



### The Newman Cluster

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

#### WELCOME TO MASS ON THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>Sat</b>	20/06/26	Feria In Ordinary Time	09.00 CTK	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
			11.00 CTK	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
			12.00 CTK	Recitation of the Rosary
		Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Masses)	12.30 CTK	Neil Broth (Anni)
			18.00 OLAM	Sarah Deane (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	21/06 /26	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Tea/Coffee St John's Centre (CTK)</i>	09.30 CTK	Lola Oke Birthday Thanksgiving
			11:15 SMM	Richard Harnett (RIP)
<b>Mon</b>	22/06/26	Feast of St John Fisher and St. Thomas More	07.30 SMM 08.00 Con	<b>Cancelled</b> Private Intention
<b>Tue</b>	23/06/26	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>MPS = Maryvale Catholic Primary School, Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham B44 9AG.</i>	09.30 MPS	Kathleen Smith (RIP)
			19:00 SMM	Youth Club
<b>Wed</b>	24/06/26	Solemnity Of the Nativity of St John The Baptist	08.00 Con	Barbara Faherty
			08.15 SMM	Adoration and Confession
			09.15 SMM	Sally (RIP)
			11.30 CTK	<b>David Hood, Requiem Mass</b>
			11.30 OLAM	<b>Declan Kennelly Requiem Mass</b>
<b>Thur</b>	25/06/26	Feria In Ordinary Time	17:00 CTK	<b>Christine O'Neill Received into Church</b>
			17:30 SMM	Sycamore
<b>Fri</b>	26/0626	Feria In Ordinary Time <i>Teacher Training Day: CTK Primary School Closed to Pupils</i>	09.00 CTK	Barnabas Nchengha Agendia
			11.00 CTK	<b>Christine O'Neill Requiem Mass</b>
<b>Sat</b>	27/06/26	Feria in Ordinary Time Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul (Vigil Masses)	12.00 CTK	Rosary
			12.30 CTK	Christine Green
			18.00 OLAM	Mandy Davies
<b>Sun</b>	28/06/26	Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul	09.30 CTK	Brookes, Holder & Rose Families
			09.30 CTK	No Children's Liturgy- Please see notice In Newsletter
			11.15 SMM	Richard Harnett (RIP)
			16.00 CTK	<b>Margaret O'Donovan Received into Church</b>

**Fr Simon writes:** The Times newspaper started in 1978, on the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Thomas More's birth. *'If the English people were to be set a test to justify their history and civilization by the example of one man, then it is Sir Thomas More whom they would perhaps choose.'* Pope St John Paul II also proclaimed in, 2000, Thomas More to be the patron saint of politicians on the basis of his 'constant fidelity to legitimate authority and his intention to serve not power but the supreme ideal of justice'. We keep St Thomas More, Chancellor of England, on 22 June, together with St John Fisher: lone voices who stood up to the tyrant, King Henry VIII.

**Sanctuary Lamp Dedication:** The Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated throughout June at CTK to Constance Makombe for her 79<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The opportunity to dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp at OLAM is still available. Please contact the parish office should you wish to book.

**Pray For the Sick:** Paul Cowan, Gerald, John, Josephine Brown, 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 Horton, Peggy O'Donovan, Pauline O'Brien, Elizabeth Teague, Christine Stephens, Margaret Coogan, Sadie Kennelly, 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 Joshua Heard, Dorothy Dolman, Declan Kennelly, Lee Butler, Zoe Pelling John Joseph Mageean, Thomas Cunningham, David Hood, Christine O'Neill, Margaret Donovan Hugh McConway Michael Deane, *Chief Tabetamdo*, Eamonn Boylan, Zdzislaw Gorlewski, Kerry Volante, Anne Forrest Alan Horton, Eddie Walsh, Jennifer Harrison, all who have recently died.

