



## The Newman Cluster

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

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Pending formal appointment, our acting Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Caroline Gorman and Angela Hooker. Until the paperwork has been completed, any concerns or issues should be reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk)

Hymns: E: 53; O: 195; C: 329; R: 17

#### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

<b>Sat</b>	23/08/25	St. John Wall, Priest and Martyr, Mem.	12:30 CTK	Anette and Richard
			18:00 OLAM	Dave, Mark and Darren McLoughlin (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	24/08/25	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Maureen Dargan (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Angela Madigan (RIP)
			11:00 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			11:30 OLAM	David Cotton & family (RIP)
<b>Mon</b>	25/08/25	Feria	07:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			08:00 Con.	Christine McDoudle (RIP)
<b>Tue</b>	26/08/25	Blessed Dominic Baberi, Feast	09:15 SMM	Barnabas Agendia (RIP)
			09:30 CTK	Ted McKeown (RIP)
<b>Wed</b>	27/08/25	St Monica, Mem.	08:00 Con.†	Bernadette Gray (RIP)
			09:15 SMM	Agnes Pirie (RIP)
<b>Thu</b>	28/08/25	St Augustine, Mem.	12:00 CTK	Liam Curran (RIP)
<b>Fri</b>	29/08/25	The Passion of St John the Baptist, Mem.	09:15 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			09:30 CTK	Brendan Reilly (RIP)
<b>Sat</b>	30/08/25	Feria	12:30 CTK†	Elaine Douglas (RIP)
			18.00 OLAM	George Maxwell (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	31/08/25	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Caroline Gee
			10:00 CTK	June Berns (RIP)
			11:00 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			11:30 OLAM	Mary Teresa Duffy (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 Margaret Swain, Edmund McGrath & Christopher Harrison who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**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.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm** in the **Guild Room**. As always, any member of the Parish is most welcome to speak to any Parish Councillor about any item they would like the Parish Pastoral Council to discuss.

**Well done, thou good and faithful servant:** John McCarthy retires both as the Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council and as a member of it on 17<sup>th</sup> September. We thank him for all his hard work in helping the Council grow into an effective body within the parish. John will be speaking next weekend (23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September) about the process for nominations to the Parish Council. Please consider offering yourself for this vital role.

**Last Week's Collection CTK**

Loose: £ 403.71  
 Envelopes: £ 94.00  
 Standing Orders £ 247.23  
**Total: £ 744.94**

**Last Week's Collection OLAM**

Loose: £ 255.81  
 Envelopes: £ 92.50  
 Standing Orders £ 94.69  
**Total: £ 443.00**

Christ the King		23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> August	30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> August
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	Kathleen
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	John	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce	John



**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.

**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.

**Gospel Commentary:** Fr Donagh O'Shea

I knew a gentle Indian nun who had lived a year in Europe and was beginning to get courage to comment on things. "Europeans are always asking Why?" she said, "and 'How much?' and 'What time is it?'" We want to quantify things; it's a way to feel in control. They are all good questions in themselves, but they are not the right questions in every situation. Jesus ignored the question "How many?" in this reading. He ignored a similar question in Matthew 24: about "when" the end will be.

We imagine the person with a question to be in a superior position, especially if he or she has a microphone in hand. We imagine them to be neutral, clear-headed, authoritative – almost like judges. And we imagine that we are morally obliged to answer every question. But a question can be just as confused and wrong-headed as a statement; it can be biased and belittling; it can express, while trying to conceal, a personal agenda; it can be trivial; it can be everything that a statement can be. In fact, even at its best, a question is just an ambiguous statement.

It is as necessary to pay attention to our questions as to our answers – especially in religious matters. "Who made you?" someone asked the little slave girl in Uncle Tom's Cabin. "Don't think nobody ever made me," she replied, "I s'pect I growed." Her answer was better than the question. The questioner's image of God was of a craftsman of some kind: someone who makes objects and puts them there. We always have some image of God; it helps to hold some ideas and experiences and feelings together. But we know that no image can do justice to God. The trouble is when we have images that we are not conscious of having. Even very sophisticated people can be held captive by buried images of God. I once knew a moral theologian who had been a mechanical engineer before studying for the priesthood. His moral theology was a perfect piece of engineering: from an infinite tank grace flowed in to activate the four cardinal virtues, like pistons, which made the wheels of the moral life to turn.... It is very seldom that you get a simple theologian. Instead you get a theologian-engineer, or a theologian-lawyer, or a theologian-journalist .... What makes the difference is the question we ask, and the way we ask it. A loaded question gives you back only what you loaded it with.

Will only a few be saved? That is a question that a statistician would ask. The mind works comfortably when its object is 'out there', in the third person, so to speak. But Jesus' reply was in the second person: "Strive to enter by the narrow door...." We have a tendency to survey our faith as if it were a landscape that did not include ourselves. But a genuine spiritual question is always intensely practical and personal. "What good deed must I do to possess eternal life?" asked the young man; and then "What more do I need to do?" (Mt 19:16, 20). They were real questions, even though he didn't prove capable of acting on the answers to them. He had the grace to go away "sad"; he didn't go away like the Pharisees thinking he was better than other people. There was hope for him. There is always hope for an honest person looking for the right way.