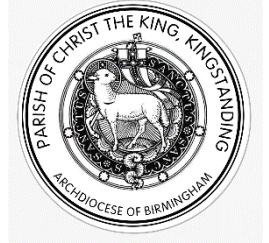




The Parishes of Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale and Christ the King, Kingstanding



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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Stephen Clarke. He can be contacted at sg.christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

Hymns: Easter Vigil: 37, O: 140, C: 188, R: 132; Easter Sunday: E: 245; O: 46; C: 342; R: 507

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat	30/03/24	Holy Saturday	20:00 CTK†	John McCarthy
			20:00 OLAM	Douglas Kennedy (Anni.)
Sun	31/03/24	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	10:00 CTK†	All known to Bishop David Evans
			11:30 OLAM	All known to Fr The-Quang
Mon	01/04/24	Easter Monday		Delia Byrne (RIP)
				Private Intention
Tue	02/04/24	Easter Tuesday	11:00 CTK	Geoff Wellings (RIP) (Cluster Mass)
				John Roche (RIP)
Wed	03/04/24	Easter Wednesday	11:00	Cluster Mass at St Margaret Mary's
				Chris, Eddie Walsh & Family
Thu	04/04/24	Easter Thursday		Michael Canavan (17th Ann)
				Mary Clifford (RIP) (Cluster Mass)
Fri	05/04/24	Easter Friday	11:00 OLAM	Requiem: Patricia Marie Smith
				Czestaw Trapszo (Anni.)
Sat	06/04/24	Easter Saturday	11:00	Cluster Mass at St Margaret Mary's
				Michelle Green (Anni.)
Sun	07/04/24	2 nd Sunday of Easter	11:00 CTK	Eugeniusz Mikula (Ann.) (Cluster Mass)
				Paul and Joseph (RIP)
Sun	07/04/24	2 nd Sunday of Easter	12:30 CTK	Ted McKeown (RIP) (Birthday Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM†	Michelle Green (RIP)
Sun	07/04/24	2 nd Sunday of Easter	10:00 CTK	Jack Foxall (Anni.)
			11:30 OLAM	Douglas Kennedy (Anni)

Bible Study with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the Guild Room at Christ The King **every Thursday** at 7:00pm.

Rosary Group: meeting **every Wednesday** in Christ the King Church at 1:30pm.

Pray For The Sick: Monique Hunt, Luke Byrne, Jean McCabe, Muriel/Paul Cowan, Gerald, John, John/Sandra Mageean, Sadie Pulido, Arjun Paul, Sr Marie, Mary McGee, Sarah McCallion, Claire/Mark, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Jo Teece, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O'Reilly, Alberto Bolongaro, Kyle Billing, Nicola Jones, Elizabeth Teague, Daniel Kelly, Patricia Nash, Teresa Webb, Angela Madigan, Carol Timmis, Joanne Fields, Caitlin Hodgetts, Debbie Davis, Jo Brown, Joan/Alan Horton, Fr Michael Ho, Peggy O'Donovan, Pauline O'Brien & Annette Molloy

RIP: Pray for the repose of the souls of Patricia Marie Smith, Andy Corrigan and Yvonne Cowman who died recently.

Funerals: P Smith: Wed 03/04/24, 11:00, OLAM; A Corrigan: Wed 17/04/24, 12:30, CTK.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is dedicated throughout **March** for **Sheila and Paddy Ferns** at Christ The King and for the **Roche Family** at Maryvale.

If any individual/family would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp throughout a particular month for a donation of £25, please write your name/contact number and for whom you would wish the lamp to burn (living or deceased relatives) and any preferred month and enclose this in an envelope with your donation and return it to Fr. The. At this point in time the available months in 2024 for **Christ The King** are **May-Sept** and **Nov/Dec** and for **OLAM** **June-Oct** and **December**.