#### **Forthcoming Funerals:**

<b>David Hood:</b> David's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am at CTK.
<b>Declan Kennelly:</b> Declan's Requiem mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am at OLAM.
<b>Christine O'Neill:</b> Christine will be received into CTK church on 25 <sup>th</sup> June at 5pm and Christine's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on 26 <sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am at CTK.
<b>Margaret O'Donovan:</b> Margaret will be received into church on Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June at 4pm at CTK and Margarets Requiem Mass will be celebrated on 29 <sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am at CTK,
<b>Hugh McConway:</b> Hugh will be received into SMM church on Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June at 5pm and Hugh's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on 30 <sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am at SMM.
<b>Helena Kinsella:</b> Helena's funeral service will be celebrated on Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July at 11am at CTK.
<b>John Joseph Mageean:</b> John will be received into CTK church on 6 <sup>th</sup> July at 6pm and his requiem mass will be celebrated on 7 <sup>th</sup> July at CTK at 12.00pm

**May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

**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 must be cancelled, then any Mass intention set for it will be rescheduled.

**Ministry of Sacristan:** We are still seeking congregation members to ask themselves whether they can offer themselves for the role of Sacristan of CTK It is a role open to anyone over 16 years of age. Full training and induction will be given. Please email the parish office with your interest or speak with Deacon Gary

**The Ministry of Holy Communion at Sunday Vigil Masses:** We need to expand the team of those who are available to assist with Holy Communion at the Masses on Saturdays. The Clergy will be approaching those who have either exercised this ministry previously or otherwise shown an interest but if anyone else wishes to step forward as well, please do so.

**March For Life:** Join the coach for March for Life UK on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September in London for the annual march. Age-appropriate sessions for children, teens and youth of all ages throughout the morning. 14 Bishops attending! Coach leaves St Chads Cathedral at 7.30am. A fee of £25.00 per seat is required (priests & pastors seats are free but still need booking) Contact Alice on 0785706362 [alicegreennan@googlemail.com](mailto:alicegreennan@googlemail.com) to book your place or [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk) to find more information about the day.

## Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremaih 20: 10-13 *"He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers."*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 69 (68): 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 *"In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord."*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5: 12-15 *"The free gift is not like the trespass."*

Gospel Acclamation: *The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord, and you also will bear witness."*

Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33 *"Do not fear those who kill the body."*

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Newman Cluster

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered before all Sunday Masses at CTK and OLAM and before the Wednesday Mass at SMM. A priest will be available from the stated time in the weekly calendar on the first page until 15 minutes before the start of Mass. The priest will not be able to hear any more confessions after that time because he will need to vest and say his preparatory prayers before Mass.

## Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

### Second Collection: Day For Life

#### CTK



#### OLAM



#### SMM – Ordinariate OLW



#### Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose	£402.04
Envelopes:	£127.00
S/O	£171.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>£700.35</b>
<b>Mass Count:</b>	<b>342</b>

#### Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose	£85.74
Envelopes	£87.50
S/O	£73.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£246.74</b>
<b>Mass Count:</b>	<b>46</b>

#### Last Weeks Collection

Loose	£254.93
Envelopes	£134.00
B/Fund	£N/A
S/C-	£ N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>£388.93</b>
<b>Mass Count:</b>	<b>195</b>

**SMM: Welcome Centre at St Margaret Mary Church:** Construction of the new Welcome Centre began on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. For work to be carried out safely the usual entrance (south door) will be closed, so please use the West doors to enter church. Church will be open at the usual times (8am - 5pm) every day. Please do not hesitate to call or email if you have any concerns or problems. Construction will last approximately 16 weeks.

**SMM School & Parish Centenary Community Fair:** A Centenary Fair will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at SMM School 3pm. Please come along to support such a fantastic event

**SMM Raffle:** Raffle tickets are on sale for the Raffle from 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July, please contact Christine Glasgow at SMM Church. The draw will take place after the 11.15am Mass on 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**Newsletter:** As you may see our newsletter has somewhat grown since our cluster of three churches has come together and with all the important information that must be gathered within it. The office has now structured a way to improve the production of the newsletter. From Monday each week until Thursday 2pm any requests made to be contained within that week's business and allowing for space must be made direct to the office within this timeframe, any request after Thursday 2pm will be directed toward the following week. The newsletter will then be proofread by an individual party and sent to Fr Simon before printing commences.

