



## The Newman Cluster

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**The Newman Cluster is a growing into a united Catholic community comprising the following places of worship**

Christ the King ("CTK")  
124 Warren Farm Road  
Kingstanding  
B44 0QN

Our Lady of the Assumption ("OLAM")  
82 Old Oscott  
Maryvale  
B44 9SP

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**Welcome to Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Today's Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6 *He who fears the LORD honours his parents.*

**Responsorial Psalm for the Feast:** Blessed are all who fear the LORD AND walk in his ways.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:12-21 *Family life in the Lord*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! Alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home in you.

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 *"Take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt."*

**LITURGIES THIS WEEK**

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

<b>Sat</b>	27/12/25	Feast of the Holy Family (Vigil Masses)	12.00 CTK	Recitation of the rosary
			12.30 CTK	Annie Broth (Anni)
			<b>18:30 OLAM†</b>	Jim Christy Ranahan (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	28/12/25	Feast of the Holy Family	10.00 CTK	Kathleen Rice (RIP)
			<b>11.30 SMM</b>	Sean + Maureen Dargan (RIP)
<b>Mon</b>	29/12/25	Feast of St Thomas Becket Bishop and Martyr Patron of the English Clergy	07:30 SMM	Private Intention
			08:00 Con.†	Kitty Heaney (RIP)
			16.30 CTK	Reception into Church of Eddie McGuire
<b>Tue</b>	30/12/25	Sixth day within the Octave of Christmas	08.45 SMM	Recitation of the Rosary
			09:15 SMM	Luke Crann & Thomas Berne (RIP)
			11.30 CTK	Requiem Mass: Eddie McGuire
<b>Wed</b>	31/12/25	Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas	08:00 Con. †	Luke Crann & Thomas Berne (RIP)
			08.15 SMM	Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament
			09:15 SMM	Sisters Minor of St Francis
<b>Thu</b>	01/01/26	Cluster Mass: Solemnity of Our Lady, Mother of God	10.00 SMM	Canavan and Hayden families (RIP)
<b>Fri</b>	02/01/26		09.00 CTK	Martin Farrell
<b>Sat</b>	03/01/26	Second Sunday after Christmas (Vigil Masses)	12.00 CTK	Recitation of the Rosary
			12.30 CTK	Dave and Sue Byrne
			<b>18.00 OLAM</b>	John & Anne McDonnell (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	04/01/26	Second Sunday after Christmas	09:30 CTK	Stephen Burke (RIP)
			<b>11:15 SMM</b>	Trish O'Connor

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** A priest will be available to Confessions from 11.45 am on Saturdays (CTK) 5.15 pm on Saturdays (OLAM), 08.45 am on Sundays (CTK) and Wednesdays 08.15 (SMM) or by prior appointment.

**Pray For The Sick:** Jean McCabe, Paul Cowan, Gerald, John, Josephine Brown, John/Sandra Mageean, Sadie Pulido, Sarah McCallion, Claire/Mark, Carole Smith, 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 Deane, Peter Hadland, Margaret Head and Anne Cunningham.

**RIP:** Please pray for Eddie McGuire, Sarah Deane, Marid Horfe, Maureen Costello and Fr David Keniry who died recently and for Mark Coupe, Esa Susan Morton, John Joseph Riordan, Terence Stephens, Alan Collins, Joseph Thomas, Dave Edgington, Jamie Arrowsmith, Jadzia Zarzycka, Averil Cozens, John Driver, Catherine Ivy Byrne, Dom Kevin Taggart OSB, Joyce Holloway, Fr. Simon Hall, Christopher Calland, Eddie Walsh, Jennifer Harrison, Grazyna Grunau, Brenda Jones, Hughie Patrocik Underwood, Val Lennon, Danny McCrossan, Peggy Jackman, Maureen Costello, Julia Geradete Fleming, John Murtagh. Mary Teresa Doyle, Michael Patrick O'Donoghue and Anthony Creer. May they rest in peace.

