



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 Parish Safeguarding Representative for CTK is Caroline Gorman and our acting rep for OLAM is Angela Hooker. To report concerns or issues at CTK email Caroline on sg.christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk. Until the paperwork has been completed, any concerns or issues at OLAM should be reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on **0121 230 6240** or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

Hymns: E: 449; O: 288; C: 595; R: 515

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sat	15/11/2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK†	Kath Rice (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Agnes Cronin (RIP)
Sun	16/11/2025	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Debra Donaghue (RIP), Mary Keogh (Anni.)
			10:00 CTK	Frank King (Anni.)
			11:00 SMM	Pro populo
			11:30 OLAM	Sr Marie Inglis (RIP)
Mon	17/11/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	07:30 SMM	Holy Souls
			10:30 CTK	Funeral Mass: Eddie Walsh
Tue	18/11/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:15 SMM	Maria Agendia (RIP)
			09:30 MPS	Sheila Reilly (RIP)
Wed	19/11/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.	Special Intention
			09:15 SMM	Garth Redvers Harris
Thu	20/11/25	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:00 CTK	Rose Lewsley (RIP)
Fri	21/11/2025	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mem.	09:00 CTK	Edward McGrath (RIP)
			09:15 SMM	Holy Souls
Sat	22/11/25	St Cecilia, Mem.	12:30 CTK	Agnes Cronin (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Benny McGinn (Anni.)
Sun	23/11/2025	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe	09:30 SMM	Mario Romeiro (RIP)
			10:00 CTK†	Marian Baran (RIP)
			11:00 SMM	John Hunter (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Teresa Webb (RIP)

Safeguarding Notice: When there are altar servers under the age of 18 in the Servers' Sacristy at CTK only parishioners such as Sacristans, Stewards and others with necessary and legitimate business should go into the Servers' Sacristy. Parishioners should not gather in there for conversation.. If you need to speak to Fr. Thé or Deacon Gary before Mass, please catch them whilst they are out in the main body of the Church or at the door after Mass. Please bear in mind that responsibility for Safeguarding is shared by us all.

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, Elizabeth Teague, Christine Stephens, Margaret Coogan, Sadie Kennelly, Michael and Sarah Deane, Peter Hadland, Margaret Head.

RIP: Please pray for Michael Gunn, Eddie Walsh and Jennifer Harrison who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Funerals: E Walsh: Reception into Church: Sun 16/11/25, 17:00, Funeral Mass: Mon 17/11/25, 10:30 at CTK; M Gunn: Tue 25/11/25, 11:00 at OLAM

Formation for the Ministry of the Word: Formation for this ministry in the Church will take place both on **16th November** and on **23rd November** in each case starting at 3 pm in the St John's Centre. You are very welcome to attend these sessions and get a taste of what the ministry involves both in terms of preparation before Mass and the exercise of the ministry during it. The intention is to commission new ministers for service on the 1st Sunday of Advent (29th/30th November).

Christmas Masses: Please see the schedule of Christmas Masses attached to this newsletter.

Walk With Me Book and Calendar: are available for use during Advent this weekend.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedication throughout November at CTK is dedicated to the McBride family, and at OLAM to the Holland & McCormack families.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose: £ 121.00
 Envelopes: £ 341.65
 Standing Orders £ 247.23
Total: £ 709.88

Second Collection
 Next Week: Diocesan Youth Service

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 200.00
 Envelopes: £ 220.78
 Standing Orders £ 94.69
Total: £ 515.47

	Christ the King	15 th /16 th Nov	22 nd /23 rd
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	Maxine
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	John	Oscottian
	Minister of Holy Communion	Angela	Sister



Sunday Tea & Coffee: There will be no Tea and Coffee in St John's Centre this Sunday 16th November 25 due to a meeting being held. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

International Carol Service : Come and join our international Carol Service held on Sunday 14th December at 4pm in Christ the King Church. The celebration will feature carols from the English, Polish and African community. Children are invited too dress as Nativity Characters. Everyone from all nationalities is welcome and can bring simple instruments and to join in with the music group. Let's help make this a vibrant and festive occasion.