**Mass Intentions:** We know that some parishioners have given Mass Intentions to be said and still haven't seen a recorded mass. Please know that your intentions are still on the waiting list, but the specific dates list of intentions is still incredibly long and now standing at 150, we are doing our very best to move through all intentions given. Please feel free to call Claire in the parish office should you require an update or if you would consider having your requested mass sent out of the parish, to another church within our parish or given to Fr Jude for a private mass. **All Mass intentions require a stipend before the Mass can be recorded.**

**Children's Liturgy:** There will be no children's liturgy on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 26, we will return on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. You will be notified of the dates for summer break in July.

## Dates for your diaries

3 <sup>rd</sup> July	CTK	CTK office will be closed for this day only
10 <sup>th</sup> July	SMM	Centenary Community Fair
19 <sup>th</sup> July	SMM	Raffle Draw

### Other Clergy and Religious Sisters in the Cluster

- Assistant Priest: Fr Leonard Cox [fr.leonard.cox@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.leonard.cox@rcaob.org.uk)
- Also in the Parish: Fr. Jude Mbonu [fr.jude.mbonu@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.jude.mbonu@rcaob.org.uk)
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- Rev. Mr. Dominic Fahey [dcn.dominic.fahey@rcaob.org.UK](mailto:dcn.dominic.fahey@rcaob.org.UK)
- Convent of the Sisters of the Minor St Francis, 192 Hawthorn Rd B44 8PU, Email: [smsfbirmingham@gmail.com](mailto:smsfbirmingham@gmail.com)

**Update on Deacon Gary's Absence:** As most people will know by now, Deacon Gary's mother was rushed into hospital on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Archbishop Bernard has generously allowed Deacon Gary special leave of absence from the Archdiocese to enable him to attend to this difficult situation. Deacon Gary's mother lives in Wales. Currently, Deacon Gary's mother remains in Carmarthen General Hospital, but she is still hoping to be discharged soon with a care package in place. We do not expect Deacon Gary to be back in the parish full time until Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. In the meantime, he remains very grateful indeed for all the support in prayer and otherwise that he and his family are receiving from Fr. Simon, in particular, and yourselves also at this time.

### Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 20<sup>th</sup>/ 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

CTK [12.30 pm]	OLAM [18.00]	CTK [09.30 am]	SMM [11.15 am]
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	<b>Ministers of the Word</b>
Aoife	TBC	Oscott	Kate Ellis
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>
Sue	TBC	Oscott	TBC

**Ministry of Catechist:** We need some extra support for the valuable work the Loretto and the Sisters do with our parish and children who are not in Catholic Schools. This will require formation and training. For an initial discussion about what this vital ministry entails, please contact Loretto on 07732474470 or speak to any of the Parish Clergy.

**Ministry of Sacristan:** We are very grateful to Mandy and Alex who after a number of years of service have indicated that they wish to step back from being Sunday Sacristans. Their work has been much appreciated. We wish them joy in their retirement from liturgical ministry. At their suggestion, and Patience's as well, we would like to invite other members of the congregation to pray this and ask themselves whether they can offer themselves for this role. It is a role open to anyone over 16 years of age. Full training and induction will be given.

**APF Missio: Red Boxes** (which are personal and labelled and now empty!) are available from the back of SMM Church. We raised £808.20. Many thanks. **Christ the King** also raised £734.24, please contact the office to receive a Red Box from CTK

**Oscott College:** We Believe Festival (24-27 July at Oscott College) Festival Bookings can be made via the following link and the poster attached to the notice board at the back of church.

<https://tickets.webelievefestival.com/book?group=P26BWAFT>

**Ministry of Safeguarding:** 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)

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