



## 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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B23 7AB

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### Welcome to Mass on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Today's Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 *I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth..*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will..

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! Alleluia! The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him he gave the authority to become children of God." Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 1: 29-34 *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*

**LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK:** Con: Convent; CTK: Christ the King; OLAM: Maryvale; SMM: St Margaret Mary's; MPS Maryvale Primary School

Sat	17/01/26	Second Sunday in Ordinary time (Vigil Masses)	12.00 CTK 12:30 CTK 18:00 OLAM	Recitation of the Rosary Jozef Gniadkowski (Anniv) Kathy Connor
Sun	18/01/26	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30 CTK 11.15 SMM 12.15 SMM	David & Anne Middleton & Family Maria McNee (Birthday) Baptism of Theodore and Arabella Cunningham
Mon	19/01/26	Feast Of Wulstan	07:30 SMM 11.30 SMM 08:00 Con.	Christopher & Ada Welch (RIP) Requiem Mass Michael O' Donoghue (RIP) Jacquie Caron (RIP)
Tue	20/01/26	Feria In Ordinary Time	09.30 MPS 16.00 CTK 19.00 SMM	Jim & Madge Ranahan & Family (RIP) Catechesis for FHC and Confirmation (CWS) Youth Club
Wed	21/01/26	St Agnes, Virgin Martyr Memorial	08:00 Con. 09.15 SMM 17.30 SMM	John Roche & Family (RIP) Anthony Creer (RIP) Sycamore: "The existence of God"
Thu	22/01/26	Feria In Ordinary Time		No Liturgy in Church today
Fri	23/01/26	Feria In Ordinary Time	09.00 CTK	Sheila Ferns (RIP)
Sat	24/01/26	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Masses)	12.00 CTK 12.30 CTK 18.00 OLAM	Recitation of the Rosary Ethna Whatley (RIP) Paul Thompson (RIP)
Sun	25/01/26	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 CTK 11:15 SMM	Timi (Birthday) George Parks (RIP)

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** A priest will be available to hear 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.

**18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January:** Week of prayer for Christian Unity.

**Weekday Masses at Maryvale Primary School (MPS):** The school is close to the junction of Old Oscott Hill and Old Oscott Lane B44 9AG. The School has confirmed that parishioners are most welcome to come into School for Mass.

**Sycamore Course:** The Sycamore Course offers an opportunity to get to know our faith better and to reflect on it. Sessions take place in the Newman Gallery at SMM You reach the Newman Gallery via the Church. **Parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are especially encouraged to attend.**

**Tuesday Catechesis:** This is the continuation of the programme which Deacon Gary began last term mainly for Cardinal Wiseman students. New enquirers who are not in our Cluster primary schools are asked to contact Deacon Gary.

**Sanctuary Lamp Dedication** throughout January at CTK is dedicated to the Flynn and Rice families, and at OLAM to Gheorghe Andries (Bobby)

**The parishes in the Cluster are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216**



Mass Attendance; 195

**Last Week's Collection CTK**  
 Loose: £220.21  
 Envelopes: £56.00  
 S/O  
**Total: £276.21**



Mass attendance:

**Last Week's Collection SMM**  
 Loose: TBC  
 Envelopes: TBC  
 New Building Fund: TBC  
**Total £**

To mark Peace Sunday, there will be a voluntary Second Collection for Pax Christi which spreads the Gospel values of peace, reconciliation and non-violence. To read a message from Pope Leo for this year's Peace Sunday go to: [Peace Sunday 2026 – Pax Christi England and Wales](https://www.paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2026-pax-christi-england-and-wales)

**Mass Attendance; 39****Last Week's Collection OLAM**

Loose:	£ 46.00
Envelopes:	£ 69.00
S/O	£
<b>Total: £ 115.00</b>	

**Fr. Simon writes:** This week our focus is the week of prayer for Christian Unity, also known as the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, which runs for the old feast of St Peter on 18<sup>th</sup> January, through to the conversion of St Paul on 25<sup>th</sup> January. May these fearless apostles inspire us always to pray and work for the unity for which Christ prayed (John 17:21). A unity which is always rooted in God who is three in one.

**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 Margaret Costello (Peggy), Patricia Anne Donelly, Eddie McGuire 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 Patrlcik Underwood, Val Lennon, Danny McCrossan, Peggy Jackman, Julia Geradete Fleming, John Murtagh, Michael Patrick O'Donoghue, Anthony Crear; Ruth Black, Michael Coffey, Fr. Osmond Abbott, and Christopher Diggle. **Forthcoming Funerals** Teresa Mary Doyle's Funeral Service will be celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 11 am at St Mary and St John's Catholic Church Gravelly Hill, Erdington. Margaret Mary Costello's Funeral Service will be celebrated on 13<sup>th</sup> February at OLAM, Margaret will be received into church on 12<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm. Patricia Anne Donelly's funeral service will be celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> February at 12.00 at SMM. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!

**Altar Servers' Retreat:** We have a Cluster youth event at Alton Castle 27 Feb - 1 Mar, which is for altar servers. The cost is (subsidised) at £45 per child for the weekend. If you are interested please deliver £45 cash to me clearly marked with child's name to church office or to me direct. Please also fill in young person consent form on: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5196821> And let Fr. Simon, know you have done so. Final numbers will need to be counted by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, please make sure all payments are handed in to the parish office by this date.

**Mass Intentions:** We will do our best to respect specific dates and requests for particular places of worship, but we cannot absolutely guarantee it. In particular, we cannot necessarily ensure that a weekend Sunday Mass will be available. Please continue to put your envelope and stipend into the parish office so that we can keep a record of all Masses requested. There will need to be a discussion at the next Parish Pastoral Council meeting about the best long-term solution in the circumstances.

**Next Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council ("PPC"):** The next meeting of the PPC will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Guild Room. If there are matters you would like to raise, please speak to any PP Councillor and it will get on to the agenda.

**Merger Consultation – Next Meeting:** There will be a meeting in the Maryvale Community Centre, Old Oscott Hill B44 9SP on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 3 pm** to consider issues raised in the September consultation specifically about that area of the Cluster. Anybody in the Cluster is welcome to attend whether they worship regularly at OLAM or not.

**Christmas Jumpers:** We are now collecting any unwanted Christmas Jumpers, Cardigans, wrapping paper and gifts. If you have any unwanted items, please call Claire in the parish office on 0121 3730988 to arrange drop off between Monday-Friday 8.30am-3pm

**Job vacancy:** The Newman Centre on the Boldmere Road managed by St Nicholas, Boldmere, has a vacancy for a part-time Supervisor working c.10 hours a week at £12.72 per hour. Further details are at the back of Church.

**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)