



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

Hymns: E: 53; O: 563; C: 270; R: 122

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat	06/09/25	Feria Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Paddy & Maggie Holland (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM†	Sadie Kennelly
Sun	07/09/25	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Maureen Whyte (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Bill Taylor (RIP)
			11:00 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			11:30 OLAM	John Roche (RIP)
Mon	08/09/25	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast	07:30 SMM	Holy Souls
			08:00 Con.†	Jack O'Hara (RIP)
			09:30 OLAM	Teresa Downey (RIP)
Tue	09/09/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:15 SMM	Holy Souls
			09:30 CTK	Michael Quinn (RIP)
Wed	10/09/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Special Intention
			09:15 SMM	Holy Souls
Thu	11/09/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:00 CTK	Smith and McMahon families (RIP)
Fri	12/09/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:00 CTK	Carol Smith (get well)
			09:15 SMM	Tomas Krejci
Sat	13/09/25	St John Chrysostom, Mem.	12:30 CTK	Teresa Webb (RIP)
			18.00 OLAM	Kath Smith (RIP)
Sun	14/09/25	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	09:30 SMM	Alec Grant & Owen Faulkner (RIP)
			10:00 CTK†	John McLoughlin
			11:00 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			11:30 OLAM	Joan Allen

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, Pauline Farrell, Sadie Kennelly and Michael and Sarah Deane.

RIP: Please pray for Sean McBirney, Kathleen Bridger and Margaret Dillon who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funeral:** S McBirney: CTK, Mon 22/09/25 at 12:00; M Dillon: CTK, Tue 23/09/25 at 11:00.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedication throughout September at CTK is dedicated to the intentions of McEvoy family. Parishioners worshipping at OLAM can still request a dedication for September and October 2025.

Parish Pastoral Council: A reminder: if you wish to nominate yourself or someone else, with their permission, for the Parish Pastoral Council, please put forward a nomination to Fr The, John McCarthy or Geraldine Ranahan **no later than Sep 10th**. Nomination Forms are at the back of each Church.

Parish Consultation on the Merger: This weekend at and after all Masses across our two parishes every parishioner will have the opportunity to give an indicative and consultative vote on two key matters relating to the merger of our two parishes: our new parish name and what provision we make for a place of worship in Maryvale. This will take place after Communion and before the Jubilee Prayer. Before expressing your opinion, please read Merger News No.3 which gives you key background on the choices we are asking you to make. Then complete the Questionnaire to express your opinion. These Questionnaires will be collected from you before we begin the Jubilee Prayer. Members of the Merger Advisory Group and the Parish Council will be at the back of Church after Mass and available to take any further feedback or answer any questions you may have.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose: £ 305.46
 Envelopes: £ 101.00
 Standing Orders £ 247.23
Total: £ 653.69

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 170.25
 Envelopes: £ 231.00
 Standing Orders £ 94.69
Total: £ 495.94

Christ the King		06 th /07 th Sep	13 th /14 th Sep
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	Maxine
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Thabani	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	John	Marian



Parish Pastoral Constitution: A copy of the proposed Constitution (which the PPC will formally adopt, subject to any comments from you, the parishioners, on 17th September) is on each parish website. Please do read this and if you have feedback, please email Deacon Gary with your thoughts. Those thinking of offering themselves for the ministry of Parish Pastoral Councillor are strongly encouraged to read it before handing in their nomination form. It is mandatory reading for all those elected to the Parish Pastoral Council following nomination..

Sacramental Preparation 2025-2026: The **12.30 pm Mass on Saturday 20th September will be an Enrolment Mass** for those pupils in Y3 and Y6 at Christ the King Primary School whose parents have completed application forms for First Holy Communion and Confirmation respectively. These forms and other key information have been emailed out to all parents in those year groups via the School and by the Parish Office to those who have already registered their interest with the parish. **If anyone needs a further set, please contact the Parish Office. Separate arrangements will be made for pupils in Maryvale Primary School. There will, in addition, be two further Enrolment Masses to come: one for those First Holy Communion candidates not in either of our Catholic schools (see the next notice) and the other for those young adults who are preparing for Confirmation and are participating in Fr. Thé's midweek catechesis sessions. The dates will be advertised later this month.**

First Holy Communion Preparation for children attending Non-Catholic Schools: Parents of Catholic children from either the CTK OR the OLAM congregation 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.

Walk the Cross Devotions at Walsingham: These take place on 13th and 14th Sep 25. Full details are on the poster at the back of Church.

General Meeting of the Cluster: The 5th General Meeting of our Cluster, the Newman Cluster, will take place on 21st Sep 2025 at 3 pm in the St John's Centre. This is an opportunity for any parishioner within the three parishes in the Cluster to come together to discuss matters relating to the growth and development of the Cluster. A full agenda will be published next week. In the meantime, please save the date in your diary.

Next Meeting of the Youth Group: The Youth Group has returned from its Summer break and will hold its next meeting on Friday 26th September 2025 at 6.30 pm in the St. John's Centre.

New Heights Vacancy: New Heights are looking for a Volunteer and Activities Coordinator to join our team. If you are enthusiastic about helping the community in supporting activities, please apply via email enquiries@new-heights.org.uk or call 0121 386 4345. **Closing Date: 12th September 2025.**

New Heights Befriending Service: The New Heights Telephone Befriending Service offers a weekly call from one of its lovely volunteers, providing a friendly conversation and a listening ear to anyone who may feel isolated. If you know of anyone who might benefit from this service, please call New Heights direct on 0121 386 4345.

Gospel Commentary: Fr Donagh O'Shea

Commentators rush to explain that the Semitic expression "hate father and mother" does not actually mean that in English. It means "to love less." So why do English translations still say "hate"? When I paid for a pencil in a shop in Paris the assistant said, "Merci infiniment!" There was no chance that she was infinitely thankful for the couple of centimes, but it was the polite thing to say, and it doesn't sound exaggerated at all in French. But literal translation often sounds absurd. The translator is a traitor, the Italians say: traduttore traditore. You can betray the original sense by not going as far as it goes, or by going beyond it. Either way there is a risk. And so, many translators just play safe.

"To another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead.'" (Luke 9:59). This is another translator's pitfall. The text does not imply that his father had died; it means that the man wanted to stay at home until his father died. He was mapping out his future; he would get around to discipleship later on. But Jesus made discipleship a matter of immediate urgency. Discipleship, he is saying, is deeper than family ties.

"Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." The cross stands for stark choice. Its very shape suggests contradiction. Jesus has the right to ask us to carry our cross because he carried his, and was broken by it. It was the Pharisees, not he, who liked to "tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; while they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them" (Mt 23:4). Our life's crosses will not look like his, but they will have the same meaning. It was prophesied about him that he would be a sign of contradiction (Luke 2:34); it is from this sign that we have our identity as Christians.