



The Newman Cluster

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Hymns: E: 83; O: 82; C: 460; R: 369

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat	07/06/25	Easter Feria	12:30 CTK	Antony Gilbert (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Cluster Pentecost Vigil Mass
Sun	08/06/25	Solemnity of Pentecost	09:30 SMM	Billie Hiney & family (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Daisy Glenn (RIP)
			11:00 SMM	Gerry Brady (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	David Gasson (RIP)
			14:00 CTK	African Mass
Mon	09/06/25	Mary, Mother of the Church, Memorial	07:30 SMM	Norma Higginson (RIP)
			08:00 Con.	Catherine Byrne (Anni.)
Tue	10/06/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:15 SMM	Charles Andrew Wenner (RIP)
Wed	11/06/25	St Barnabas, Mem.	08:00 Con.	Shiela Loyns
			09:15 SMM	Brian Cunningham
			13:00 CTK	Funeral Service: Elaine Connaire
Thu	12/06/25	Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, Feast	12:00 CTK	Luke Byrne (RIP)
			12:30 SMM	Requiem: Ronald Crane
Fri	13/06/25	St Anthony of Padua, Mem.	09:00 CTK	John and Christine Colgan
			09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
Sat	14/06/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Baby Alfie Bourn (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Kathleen Smith (RIP)
			18:30 SMM	Donna Milnes (RIP)
Sun	15/06/25	Solemnity of The Holy Trinity	09:30 SMM	Sean Patrick Dargan (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Pauline O'Brien (get well)
			11:00 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			11:30 OLAM	Thomas Henry Melody (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, Christine Stephens and Margaret Coogan.

RIP: Please pray for John Wallis, Teresa Downey, and Elaine Connaire who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** J Wallis: Mon 16/06/25, 10:30, OLAM; T Downey: Wed 25/06/25, 13:00, CTK.

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

Confirmation Dates: Confession for Confirmation: CTK (15.15). Sacrament itself: CTK 14th June (12.30); OLAM 15th June (11.30).

RCIA meeting on Tue 10/06/25 at 19:00 in the Presbytery.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi: There will be a Holy Hour consisting of Praise and Worship and Readings from Sacred Scripture on 22nd June at 15.00. This is an opportunity for us to come before the Lord to pray for the development of our united Catholic community and its future. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

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.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose: £ 339.44
 Envelopes: £ 115.40
 Standing Orders £ 247.23
Total: £ 702.07

2nd Collection: Catholic Communications.

CTK: £172.60
 OLAM: £147.40

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 218.06
 Envelopes: £ 167.50
 Standing Orders £ 94.69
Total: £ 480.25

Christ the King		7 th /8 th June	14 th /15 th June
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Angela	Steve
	Minister of Holy Communion	Marian	John



Coffee after the 10.00 Mass on 22nd June: English: Coffee after Mass on 22nd June: As a special treat for the celebration of Corpus Christi, members of our Polish Community will be bringing Polish cake for us to enjoy with our hot drinks. All are welcome. You do not have to be Polish to come. You just have to like cake. **Polish:** Kawa po Mszy w dniu 22 czerwca: Jako specjalna niespodzianka z okazji obchodów Bożego Ciała, członkowie naszej Polskiej Wspólnoty przyniosą polskie ciasto, abyśmy mogli się nim cieszyć przy gorących napojach. Wszyscy są mile widziani. "Zapraszamy członków parafii niezależnie od narodowości - nie trzeba być Polakiem, aby wziąć udział. Wystarczy lubić ciasto."

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.

Gospel Commentary (Fr Donagh O'Shea): "Without the Holy Spirit," said Ignatius of Laodicea (Orthodox Metropolitan, at the third assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppsala, in 1968), "God is distant, Christ is merely an historical figure, the Gospel is a dead letter, the Church is just an organisation, authority is domination, mission is propaganda, liturgy is only nostalgia, and the work of Christians is slave labour. But with the Holy Spirit, Christ is risen and present, the Gospel is a living force, the Church is a communion in the life of the Trinity, authority is a service that sets people free, mission is Pentecost, the liturgy is memory and anticipation, and the labour of Christians is divinised."

The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. The feast of Pentecost is an annual invitation to the Church to look into itself and discover its soul. It is tempted, like all of us, to keep looking the other way.

In one sense it is more natural to forget about one's inner life and to get on with one's work. If you always have to worry about your heart or your liver, etc., you will not take risks or do a lot of work. A healthy person can just go to it. The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church, and there is a sense in which that Spirit likes to work unseen, undeclared.

"It is not those who say to me, 'Lord, Lord!' who will enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 7:21). Adapting Jesus' words we could say, It is not those who say 'Holy Spirit!' who will enter the kingdom of heaven. It is those who live by the Spirit. During the 2nd Vatican Council an Eastern bishop complained that there was little mention of the Holy Spirit in the documents. But something tells us that talking about the Spirit is not the same thing as living by the Spirit.

However, we do have to pay attention to that inner place, to see by what spirit we are being driven. If you never paid any attention to your health you would be asking for trouble. Today's feast is a reminder.

But obviously there is much more to it than this. Traditional images of the Holy Spirit are: Fire, Wind, Water, Cloud, Dove.... Why such strange images? All of them (except 'dove') have indeterminate boundaries or no boundaries at all. They are reminders that we should not dare to restrict the activity of the Spirit to a few things we can understand.

O Dove, O Flame, O Water, Wind and Cloud...! ♪ O love that lifts us wholly into God!

The Holy Spirit lives in us but is not confined in us. The Holy Spirit is God; rather than being diminished in us, it "lifts us wholly into God," as the poet said. Any soul is for expansion, not constriction. Things that have no soul – sticks and stones – are restricted entirely to themselves; plants have a certain ability to reach beyond themselves, for food and for propagating their species; animals still more. But human beings are able to reach vastly beyond themselves and touch the depths of everything. This capacity is enlarged infinitely by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, so that we can touch even the depths of God. "The Spirit searches all things," St Paul wrote, "even the deep things of God. For who knows the thoughts of a person except the person's own inner spirit? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us" (1 Cor 2:10).

In a daring image the same poet, Jessica Powers, wrote that silence is a sort of decoy of the Holy Spirit. Just as hunters attract the flying birds out of the sky by placing a plastic or wooden model of them on the ground, we call down God's Spirit by our silence.

The decoy of silence, ♪ hope's unuttered sigh, ♪ that the Ultimate Silence ♪ drift down from the sky.