Monday 17th November 2025: This day is a day for fasting and prayer for the end of abortion and euthanasia. For more information please view GoodCounselNetwork.com and please take a moment to read the poster at the back of Church.

Christmas Fete: This year's fete will be on **Saturday 29th November 2025 2pm-5pm**. As always we would really appreciate it if you can donate anything you can, particularly bottles of drinks and chocolate. For drop off please speak to Claire in the parish office, Monday-Friday 9am-1pm

New Heights: New Heights Community Project are looking for caring volunteers to join them in supporting local families and individuals within the following roles: Assist in the food pantry, support youth and senior programs and help with events, cleaning, or maintenance. Whether you can give a few hours a week or help at special events, your time and talents will make a real difference; If you feel you have some time to spare for such important tasks within our community please contact Joanna Joanna.Howl@new-heights.org.uk Tel: 0121 386 4345 or stop by at New Heights Centre. New Heights also offer a **Telephone Befriending Service**. A regular call from one of our lovely volunteers, providing a friendly space for conversation and a listening ear to anyone who may be feeling isolated. If you or someone you know would benefit from a weekly befriending call, contact us on 0121 386 4345 or email enquiries@new-heights.org.uk we'd love to hear from you.

Save the Date for the Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 with the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Monday 25 to Saturday 30 May 2026 under the leadership of His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop David Evans. You are invited to make initial enquiries about the pilgrimage via the Lourdes Administrator, Kath White: admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk or call 0121 230 6288.

Gospel Commentary: Fr Donagh O'Shea

... In reaction to the secular ideology of restless acquisition, many religious people make tradition and permanence the bedrock of their faith. Yet this too is odd; how can we be so dedicated to resisting change when the Scriptures say everything is destined for destruction?

The earliest Christians believed that the end of the world and the Second Coming were imminent. As the years went by and nothing happened they had to accommodate themselves to a longer wait. Peter had to find an answer to the 'scoffers' who said, 'Where is the promise of his coming...? All things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!' (2 Peter 3:4-5). Very cleverly he quoted Psalm (89)90:4, 'To your eyes a thousand years / Are like yesterday, come and gone, / No more than a watch in the night.' This may have given solace to the people of his own time, but it gave goose-pimples to the people of the year 1000 AD! They were quite certain that the end would come with the turn of the millennium; was it not written in 2 Peter 3:8 and Revelation 20:3? But again the end did not come.

Confident predictions of the end of the world have been made in almost every century since the first. The 19th century was especially rich in them. Various sects even gave a precise closing date: 21 March 1843, 22 October 1844, 27 June 1850.... The 20th century was even more fruitful than the 19th: 1914, 15, 18, 19, 20, 25, 41, 75 and 94.... But we are still here! Like the word of God, the earth seems to stand firm forever. The only things that pass away are the predictions of its end.

Everything within the whole is passing, but the whole is still here. Isn't death final enough for those gloomy forecasters? Why do they want to bring down the house with them? As for the Scriptures, yes there was an apocalypse in the year 70 AD: the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and scattered the nation. But the world at large kept going. As for the Second Coming, it is an integral part of Christian belief: 'Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.' But no date is given. Hope is not the same as prediction.

The Liturgy celebrates a threefold coming of Christ: the historical birth in Bethlehem, his coming at the end of time, and in between, the birth of Christ in the soul (and in our world) in the present moment.

'Not people die, but worlds die in them,' wrote Yevtushenko. When you die the world ends, in a real sense. When a generation passes away, a world passes away. Is this a great horror story? Surely not. It is death that keeps us young! If it wasn't for death we would go into a profound hibernation, mentally, spiritually and every way. We would become the horrible living-dead that Swift imagined in Gulliver's Travels.

Secretly, the world we are always trying to hold together is the ego: my skin, my security, my power, my money, my approval rating.... The profound religious tradition passed down to us is not a guarantor of any of these things. It is a promise of the unimaginable mercy of God that lies beyond them.