welcome - no referral needed. We look forward to seeing you there!

Gospel Reflection:

Today's Gospel gives us a glimpse into the glorious unity of God, but it goes further. It also reveals the desire in the Heart of God to come and dwell within us. If we love God and keep His Word, the Trinity will come to us and dwell within us.

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." This invitation given to us to share in the unity of God is also a mystery too deep for words.

As a child, perhaps you were taught about the mystery of the Trinity by being shown a three-leaf clover. Each petal represents one of the divine Persons, but the whole leaf represents Their unity. We benefit from this simplistic imagery to help us begin to understand Who God is. But in reality, there is only one thing that will help to fully reveal God's very Self to us. What is that one thing? It is exactly what Jesus spoke about: Loving obedience to the Word of God.

Obedience to the Word of God is the best expression of love we can offer to God. This is because God's Word is Truth in its fullness. When we understand this Truth and live by it, then this is love. Furthermore, this form of loving obedience will result in something that is unimaginable. It will result in the indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity in our souls: "...and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

Though this language is clouded and mysterious, when the Most Holy Trinity comes to dwell within a person, the cloud begins to be lifted and the mystery begins to become known. Therefore, the only way to begin to discover this incomprehensible mystery of the life of the Most Holy Trinity is to allow the Trinity to dwell within you. And the only way to invite God to do so is through love of Him. And the only way to love Him is through obedience to the Word of God. Jesus is the Word of God. We especially come to know Him as the Word of God through our reading of the Scriptures and by living the message it proclaims.

Reflect, today, upon the most central calling you have been given. That mission is to become a dwelling place for God. And that is only accomplished by your love of God which is expressed through obedience to His Word. Ponder obedience. Tell God you will obey His every command of love. Look at your actions and consider any ways that you fail in obedience to all that our Lord has commanded. Where you see any deviation, know that correcting that deviation is the pathway not only to a deeper love but also the pathway to a fuller unity with the Triune God Who seeks to unite Himself to you from within.

Most Holy Trinity, Unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come dwell within me. I pray for the gift of love of You, expressed through my obedience to Your every command that is revealed through Your holy Word. May I become more fully aware of every way I delay in my obedience so that I may change my ways and open myself more fully to You. Jesus, I trust in You.