



The Newman Cluster

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

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Hymns: E: 410; O: 449; C: 345; R: 508

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat	26/07/25	Feria	12:30 CTK	Christine Duffy (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	John Roche (Anni.)
Sun	27/07/25	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Deacon Adrian Davies (RIP)
			10:00 CTK†	Sean Butler (RIP)
			11:00 SMM	Pro Populo
			11:30 OLAM	Mary Murray (sick)
Mon	28/07/25	Feria	07:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			08:00 CTK†	Margaret Lee (RIP)
Tue	29/07/25	Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus, Memorial	09:15 SMM	Seamus McDermott (RIP)
			09:30 CTK	Mary O'Connell (RIP)
Wed	30/07/25	Feria	08:00 CTK†	Wilson Stuart School
			09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			11:00 OLAM	Funeral Service: Graham Kevin Mason
Thu	31/07/25	St Ignatius of Loyola, Mem.	10:30 OLAM	Funeral Mass: Sr. Marie Inglis
Fri	01/08/25	St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, Memorial	09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			11:00 CTK	Funeral Mass: William Gaffney
Sat	02/08/25	Feria	12:30 CTK†	Theresa Douglas
			18.00 OLAM	John Clarke (RIP)
Sun	03/08/25	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Seamus McDermott (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	The Holder family (RIP)
			11:00 SMM	Pro Populo
			11:30 OLAM	Michael Mulleady (RIP)

Pray For The Sick: Jean McCabe, Paul Cowan, Gerald, John, Josephine Brown, 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, 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, Sr Marie Inglis, Angela Madigan and Teresa Webb who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. Funerals: G Mason: Wed 30/07/25, 11:00, OLAM; Sr Marie: Reception: Wed 30/7/25 at 18.30; Funeral Mass -Thu 31/07/25, 10:30, OLAM; A Madigan: Reception: Mon 04/08/25, 18:00, Funeral Mass: Tue 05/08/25, 11:00, CTK; T Webb: Reception: Thu 07/08/25, 16:00, Funeral Mass: Fri 08/08/25, 10:00, OLAM.

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.**

Sacramental Preparation 2025-2026: Fr. The and Deacon Gary will be meeting with the parish catechists and our schools to develop the programmes for those in our Catholic primary schools and those in others. Next year's programmes will begin in September 2025.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose: £ 497.04
 Envelopes: £ 176.00
 Standing Orders £ 247.23
Total: £ 920.27

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 186.72
 Envelopes: £ 133.00
 Standing Orders £ 94.69
Total: £ 414.41

Christ the King		26 th /27 th July	2 nd /3 rd August
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	Kathleen
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Thabani	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce	Angela



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 ...

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

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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.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - Sun 27/07/25: This is the 5th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, following its introduction by Pope Francis. The Day is celebrated on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. In the Jubilee year, the Day, established by Pope Francis in 2021, is intended to be an opportunity to reflect on how the presence of grandparents and the elderly can become a sign of hope in every family and church community. The Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life renews to everyone Pope Francis' invitation to celebrate the Day in every diocese, and to dedicate the celebrations of Sunday 27 July to the elderly, promoting visits and opportunities for encounters between the generations.

Resources are available on <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/5th-world-day-for-grandparents-and-elderly>.

Diocesan Novena for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi: Mon 18/08/25 marks the beginning of the Diocesan Novena to pray for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi. The Novena of Prayer lasts for nine days and concludes on his feast day on Tue 26/08/25. Blessed Dominic arrived in the Archdiocese in February 1842. He spent the next seven years based at Aston Hall in Staffordshire, from where he celebrated Mass, preached Missions, heard confessions, and received many people into the Catholic Church, the most famous being St John Henry Newman in October 1845. Blessed Dominic had a well-known reputation for sanctity and holiness of life. He is also remembered for his love for the poor, and those in need of prayer and help. Novena Prayer: O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Commentary: Fr Donagh O'Shea: The version of the Our Father that we are used to is from Matthew's gospel, but today's reading gives us Luke's version. You notice that it is shorter. In place of Matthew's 'Our Father in heaven,' Luke says simply, 'Father'. That longer phrase is so characteristic of Matthew's writing style (he uses it twenty times in his gospel, but Luke never) that it is seen as entirely his own and not Jesus'. Jesus probably said simply, 'Father'.

It seems to us a strange request: "Lord, teach us to pray." Jews prayed every day since childhood. Why would they ask him now to teach them to pray? The meaning of it seems to be this: they were asking him for a distinctive prayer as his disciples. John's disciples had a special kind of prayer, but Jesus' disciples apparently did not. In answer to their request he taught them the Our Father. This makes it very special: it is not just any prayer; it is a distinctively Christian prayer.

But look now: there is no mention in it of any of the Christian mysteries! There is no mention of Jesus, nor of his passion, death and resurrection, there is no mention of the Trinity.... What sense can we make of this?

I remember standing some years ago at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, surrounded by Jews. It is a great privilege to stand there beside them, at the only remaining part of the Temple which was destroyed by the Romans in the year 70. I thought of Jesus, a Jew, as I stood there groping in my mind for words. There is no mention of him in his own prayer, the Our Father. I realised that any Jewish person at that Wailing Wall could pray the words of the Our Father and not find them the least bit strange. Jesus was among his own people. But how then can the Our Father be a Christian disciple's prayer?

Sometime later it came to me: if there is no mention of Jesus, his life, death or resurrection, nor of any of the Christian mysteries, it is because this was his own prayer. In prayer he was seized by a single awareness: the Father; he was not thinking about himself. When we pray the Our Father we are not praying to him, but with him; we are praying his prayer. We are so close to him that we cannot see him; like him, we see only the Father. We are, as it were, inside his head, looking out through his eyes: seeing the Father, and seeing the world as he sees it. We are totally identified with him – we are indeed his disciples. We are praying through him. All our prayers end with the phrase, "through Our Lord Jesus Christ...." At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we say, "Through him, with him, in him...."

If Jesus sometimes seems absent it is because he is everywhere. He has drawn the whole world into his heart.