**Sanctuary Lamp Dedication** throughout December at CTK is dedicated to the McCarthy family, and at OLAM to Neil Shaughnessy.



**Your Christmas Offerings:** By ancient tradition, your offerings in the collections at any of the Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are your personal offerings to the priests of the Cluster. Crib Offerings will be sent to Friends of the Holy Land.

Attendance last weekend: 164

#### Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose:	Loose:	TBC
Envelopes:	Envelopes:	TBC
S/O	S/O	TBC
<b>Total:</b>	<b>Total:</b>	TBC

#### Last Week's Collection SMM

Loose: £185.26
Envelopes: £124
New Building Fund: £12
<b>Total</b> TBC

#### Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose:	£	TBC
Envelopes:	£	TBC
S/O	£	TBC
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>TBC</b>

**Fr. Simon, Father Leonard, Dcn. Dominic and Dcn. Gary write:** We would all like to thank you for your numerous card, gifts and good wishes for Christmas. We all wish you a happy and holy Christmas Season and a peaceful 2026.

**Parish Office News:** The parish office will be closed for Christmas from 22/12/2025 and will reopen 05/01/2026 at 8.30am. Please speak to Fr Simon, Deacon Gary or Deacon Dominic after any mass should you need anything in an emergency. Should you require any **out of hours** help please call Fr Simon on 0121 373 0069 or email on [fr.simon.ellis@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.simon.ellis@rcaob.org.uk)

**Change of Sunday Mass times from 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> January:** Ministers of the Word, Ministers of Music and Altar Servers who have been generously supporting Masses which will no longer take place are very strongly encouraged to transfer their ministry to one of the four which will be celebrated from the New Year onwards. In particular, the 18.00 OLAM Mass would benefit from an influx of new lay liturgical ministers. As a result of new Ministers of the Word now joining what will become the 09.30 Mass at CTK, it will be possible for us to do something strongly encouraged by the Church and that is have separate Ministers of the Word for the First and Second Reading. The new rotas will reflect that welcome development. Altar servers from what was the 09.30 Mass at SMM are warmly invited to offer themselves for incorporation into the Altar Servers' Rota at the 09.30 Mass at CTK.

**Mass Intentions over the coming few weeks:** All the Mass intentions which have been handed in over the last week have been duly entered on our central record in the parish office. Please bear with us whilst we work out the best system for honouring them. We think we have no choice but to send a number of them to priests outside the Cluster. However, we need to make sure that we can both let you know when and where the relevant Mass will be celebrated and also we want to offer an opportunity to gather in Church for prayer and remembrance here. We will do our best to respect specific dates and requests for particular places of worship, but we cannot absolutely guarantee it.

**Parish Christmas Party:** In response to one of the points made at our recent parish meeting, there will be a social gathering after the 6 pm Mass on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. This will be an excellent opportunity for us to meet Fr. Simon informally. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

**Reorganisation of our ministry of Holy Communion to the sick and housebound:** we will need to integrate this absolutely vital ministry across the Cluster and this will inevitably require new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) to be commissioned. Please pray about whether this is a ministry you could undertake or if you have already been undertaking it, please pray about whether you are able to continue. In the New Year we will call a meeting of all existing EMHC along with any parishioners willing to offer themselves for this ministry.

**Congratulations:** Angela Hooker has now been appointed as Parish Safeguarding Representative for OLAM. Please keep her in your prayers.

**The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times.** Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives in the Cluster are Caroline Gorman (CTK), Angela Hooker (OLAM) and Renata Olkowska (SMM). To report concerns or issues email Caroline on [sg.christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk); Angela on [sg.ol-assumption.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.ol-assumption.bham@rcaob.org.uk) and Renata on [sg.margaret.mary.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.margaret.mary.bham@rcaob.org.uk) Alternatively concerns or issues can be reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on **0121 230 6240** or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk)