



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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Welcome to Mass on the Second Sunday of Easter: "Divine Mercy" Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47 *All who believed were together and had all things in common.*

Responsorial Psalm 118 (117) Give praise to the LORD for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9 *He caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

The Sequence: Christians to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia! Alleluia! You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 20: 19-31 *Eight days later, Jesus came.*

Sat 11/04/2026	Saturday of the Easter Octave	12.00 CTK	Recitation of the Rosary
	Second Sunday of Easter (Vigil Masses)	12.30 CTK 18.00 OLAM	June Bernes (Anni) Kathleen Smith
Sun 12/04/26	Second Sunday of Easter Our Divine Mercy devotions will be led by the Cluster Polish Welfare Association	09:30 CTK	Josie Cooper & Deceased Members of the Cooper Family
		11:15 SMM	Bernadette Kenny (Anni) & deceased members of the Kenny Family
		15.00 SMM	Divine Mercy Devotions
Mon 13/04/26	Easter Feria	07:30 SMM	Kitty Heaney (RIP)
		08.00 Con	Michael Cleary
		18.30 CTK	Choir Practice
Tue 14/04/26	Easter Feria	09.30 MPS	Phelim Hoare (RIP)
Wed 15/04/26	Easter Feria There will be Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at SMM from 08.15 today.	08:00 Con.	Tommie Byrne (RIP)
		09.15 SMM	Kitty Byrne
		11.00 OLAM	Funeral: Mary Jean Whitehouse
		16.30 SMM	Reception of Bridget Nestor
		17.30 SMM	Sycamore: details on next page.
Thurs 16/04/26	Easter Feria	10.30 SMM	Requiem Mass: Bridget Nestor
		18.00 CTK	Reception of Margaret Hines
Fri 17/04/26	Easter Feria	09.00 CTK	John & Theresa Douglas
		11.00 CTK	Requiem Mass: Margaret Hines
Sat 18/04/2026	Third Sunday of Easter (Vigil Masses) and other events. The 12.30 Mas at CTK will be preceded by the Recitation of the Rosary	12.30 CTK	Declan Butler
		14.00 SMM	Marriage of Natasha McCunnie and Clarke Dulton
		15.00 Con	Half-Day of Recollection
		18.00 OLAM	Micheal Deane
Sun 19/04/2026	Third Sunday of Easter	09.30 CTK	Matthew Bridger (Birthday) (RIP)
		11.15 SMM	Evelyn Butler (B'day)
		16.30 CTK	Holy Hour for the Dignity of Life

Prayer of the Faithful

Fr Simon writes: On behalf of all the clergy, I would like to thank all parishioners for their kind wishes, cards and gifts during this Easter season, and assure you of our prayers for you and all your families and friends. Let us remember all those recently baptised and confirmed and those received into the Church, reflecting on the words of St Ignatius of Antioch that *"all the ends of the earth, all the kingdoms of the world would be no profit to you or me....to die in Jesus Christ [in baptism] is better than to be monarch of earth's widest bounds. He who died for me is all I seek; he who rose again for us is my whole desire."*

Archbishop Bernard writes: ***Diocese of Arundel and Brighton*** Following the Installation of Archbishop Richard Moth as Archbishop of Westminster, the College of Consultors of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton has met and elected a Diocesan Administrator. The College has chosen Canon Jonathan Martin, the Diocesan Chancellor and former Vicar General, to serve in this role. ***Diocese of Hallam*** We wish Bishop Ralph Heskett CSSR every blessing following the Holy Father's recent acceptance of his resignation as Bishop of Hallam and assure Bishop Marcus Stock of our prayers on his appointment as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Hallam in addition to his current responsibilities as Bishop of Leeds and Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

What happens in a Half-Day of Recollection? The format for these events at the Convent is that there is always a talk preceded by some prayer and worship. The guest speaker for the Half-day on 18th April is our very own Deacon Dominic. After a break for tea, there is Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The Half-Day begins at 3 pm and ends just after 5 pm.

Pope Leo's Prayer intentions for April: When we pray for the Pope's intentions at the beginning of the Rosary, our Holy Father asks us during April specifically to pray for priests in crisis: "Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer."

Sanctuary Lamp Dedication throughout April, both at OLAM and at CTK, the Sanctuary lamp is dedicated to the intentions of Deacon Gary and his family.

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).

Please pray for the recently departed: We offer our prayers for the repose of the souls of Patricia Donnelly, Paul Walker (né Paul Brian Tover), Prof. Judith Champ, Alan Horton, Michael McNally, Michael Long, John Fleming, Nicola Vizard Howell, Christy O'Reilly, Henry Joseph Cunningham all of whom have recently died.

Forthcoming Funerals: Henry Cunningham's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on 20th April at 11.00 at SMM; John Orange's Funeral will take place at Perry Barr Crematorium at 11.30 am; Catherine Woulfe will be received into Church on 21st April at SMM at 4 pm and her Requiem Mass will be celebrated in SMM on 22nd April 11.30 am; the Funeral of Paul Walker (né Paul Brian Tovey) will take place at Perry Barr Crematorium on 24th April at 12.30 pm; Michael Long's Funeral will take place on 27th April at 1 pm; Michael McNally will be received into Church on 30th April at 6 pm at SMM and his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on 1st May at SMM at 12.00 noon. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!

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, John Daniel Murphy and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Holy Hour for Life: This Holy Hour has been arranged to take place at 5.30pm (Rome time) on the Sunday afternoon of the Bishops' Conference Spring Plenary (19 April) taking place at Palazzola (Rome). The aim is to enable parishes across the country to hold a Holy Hour at the same time (4.30pm UK Time) so as to unite themselves in prayer with our bishops.

St Margaret Mary

CTK/OLAM

Mass Count: CTK 411 OLAM: 195 SMM:TBC



Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose:	£ 577.57
Envelopes:	£ 106.00
S/O	£ 171.31
Total	£ 854.88

**Last Week's Collection
SMM To be confirmed next**

week	
Envelopes:	£
Loose:	£
Total:	£

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose:	£186.37
Envelopes:	£ 101.50
S/O	£ 73.58
Total:	£ 361.45

Term Dates and School Masses: Maryvale Catholic Primary School returns from its Easter Holiday on 13th April and so the Tuesday Mass will revert to being celebrated in the School Hall at the usual time of 09.30. The first Mass of the summer term is on 14th April at which Fr. Jude will preside. St Margaret Mary RC Junior and Infant School likewise returns on 13th April and the first School Mass will be in SMM church as usual at 09.15 on 15th April for Years 1 and 4. Christ the King Catholic Primary School returns on 20th April and so the Mass on Friday at 09.00 will be a Mass for Friday of the Second Week of Easter without the participation of the pupils and staff. Any parishioner is welcome to join any of the School Masses during the week.

Masses in the Convent: We are very grateful to Bishop David who is always willing to celebrate a Mass at 08.00 on Mondays and Wednesdays whenever his diary permits. From time to time it is not possible to provide Mass in the Convent. **We try to give as much notice as we can but please help the Parish Office by making sure that you put your telephone number on the Mass intention envelope so that we can contact you directly.** If Mass in the Convent has to be cancelled, then any Mass intention set for it will be rescheduled. **There will be no Mass in the Convent on either 20th or 22nd April** because Bishop David is at the Plenary Meeting of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

First Friday Masses in the Sacred Heart Chapel, Maryvale: the First Friday in April coincided with Good Friday which is one of the two days in the year when the Church never celebrates Holy Mass. The next First Friday Mass will be on 3rd May at the usual time of 7 pm.

Sycamore Talks at SMM: These take place in the Newman Gallery which is accessed via the steps at the back of the Church. The topic for the forthcoming talk is: "the search for happiness".

Document on the Ordinariates: The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (a Department of the Vatican in Rome) has recently issued a document concerning the Ordinariates established under the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus*. The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham of which Fr. Simon and Fr. Leonard and others in the Cluster are members is one such Ordinariate. The Prefect of the Dicastery (Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernández) has requested that the document be disseminated as widely as possible. There are copies at the back of each Church and more can always be requested from the Parish Office.

Retrouvaille Marriage Ministry: Retrouvaille is a marriage ministry, run by Catholics, to support marriages in trouble. It runs two programmes each year, catering to about 75 couples, who need help to find hope and healing in their relationship. The majority of couples find out about this ministry through parish newsletters and you might like to include the following in your bulletin: From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443.

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

Highlights of the Easter Season in the Newman Cluster

21 st April	18.00 CTK	Fr. Simon's Induction as Parish Priest followed by a celebration in the Kingstanding Inn.
30 th April	19.00 CTK	Remembrance Service for our Faithful Departed
9 th May	11.00 OLAM	First Holy Communion for children in Y3 at Maryvale Catholic Primary School.
1 st May	09.30 CTK	Dedication of the newly baptised (Nigerian Rite)
14 th May	ALL	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
23 rd May	12.30 CTK	Vigil of Pentecost; Sacraments of Initiation for those in Deacon Gary's Catechism Class [OLAM Mass at 18.00 as usual].
24 th May	CTK	Pentecost: African Mass: time to be confirmed [Morning Masses as usual]

Please put these dates in your diary.

Remembrance of our Faithful Departed: Thank you to everyone who supported this initiative either by attending in person or on the live stream. Deacon Gary was greatly encouraged by the kind comments he received afterwards. This service combines Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Official Prayer of the Church for the Faithful Departed and Benediction. Since those watching on-line will not have this service in their Missal, the service sheet will be circulated in advance with the emailed copies of the Newsletter and posted on-line

Rosary in the Easter Season: During the Easter Season, our dedicated Rosary Group has been asked to focus on the Glorious Mysteries. The Glorious Mysteries are more attuned to our celebrations in the Easter Season.

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