



The Newman Cluster

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Hymns: E: 12; O: 135; C: 455; R: 171

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat	21/06/25	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Mem.	12:30 CTK	Lillia Toomey (18 th Birthday)
			18:00 OLAM†	Maureen Mulrone (RIP)
Sun	22/06/25	Solemnity of Corpus Christi	09:30 SMM	Mary Adwoa Danso (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Christina Druzd
			11:00 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			11:30 OLAM	Dale (RIP)
Mon	23/06/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	07:30 SMM	Clare Poxon
			08:00 Con.†	Margaret Drewett (RIP)
			11:00 CTK	Requiem: Thomas Murphy
Tue	24/06/25	Nativity of St John the Baptist, Solemnity	09:15 SMM	Ronald Crane (RIP)
			09:30 MPS	Mandy Davies (Anni.)
Wed	25/06/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Gerry Gorman (RIP)
			09:15 SMM	Alfie Rogers
			13:00 CTK	Requiem: Teresa Downey
Thu	26/06/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:00 CTK	Muriel Cowan (RIP)
Fri	27/06/25	Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity	09:00 CTK	Allen family
			09:15 SMM	Barnabas Agendia (RIP)
Sat	28/06/25	. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mem.	12:30 CTK	Christine Green (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Mary O'Connell (RIP)
Sun	29/06/25	Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul	09:30 SMM	Augustine Akor (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Brookes-Holder-Rose families
			11:00 SMM	Ronald Crane (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Private 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, Christine Stephens and Margaret Coogan.

RIP: Please pray for Teresa Downey, and Thomas Murphy who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** T Murphy: Mon 23/06/25, 11:00, CTK; T Downey: Wed 25/06/25, 13:00, CTK; K Smith: Thu 03/07/25, 10:30, OLAM.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedication throughout June: The Makombe & Mangena families at CTK & for the Maxwell and Butler families at OLAM.

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.

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

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose: £ 320.85
 Envelopes: £ 123.00
 Standing Orders £ 247.23
Total: £ 691.08

CTK African Mass: £292.44

2nd Collection: Day for Life.

OLAM: £185.95

2nd Collection next week: Peter's Pence**Last Week's Collection OLAM**

Loose: £ 313.20
 Envelopes: £ 199.50
 Standing Orders £ 94.69
Total: £ 608.39

Christ the King		21 st /22 nd June	28 th /29 th June
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen	Maxine
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Theresa	John
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce	Angela



The Saint Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) is looking for volunteers for a Stay and Play Group to bring families together through play and chat. It will run on Friday mornings in term time at Maryvale Community Centre. The maximum commitment would be alternate Fridays. You don't need to be an SVP volunteer, just enthusiastic! The SVP will provide training. Please contact any member of the parish SVP to find out a bit more.

Day for Catechists: On 28th June 2025 at St Ambrose Barlow, Lakey Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 8QU, 10.00 to 4 pm, catechists and prospective new catechists are invited to gather for a study/taster day. Further Enquiries/Bookings via email/phone Teresa at bned.catechists@gmail.com or Mgr Daniel McHugh at co-ordinator.ethnic.chaplaincy@rcaob.org.uk or 07812 110640. There is £5.00 registration fee. Please bring a packed lunch.

Join March for Life UK on Sat 6th Sept in London! The right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. A coach leaves from Our Lady & All Saints, Stourbridge DY8 1PQ (6.30am), The Oratory, Edgbaston B16 8UE (7.15), Holy Souls in Acocks Green, B27 6RG (7.45), Our Lady of the Wayside, Solihull, B90 4AY (8.00). Seats cost £25, payable in advance. For more info or to book a seat contact Alice: 07845 706362 alice.grennan@googlemail.com

Parking Notice: If you come to CTK Church in your car and park around the area, please do not block any driveways as the neighbours always need access.

Raffle Prizes: There still seems to be several uncollected prizes from winners of the race night and the roof raffle. If prizes have not been collected by week ending 29/06 then they will automatically go toward this year's Christmas Bazaar. Please see Claire in the Presbytery Monday-Friday 9am-1pm to collect.

New Heights Community Project: You are invited to join our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, 26th June 2025, starting at 12:30 PM in the St John's Centre

Gospel Commentary (Fr Donagh O'Shea): There is a very precious early Christian document called the Didachè, discovered only in 1873, though Christian writers through the ages always knew of its existence. It was written sometime between the years 50 and 100, and so it is even earlier than some of the New Testament. It contains the very first use of the word 'eucharist'. It is very moving to read this and to imagine the lives of the Christians who spoke and heard those words in the infancy of the Church.

Here is part of what it says: "At the Eucharist, offer the eucharistic prayer in this way. Begin with the chalice: 'We give thanks to you, our Father, for the holy Vine of your servant David, which you have made known to us through your servant Jesus. Glory be to you, world without end.' Then over the broken bread: 'We give thanks to you, our Father, for the life and knowledge you have made known to us through your servant Jesus. Glory be to you, world without end. As this broken bread, once dispersed over the hills, was brought together and became one loaf, so may your Church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.'"

I remember that distant day when I 'made my First Communion'. I remember waking up, having nodded off during the Mass, to find my candle dripping grease. But they had got on with things while I slept. Looking back today I think: During the half-century and more since that time they have got on with lots of things while I slept! And I have to admit that I'm not very repentant about it. Some of the best things can happen to you while you sleep! The Scriptures say that God "pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber." And Jesus said that the Presence of God (the "Kingdom of God") is like seed that a farmer scatters in his field and that grows even when he's asleep. "Night and day, whether he sleeps or wakes, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how" (Mark 4:27). We ourselves grew like that, when we were in the womb, and later: by day and by night our mothers watched over us; we were so sure of them that we could go sound asleep when we knew they were around. God sort of mothers us too!

We experienced our mother first as a source of food, and through that visible channel we experienced her as a source of love. God is mothering us, attracting us, trying to tame us frightened creatures. How do you tame an animal? By feeding it. Gradually the animal begins to trust you, begins to believe in your goodwill. We were (and maybe we still are) like little frightened animals. We have to be tamed into human society. Love is invisible and needs a visible channel. That visible channel is originally food. This wisdom of the body is taken up and exalted in the Eucharist. The food which is the Eucharist has the deepest significance. It is about our relationship with God, the ultimate womb from which our existence came.

At the heart of that relationship, for Christians, is Jesus. The great 14th-century mystic, Julian of Norwich, not only called God our 'mother', but she called Jesus our mother! This may seem very strange, even weird. But, as always, she meant something luminous, and she had profound reasons for saying it. She did not mean that Jesus is like your mother! She meant the reverse: your mother is like Jesus! Your mother fed you from her own body. Our mother's care for us may well be the best image we have of God - and of Jesus.

On this feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord don't be too grown up to let the visceral images of the Eucharist play around your mind!