



The Parishes of Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale and Christ the King, Kingstanding



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Hymns: (CTK: Ent: 25; Off: 391; Com: 355; Rec: 322) (OLAM: Ent: 17; Off: 356; Com: 329; Rec: 293)

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89(90): 3-6, 12-14, 17

R: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 30/07/22	10:00 Mon	Feria	Frank Brady (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Neil Broth
	18:00 OLAM		Anthony McLoughlin
Sun 31/07/22	10:00 CTK	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Bill Rice RIP
	11:30 OLAM †		Fr Steven Fleming
Mon 01/08/22	08:00 Con.†	St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori (Bishop) (Mem)	Kathleen Callan RIP
	09:30 Mon.		Janina Mikula
Tue 02/08/22	09:30 Mon.†	Feria	Wladyslaw & Elenora Banat
	12:00 CTK		Nancy Byrne (RIP)
Wed 03/08/22	08:00 Con.†	Feria	Julia Casey (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.		Madge Ranahan (RIP)
Thu 04/08/22	09:30 Mon.†	St. John Mary Vianney (Mem)	Reginald Roy Watts (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		John William Kelly (Requiem)
Fri 05/08/22	09:30 Mon.	Feria	Eileen & Eamonn Gilsean (Wed. Ann.)
	12:00 CTK†		Chris Walsh
Sat 06/08/22	10:00 Mon	Transfiguration of the Lord	Mary Synott
	12:30 CTK		Billy Cassidy (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM†		Stan Gniadkowski (Anni.)
Sun 07/08/22	10:00 CTK	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Leo O'Reilly (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Ronnie Dunn (RIP)

Bible Study with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the church of Our Lady of the Assumption **every Tuesday** at 7:00pm.

Rosary Group: meeting **every Wednesday** in Christ the King Church at 3:30pm, following Church cleaning at 2.30.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Jo Teece, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Kyle Billing, Nicola Jones, Daniel Kelly, Patricia Nash, Alberto Bolongaro, Arjun Paul, Teresa Webb, Rose Lewsley, Mary Hickey, Sr Marie, Carol Timmis, Carlos Beckford and Ann Wilkin. **Please pray for them and their families.**

RIP: Pray for the souls of John Kelly, Mary (Josie) Fahey and Patricia Braney who died recently. May they rest in peace. **Funeral Services:** **John Kelly:** Thu 04/08/22 at 12.00, CTK; **Josie Fahey:** Thu 11/08/22 at 11.00, CTK.

Are You Planning To Have Your Child Baptised? If so, please come to the next monthly meeting, to be held at Christ the King Church on Sunday 7th August at 3:00pm.

Visit of the relics of St Bernadette, 7-10 October 2022: For details of the visit of the Relics of St Bernadette St Joseph's Home, Coleshill (by invitation only), St Chad's Cathedral, the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hedgesford and The Immaculate Conception, Bicester, please see the diocesan website. A letter from the National Organiser, Fr Dennis Touw, together with a poster and further details about the tour is also available via the diocesan intranet. Please indicate your participation by registering online as outlined in Fr Touw's letter.

Annual Novena of Prayer for the canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi: (18/08/22 until the Feast of Blessed Dominic on 26/08/22). O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God: Pray for us.

APF Mission Boxes: If you have a red APF Mission box, can you please hand them in after any Mass, so that the contents can be emptied, and the combined amounts forwarded to the Missions. If anyone would like to have a box within their home, please let Fr. The know. Many thanks for your continued support for the Missions.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose:	£	363.04
Envelopes:	£	74.00
Standing Orders:	£	206.69
Total:	£	643.73

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose:	£	273.28
Envelopes:	£	185.70
Standing Orders:	£	51.92
Total:	£	510.90

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Gospel Commentary – Fr Donagh O'Shea, OP

The vision of Ecclesiastes (also known as Qoheleth the Preacher) in the first reading at today's Mass is a particularly bleak one. It still appeals greatly to people with a pessimistic turn of mind. "I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing of the wind" (1:14). Scholars say it represents an era of crisis in biblical history, a period of self-questioning; and that through it came a deepening of the spirit. If so, then we can hope that the same may be true of our own times.

