



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 9SP

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Welcome to Mass on Easter Sunday – the Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Today's Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 10: 34 -43 *We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.*

Responsorial Psalm 118 (117) *This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad.*

Second Reading: Colossians 3-14 *Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.*

The Sequence: *Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise (Victimae Paschali Laudes).*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28: 1-10 *He is risen and he is going before you to Galilee.*

Solemn Dismissal: *The priest/deacon sings: Go in peace Alleluia! Alleluia!. The congregation responds: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Sun 05/04/26	Easter Sunday Sequence and Solemn Dismissal	09:30 CTK	Luke Byrne (RIP)
		11:15 SMM	Michael, Mary & Michael Jnr Meughan
Mon 06/04/26	Easter Monday	07:30 SMM	Private Intention
		08.00 Con	St Marie Inglis (RIP)
Tue 07/04/26	Easter Tuesday	09.30 SMM	Anna Thi Huong Nguyen (RIP)
Wed 08/04/26	Easter Wednesday	08:00 Con.	Nancy Conlon (RIP)
		10.00 CTK	Requiem Mass: John Murphy
Thurs 09/04/26	Easter Thursday	No Liturgy today	
Fri 10/04/26	Easter Friday	No Liturgy today	
Sat 11/04/26	Easter Saturday	12.00 CTK	Rosary – Glorious Mysteries
		12.30 CTK	June Bernes (Anni)
		18.00 OLAM	Kathleen Smith
Sun 12/04/26	Second Sunday of Easter Solemn Dismissal	09.30 CTK	Josie Cooper & the deceased members of the Cooper family
		11.15 SMM	Evelyn Butler (B'day)

Fr. Simon Writes: St Ambrose said, the Lord always grants more than we can ask: the penitent thief only asked Jesus to remember him, but the Lord says to him, 'Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.' How true for us as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death on the cross and his rising from the dead on the third day. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

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.

Mass Count: 29/03
 CTK: 390
 OLAM: 63
 SMM: 205

**Last Week's Collection CTK**

Loose:	£415.35
Envelopes:	£ 82.00
S/O	£ 171.31
Total	£ 668.66

Last Week's Collection

SMM – count to be confirmed
 next week.
 Centenary: £250
 Gift Aid: £183
 Loose: £339.75
 Total: £772.75

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose:	£ 104.51
Envelopes:	£ 104.30
S/O	£ 73.58
Total:	£ 282.39

What is the Sequence? A "Sequence" is an ancient liturgical hymn, like the Gloria. It is so called because the hymn follows the Second Reading. [Think of the word "consequence" which comes from the same Latin root word.] We have Sequences on three Sundays of the year: Easter Sunday, Pentecost Sunday and the Sunday on which we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord. It is designed to help us meditate on the key message of the Readings we have just heard. That is why we sit for it. Sitting is the posture for learning.

Why do we have a Solemn Dismissal? Having fasted from the Alleluia for the 40 days of Lent we go large on Alleluias between Easter Sunday the Second Sunday of Easter inclusive. So important is the Solemnity of the Resurrection that in the Church's mind, the whole of this period is Easter day.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedication There is still space to make a dedication of the Sanctuary Lamp at both CTK and OLAM. Please contact Claire at the Presbytery to reserve your dedication for forthcoming months..

Pray For the Sick: Paul Walker, 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, Anne O'Brien (Deacon Gary's mother), Pat Donnelly and Paul Walker.

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, William Vincent Moloney Ann Crosby, Deacon Stephen O'Connor, Fr. Jospeh Narikuzhi, John Murphy, Kitty Woulfe and Kerry Volante..

Forthcoming Funerals: John Daniel Murphy: John's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at CTK on 08/04 at 10.00 am.
Bridget Nestor: 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!

Easter Holiday closures: (1) The Parish Office takes a break and will re-open as usual on Easter Tuesday at 08.30 am. (2) Refreshments after 9.30 am Mass - The refreshments team are taking a well-earned break on 12 April so there will be no refreshments available. However we look forward to seeing everyone after the 9.30am Mass on 19 April. (3) Our Children's Liturgy team will also be taking a well-earned break whilst CTK Primary School is on Easter Holiday. The next Children's Liturgy at the 09.30 Mass will be on 26th April.

Deacon Gary's Catechism Class: this will resume on Tuesday 21st April at the usual time of 4 pm in the Guild Room.

Merger Petition: The Merger Petition has been sent to Archbishop Bernard who has acknowledged receipt. He will be considering it with other senior priests of the Archdiocese on 16th April. As soon as there is more news, Deacon Gary will pass this on.

Volunteer wanted: New Heights is seeking a volunteer to lead its crochet class which meets on Tuesdays between 11 am and 1 pm. The group is all about creativity, relaxation, laughing, good company and mutual support as they learn.

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; Angela on sg.ol-assumption.bham@rcaob.org.uk and Renata on 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