



The Newman Cluster

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

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Hymns: E: 53; O: 357; C: 345; R: 171

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat	09/08/25	Feria	12:30 CTK	Evelyn & Michael Kelly (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Betty Guest (RIP)
Sun	10/08/25	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Anthony O'Reilly (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Stan Gniadkowski (RIP)
			11:00 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			11:30 OLAM†	Kathleen Boyle (RIP)
Mon	11/08/25	St Clare, Mem.	07:30 SMM	Lorraine Kelly (RIP)
			08:00 Con.†	Eric Pitt (RIP)
Tue	12/08/25	Feria	09:15 SMM	Carol Green (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Funeral Mass: Anne Theresa Byrne
Wed	13/08/25	Feria	08:00 Con.†	George Harris (RIP)
			09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
Thu	14/08/25	St Maximilian Kolbe, Mem.	12:00 CTK	Jareth Henry Melody (RIP)
			08:00 Con†	Delia Byrne (RIP)
Fri	15/08/25	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	09:15 SMM	Those receiving exam results at this time
			12:00 CTK	Nancy Conlon (Anni.)
			19:00 OLAM	Maureen Mulrone (RIP)
			12:30 CTK	Elizabeth McKenna (Anni.)
Sat	16/08/25	Feria	18:00 OLAM	Lily May McDonald (RIP)
			09:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
Sun	17/08/25	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK†	Delia Byrne (RIP)
			11:00 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			11:30 OLAM	The Fox family (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 Christopher Harrison and Anne Byrne who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

Funerals: A Byrne: Reception: CTK, Mon 11/08/25, 16:00, Mass: Tue 12/08/25, 10:00.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedication throughout August: The Frawley family at CTK & for the Phipps/Thompson families at OLAM.

Holy Hour: The next parish Holy Hour will be on Sunday 31st August at 3 pm. During Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, we shall have readings and worship. The Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction.

Sacramental Preparation 2025-2026: Fr. Thé 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.

First Holy Communion Preparation for children attending Non-Catholic Schools: Parents of Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools who would like their children to make their First Holy Communion are invited to the Enrolment meeting on Sun 21/09/25 at 11:15 in the CTK Guild room. The course is from Sun 05/10/25 until mid-June 2026. Enquiries can be made of Claire in the parish office on 0121 3730988 Monday-Friday 9am-1pm.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose: £ 284.68
 Envelopes: £ 86.00
 Standing Orders £ 247.23
Total: £ 617.91

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 200.59
 Envelopes: £ 189.50
 Standing Orders £ 94.69
Total: £ 484.78

Christ the King		9 th /10 th August	16 th /17 th August
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Maxine	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Patience	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sister	Marian



Trustees for New Heights- New Heights is a small community charity which was founded by Christ the King parish back in 2007. It carries out a great deal of good work in the community and reflects a key part of the Church's mission of Caritas and social action. We are looking to add to our team of trustees to help us carry on the good work. If this seems of interest to you, please look at our web site, get a feel for the charity and contact Sean Flynn on 07867 783204 for an informal chat.

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.

24-hour Birmingham and Solihull mental health support launched - BBC News

If you live in Birmingham or Solihull and you're feeling sad, worried or lonely, we have a safe space to chat. Text the word 'Space' to 85258 to talk about your feelings with a mental health professional. Texting 'Space' to 85258 is free and confidential. After you send your text, you'll first get four automated messages from Shout. As soon as one is free, a mental health professional will send you a message to introduce themselves and ask how you're feeling. You can tell them privately anything that's upsetting you and only need to share what you want. They will listen to how you're feeling, talk to you about it and help you make a plan for what to do after the chat ends. Conversations usually last between 45 minutes and one hour and end when you feel calmer. If you ever need to look back, your conversation will be saved in your messages. Shout is here 24/7 if you ever want to text again.

CLOC are performing My Fair Lady at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall 22nd - 25th Oct 7.30pm nightly, with a matinee on the Sat at 2.30pm. If we can get 10 or more people for the matinee on Sat 25th at 2.30pm we could have tickets for £16 each rather than £20 adults and £18 concessions. If interested, please contact Teresa at this email teresa317@hotmail.co.uk or call on 07960 869250.

Gospel Commentary: Fr Donagh O'Shea

"Do not be afraid, little flock.... Sell your possessions and give away money to the poor." But if we were to do that (I say to myself) wouldn't we have even more reason to be afraid? Our greatest fear is that we will be left with nothing. Still, money doesn't bring happiness, everyone agrees. But then we go straight back to pursuing it as if it did. How is that? While perhaps not expecting it to bring us happiness, we hope it will at least take away our misery. But it doesn't. It only enables us to be miserable in comfort – then we can really concentrate on our misery. Be alert, be ready, be waiting that is the advice given in today's reading. "Be like those who are waiting for their master to return.... Be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." A full purse, like a full stomach, makes you want to go to sleep. You become oblivious to everything except the stock market or your business – and that is a kind of sleep. All great religious figures kept shouting, 'Wake up!' It is not that everyone was dozing in the sun; no they were not: they were making money.

In an organised society money is necessary to live. It is a great convenience. It is about shortcuts. Instead of being a hunter-gatherer yourself, you pay someone to do your hunting and gathering for you, while you do some other useful thing. But we also know from experience that a shortcut can be the longest distance between two points. Some shortcuts lead you into the middle of a bog. Money is seductive because it appears to be the key to everything and everywhere: it is nothing in itself (it would be useless to you on a desert island), but it carries a promise of everything. Even when it fails you, it just changes its face (it has no face of its own) and seduces you in a different way. It lives on promise; it is a promissory note. And it has this additional quality: just as it never shows you its real face (because it has none), it never shows you yours. Instead, it flashes an image before you of what you could be. It never warns you that when you are rich you will still be just a poor man with money.

There was once a wealthy man who decided to donate a large amount of money to a monastery. To his great surprise, the abbot said, 'No thanks, we have enough at present.' The rich man pressed him to take it anyway, but he refused politely. Suddenly the rich man began to weep. 'You have made me realise how poor I am,' he said, 'I have nothing to offer you except money.'

Jesus gave many warnings about the seductions of wealth. There is nothing wrong with the material things of the world in themselves. It is our greed that makes them seductive. If my purse is always full, I will think only about getting a bigger purse. And it will fade gradually from my awareness that half the world is hungry. And I may also fail to notice that I am hungry myself, because my heart is empty. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." If money is my treasure, there will be nothing in my heart except money.