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 334.51
 Envelopes: £ 139.50
 Standing Orders: £ 278.65
Total: £ 752.66

**Thank you for
 your generous support**

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 267.36
 Envelopes: £ 181.50
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 543.55

Christ the King		30/31 MAR	06/07 APR
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	20:00 – Angela, Tracy, Patience, John	
	Minister of Holy Communion	20:00 – Ordinary Ministers	
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	John	
	Minister of Holy Communion	Isy Moss	

Bishop David, Deacons Gary and Dominic and myself would like to wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Easter. May the risen Christ reign in your life and your families.

Congratulations to Emmanuella Chiedu, Carol Cooke and Rigers Bushi who received the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass from Bishop David.

Children's Chapel: The side Chapel remains available for those with young children, who may benefit from a quieter/more welcoming space.

Services During Easter Week: As highlighted on the centre pages of last weekend's extended Newsletter, the following Easter Octave Masses will take place at 11.00 a.m. at either Christ The King or St. Margaret Mary's, with light refreshments being served after Mass.

Date	Liturgical day	Presider	Preacher	Venue
01/04/24	Easter Monday	Fr. Thé	Deacon Gary	Christ the King
02/04/24	Easter Tuesday	Fr. Simon	Deacon Gary	Margaret Mary*
03/04/24	Easter Wednesday	Fr. Simon	Fr. Simon	Christ the King
04/04/24	Easter Thursday	Fr. Thé	Fr. Thé	Margaret Mary
05/04/24	Easter Friday	Fr. Simon	Deacon Dominic	Christ the King

Thank you: The Altar Servers at both Parishes would like to say thank you for your kind donations to the collection towards their forthcoming outings. As some parishioners have said they would have liked to contribute, but had not brought any money to Mass with them without prior notice, we hope to have another collection in a few weeks to allow those who still wish to help, to do so. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Job Opportunities in the Archdiocese: Two jobs have been advertised within the Archdiocese. One is for an Administration Support Officer with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. The other is for a Deputy to the Diocesan Solicitor. If you yourself are interested in either - or know of someone who might be - please see the posters at the back of Church for further details.

Diary Dates. The Parish Mission Working Party next meets on Wed 10th April at 7pm in the Guild Room; Half Day of Recollection at the Convent of the Sisters Minor of St Francis on Sat 20th April at 3 pm; Parish Council Meeting on Wed 24th April in the Guild Room, and Youth Group meets in the St. John's Centre on 5th and 19th April.

Divine Mercy Sunday – 7th April: To commemorate this special day an event has been arranged at St. Peter & St Paul Church (Kingsbury Road, Pye Hayes, B24 9ND) on this day commencing at 3.00 p.m. This will consist of a Talk, Adoration, Blessing with the relic of St. Faustina, Confession and Worship. All are welcome. (See poster in Church).

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA:

Echoing an ancient homily, Meister Eckhart said that it was because Mary Magdalene had nothing else to lose that she dared approach the grave; the apostles had run away because, by implication, they were still trying to save themselves. She had lost everything else, he said, "and so she was afraid that if she went away from the grave, she would lose the grave as well. For, if she had lost the grave, she would have nothing left at all."

But of what use was that grave to her? Graves are about the past. But not this grave. The Resurrection did not take place on the mountain-tops, or on a bright cloud, but in the heart of the grave, the 'degree zero' of human life. It was because Mary Magdalene stayed by the grave that she became the first bearer of the news of the Resurrection; she was the first Christian preacher.

At first she could not see Jesus anywhere. Why? "Because she kept looking further away than he was", said Eckhart. She kept looking for a dead body - an object - but Jesus was alive and standing beside her. We are at home with objects; they are at arm's length and we can deal with them. We make this kind of knowledge-at-arm's-length the "standard" of all knowledge; we equate 'objectivity' with truth. The word 'object' comes from Latin *ob* (against) + *jacere* (to throw). Besides, the word 'object' connotes 'objection', rather than faith. But the Risen Christ is nearer to us than any object could ever be. "Why are you seeking the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5).

Eckhart concludes his sermon: "That we may thus seek Him and also find Him, so help us God. Amen."