



The Newman Cluster

Christ the King, Kingstanding and Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale

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Hymns: E: 477; O: 223; C: 86; R: 152

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat	12/07/25	Feria	12:30 CTK	Ted McKeown (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM†	Anne Gould (RIP)
Sun	13/07/25	Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Janet Atkinson (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	George Pearson (RIP)
			11:00 SMM	Noreen & Patrick Curren (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	John Foley (RIP)
Mon	14/07/25	Feria	07:30 SMM	Rose Ryan (RIP)
			08:00 CTK†	Liam Curran (RIP)
Tue	15/07/25	S Bonaventure Bishop and Doctor	09:15 SMM	Fr David Mawson (RIP)
			09:30 CTK	Theresa Fitzgerald
Wed	16/07/25	Feria	08:00 CTK†	Luke Byrne (RIP)
			09:15 SMM	John Brennan (RIP)
Thu	17/07/25	Feria	09:30 OLAM	Jim & Madge Ranahan & family (RIP)
			12:00 CTK	Muriel Cowan (RIP)
Fri	18/07/25	Feria	09:00 CTK	John Casby (RIP)
			09:15 SMM	Maria Agendia (RIP)
Sat	19/07/25	Feria	12:30 CTK	William & Catherine Swaine (Wedding Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	John Clarke (RIP)
Sun	20/07/25	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Jay Matthews (RIP)
			10:00 CTK†	Jill Loxley (RIP)
			11:00 SMM	Ronald Crane (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Margaret Day (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, Margaret Coogan and Pauline Farrell.

RIP: Please pray for Graham Kevin Mason, Sister Marie Inglis, Angela Madigan who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. Funerals: G Mason: Wed 30/07/25, 11:00, OLAM; A Madigan: Tue 05/08/25, 11:00, CTK.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedication throughout July: The Curtin family at CTK & for the Maxwell and Butler families at OLAM.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant: after many, many decades of devoted and faithful service as part of the Sacristan team. Kathleen McCarty has decided that the time has come for her to hand over the reins to someone else. Kathleen's successor as Saturday Sacristan will be Patience Ikwuka. There will be a transitional period over the summer holidays. We shall organise a celebration for Kathleen to say a proper thank you to her in September. Please keep a close eye out for further announcements.

Merger Advisory Group: Many thanks to the parishioners who have come forward to assist Deacon Gary with the Merger Consultation. The members of this group are: Michael Collins, Noran Flynn, Sean Flynn, Wendy Gasson, Patience Ikwuka, Jadwiga Inglis, Theresa Wilkin. Our first task will be to prepare for the next key steps in the consultation process: the drop in sessions after Masses on **6th and 7th September** and the General Meeting to be held in the St John's Centre on **21st September at 3 pm**. If any other parishioner was thinking of coming forward but has not yet come forward, it is not too late, but you do need to let Deacon Gary know by Tuesday 15th July so that we can start to organise our first meeting.

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.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose: £ 304.78
 Envelopes: £ 79.00
 Standing Orders £ 247.23
Total: £ 631.01

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 152.06
 Envelopes: £ 167.00
 Standing Orders £ 94.69
Total: £ 413.75

Christ the King		12 th /13 th July	19 th /20 th July
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen	Maxine
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Angela	
	Minister of Holy Communion	Marian	John



Prayer Intentions: We pray both at mass and at home for the following intentions: A clear recognition of our need of God; a sincere commitment to follow the Way that leads us to holiness, the Truth that sets us free and the Life of grace; the honouring of the promises made by parents and individuals at Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Matrimony; the conversion of the lapsed; freedom from slavery to the modern golden calf of power, wealth, popularity ...

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.

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

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

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

Gospel Commentary: Fr Donagh O'Shea

Here is one of the earliest interpretations of this story about the Good Samaritan. The writer was Origen of Alexandria (c. 185 AD - c. 254): "The man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho is Adam. Jerusalem is Paradise. Jericho is this world. The thieves are the forces of the enemy. The priest is the Law. The Levite is the prophets. The Samaritan is Christ. The wounds are disobedience. The horse is the body of Christ. The inn that is open to all who wish to enter is the Church. The two denarii are the Father and the Son. The inn-keeper is the pastor of the flock, whose duty is to care. The Samaritan's promise to return indicates the Saviour's Second Coming." Origen was the father of the 'Allegorical Method', and this is an example of it at full strength. It is rather strained at times, but it represented a determination that the Scriptures would not remain dead on the page but would come alive in every situation, in every present time.

An even earlier writer, Clement of Alexandria (c. 150 AD - c. 215), also sees the Samaritan as Jesus: "Who can this neighbour be but the Saviour himself? Who but he has had pity on us as we lay almost dead from the dark forces of this world, with so many wounds, so many fears and passions, so much anger, so much sorrow, so much deception, so many deceptive pleasures? Jesus alone can heal these wounds."

Left to ourselves we might have interpreted this story in a purely moralistic way: here was a good model for us of practical charity. But by putting this reading with others that are directly about Jesus himself, the Liturgy holds this ancient interpretation before us. The first thing about the Good Samaritan is that "he came near," while the priest and the Levite "passed by on the other side." In Jesus, the divine Person, the Word, came near to us, took on our flesh and lived among us. This is the only possible connection with the first reading: "The Word is very near to you." Likewise the second reading is about God coming near us in Jesus: "He is the image of the invisible God."

In a moralistic interpretation of this story the Good Samaritan would be oneself. We would see ourselves called to reach into our inner resources and produce the goods from there; we would be on the giving end. But in this deeper interpretation the Good Samaritan is Jesus, and we are the traveller fallen among robbers; we are on the receiving end. God in Christ has reached out to us. Leo the Great (pope from 440 - 461) said, "Christ is the hand of God's mercy stretched out to us."

We are told to "Go and do likewise." But we are told this at the end of the story, not at the beginning. By the end of the story we have seen what our real resource is: it is not ourselves and our ambiguous generosity, it is God's bounty in Christ. There is nothing so humiliating as to be the object of cold charity: the skimmed milk of human kindness. I had to share space for a number of years with an 18th-century fresco that showed some saint dispensing charity to beggars. He looked much more fixed in his role than they in theirs. I often wondered what he would do if there were no beggars. He needed them more than they needed him. Their luck might change, and one day they might feed themselves. Then he wouldn't know who he was. Charity always has a sick twist in it if it doesn't flow out through us from the heart of God.