No-one can deny that there is truth in what Qoheleth says. We all give ourselves (and others) a lot of agony about words and thoughts, privileges, possessions and appearances. We are capable of ruining our health, our peace of mind and the peace of our homes for nothing. "Vanity of vanities!"

Jesus takes up this theme in the Gospel reading, expressing it typically as a story. But there is a difference.

Qoheleth says the rich man is foolish because he "must leave all to someone who has not worked for it." In other words, he is foolish to have worked, because he cannot enjoy all the fruits of it himself. Jesus said the rich man is foolish because he does not "amass for God," or "make himself rich in the sight of God," or "build up treasure in heaven." These expressions meant almsgiving (see Luke 12:33; 16:9).

Though these two seem similar in ways, they are worlds apart. Qoheleth's is a self-centred world that has become disillusioned with itself, but which doesn't even consider the possibility of unselfishness. It is doubly bleak. The world of Jesus is a world of spontaneous self-giving. These two worlds are still in existence, and still competing for our minds and hearts.

How does one calculate one's wealth? Usually we calculate it by checking how much we have, but the saints tell us we should calculate it by checking how much we have given away. The psychology of possession is full of contradictions. If you collect a million euro, are you happy then? The chances are that you are not; the collecting has done something to you, it has captured your mind and imagination; you want to continue collecting; you have become a collector, just warming to the task. So you try to collect another million and another... you will never finish collecting. What is it all about? What is it for? What are you adding to yourself? You are adding zeros! What is the difference between one million and ten million? Just another zero. What a way to cheat oneself! - so much work for zero! Instead be a giver, the Gospel tells us. Know the joy of giving. This you will know only by doing it, not by thinking about it.

With greed, there are no winners. The greedy are damaging not only themselves but others. To picture the imbalance of wealth in the world, imagine the world as a village of 100 people, with all the existing population ratios remaining the same. One person (1% of the population) would control 50% of all the entire village's wealth. The imbalances of the world are now truly drastic, and the cult of greed is destroying the earth's populations - and now even the earth itself. That is the real "vanity of vanities." The only real alternative is the Gospel.

New Heights Wacky Races on Conker Island for Commonwealth inspired event: Tue 02/08/22, 12noon till 2pm: Egg and spoon race, Three legged race, Fancy dress race, Tug of war, Badminton, Table tennis, Face painting. All ages and abilities welcome. Fancy dress encouraged. Free food and refreshment available at St John's Centre for all participants.

Deacon Gary's visiting programme around the parish: Further to Gary's announcement at Mass last weekend, his next visit will be to the Hartley Road/Longford Road area on Friday 5th August between 10 am and 12.30 pm; the Dulwich Road/Chingford Road area between 2.30 and 4.30 pm; and the Sutton Oak Road/George Frederick Road area between 3 pm to 5.30 on Saturday 13th August. If you would like Gary to call in whilst he is walking round, the sign-up sheets are at the back of Church.

Warren Farm Care Home: We now have four fellow-Catholics living in Warren Farm Care Home opposite the Church. A care assistant has been accompanying three of them to the 10 am Mass over the past few weeks. The Care Home would welcome assistance in bringing all four across to comply with health and safety. If you could be part of a rota to help with this, please see Deacon Gary after Mass.

Mass Intentions over the Summer period: As you know, our Deacon, Gary, is pursuing further studies at the Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium in order to obtain his License in Canon Law. When out in Belgium, he assists as Deacon and preaches at the Church of St Kwinten. One of the priests in charge there, Father Tulimelli Srinivasa Rao, supports 40 semi-orphaned girls in a school in South Sudan. Father Tuli has asked whether we could send some Mass intentions to him in order to contribute to the income of the school and enable it to continue with its work. In some cases, this might be possible from those requests I receive from both parishes. If you would positively like to support our fellow Catholics in South Sudan, then please make a note of that on the envelope with your Mass request."