



## The Newman Cluster

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

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B44 0QN

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

**CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR ON PALM SUNDAY MORNING**

**Welcome to Mass on Palm Sunday – the beginning of Holy Week**

### Today's Liturgy of the Word

**Gospel at the beginning of Mass:** Matthew 21 1-11 *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7 *I hid not my face from disgrace and I know that I shall not be put to shame.*

**Responsorial Psalm 22 (21)** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11 *He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

### THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

<b>Sat</b> 28/03/2026	Palm Sunday (Vigil Masses)	12.00 CTK	Recitation of the Rosary
		12.30 CTK	Susan Ashford (Birthday)
		18.00 OLAM	Eric Pitt (Anni)
<b>Sun</b> 29/03/26	Palm Sunday Passion Of The Lord	09:30 CTK	Kif limariam Teklemariam (RIP)
		11:15 SMM	Josephine Jennings
<b>Mon</b> 30/03/26	Monday Of Holy Week The Reconciliation Service at Erdington Abbey is for the Newman Cluster and the Perpetual Help Cluster of which the Erdington Abbey is a member.	07:30 SMM	Private Intention
		<b>08.00 Con</b>	<b>NO MASS IN THE CONVENT</b>
		<b>09.00 CTK</b>	<b>Delia Byrne (RIP)</b>
		<b>19.00 EA</b>	<b>Reconciliation Service</b>
<b>Tue</b> 31/03/26	Tuesday Of Holy Week	09.30 <b>SMM</b>	Private Intention
		11.30 CTK	Requiem Mass for Joan McKillop
		18.00 SMM	Stations of the Cross
<b>Wed</b> 01/04/26	Wednesday Of Holy Week	08:00 Con.	<b>NO MASS IN THE CONVENT</b>
		08.15 SMM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		09.15 SMM	Teresa Downey (RIP)

**Please sign up to the Volunteer Sheet for the Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday and for Watching after the Evening Mass of the Last Supper. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on duty are asked to see Deacon Gary at 7.00 pm on Holy Thursday and 7.30 pm on Holy Saturday to run through the administration of the Precious Blood from the chalice.**

<b>Thur</b> 02/04/26	Thursday Of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday) Commissioning of <b>ALL</b> Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	19.30 CTK	Ken & Marion Levell (RIP)
<b>Fri</b> 03/04/26	Good Friday The Walk of Witness at 10.00 is in the City Centre beginning Carrs Lane Church. The Walk of Witness at 10.30 begins at the Oikos Café in Erdington.  The 15.00 Liturgy will be celebrated in each of the three places of worship in the Cluster.	10.00	Walk of Witness
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		11.00 CTK	Children's Stations of the Cross
		15.00	Solemn Celebration of the Passion
		19.00 CTK	Stations Of the Cross led by the Youth Group
<b>Sat</b> 04/04/2026	Holy Saturday <b>NOTE THERE IS NO 12.30 PM TODAY</b>	11.00 CTK	Blessing of Easter Baskets
		20.00 OLAM	Kitty Heaney (RIP)
<b>Sun</b> 05/04/2026	Solemnity Of The Resurrection Of The Lord	09.30 CTK	Luke Byrne (RIP)
		11.15 SMM	Josephene Jennings

**Fr. Simon Writes:** Of all the words we shall hear this coming week, perhaps the most powerful are from John 13 (verse 1) *"Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end"*. May you feel in your heart this Holy Week, to quote St Francis of Assisi, *"the immeasurable love which inflamed you - the Son of God - and led you to suffer willingly such tortures for we wretched sinners."*

**Sanctuary Lamp Dedication** throughout March the Sanctuary Lamp at CTK is dedicated to the Ikwuka & Ubah Families. There is still space to make a dedication at OLAM. Please contact Claire at the Presbytery to place your dedication for forthcoming months..

**Pray For the Sick:** 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, Anne Cunningham and Anne O'Brien (Deacon Gary's mother).

**RIP: Please pray for:** Eddie Walsh, Jennifer Harrison, Grazyna Grunau, Brenda Jones, Hughie Patrlcik Underwood, Val Lennon, Danny McCrossan, Peggy Jackman, John Murtagh, Michael Patrick O'Donoghue, Anthony Crear; Ruth Black, Michael Coffey, Fr. Osmond Aisbitt, Esther Hill, Margaret Greenleaf, Nola Murray, Edward Oliver Bailey, David Fitzsimons, Takii Mariam, Christopher Diggle and William Vincent Moloney.

**Forthcoming Funerals: John Daniel Murphy:** John's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at CTK on 08/04 at 10.00 am.  
**Bridget Nescar:** Bridget will be received into SMM Church on 15/04 at 4.30pm. Bridget's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on 16/04 at 10.30am at SMM. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!

**St Margaret Mary CTK/OLAM**

Mass Count: CTK 350 OLAM: 83 SMM:137



**Last Week's Collection CTK**  
Loose: £ 399.02  
Envelopes: £ 132.00  
S/O £ 171.31  
**Total £ 702.33**

**Last Week's Collection SMM**  
Envelopes: £ £72.00  
Loose: £ £299.93  
**Total: £ 371.93**

**Last Week's Collection OLAM**  
Loose: £122.48  
Envelopes: £ 123.50  
S/O £ 73.58  
**Total: £ 319.56**

**The Cluster 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.christtheking.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.christtheking.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)