



The Parishes of
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and
Christ the King, Kingstanding

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Hymns: E: 65; O: 219; C: 509; R: 222

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat	27/04/24	Easter Feria	10:00 Mon.	Private Intention
			12:30 CTK	Kevin Berns (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Grace Deane (Anni.)
Sun	28/04/24	5 th Sunday of Easter	10:00 CTK	Andy Holden (Anni)
			11:30 OLAM†	William Donnelly (Anni)
Mon	29/04/24	Feast of St. Catherine of Siena	08:00 Con.†	Christine Hickson (RIP)
			09:30 Mon.	P Cole (RIP)
Tue	30/04/24	Easter Feria	09:30 Mon.†	Bartholomew Pham (RIP)
			12:00 CTK	Norann Fearn (RIP)
Wed	01/05/24	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.†	Anthony Ball
			09:30 Mon.	Janina & Krystyna
Thu	02/05/24	St. Athanasius, Feast	09:30 Mon.	Jozefa & Henryk Szmalec
			12:00 CTK	James Fisher (RIP)(Anni)
Fri	03/05/24	Ss Philip & James, Apostles, Feast	09:00 CTK	Fr. Jerzy & Sister Roza
			09:30 Mon.†	John & Family
			12:00 CTK	Margaret Day Canavan (RIP)
Sat	04/05/24	The English Martyrs, Feast	10:00 Mon.	Private Intention
			12:30 CTK	Sheila Ferns (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Eileen Zegiestowski
Sun	05/05/24	6 th Sunday of Easter	10:00 CTK†	John McLoughlin
			11:30 OLAM	Joe Greene & Mrs Greene

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, Jo Brown, 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, Joan/Alan Horton, Fr Michael Ho, Peggy O'Donovan, Pauline O'Brien, Annette Molloy, Chris & Eddie Walsh.

RIP: Pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Beirne, Audrey Clements, Fr John Warnaby (Mrs Anna Moloney's brother), Sheila Cullen and Sr Rosemary Clare who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Funerals: M Beirne: Thu 09/05/24, 11:00 OLAM; A Clements: Fri 10/05/24, 10:30 CTK; S Cullen: Tue 28/05/24, 10:30 CTK.

Thank you: The family of the late Susan Lavender would like to thank all for donations to John Taylor. An amount of £650.00 has been sent to them. Thank you all.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is dedicated throughout April for **Wesley Patrick Bye and other deceased members of the Bye/Campbell family Circle** at Christ The King and for the **Ranahan Family Circle** at Maryvale and in May for the Brookes/Rose/Holder families at CTK and the Butler/Maxwell families at OLAM.

COMMUNITY MEAL ON SUNDAY IS CANCELLED DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCE.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage: Are Please pray for all couples (married or engaged) who will be attending the "Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage" taking place at St. Chad's Cathedral next Saturday at noon.

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 360.45
 Envelopes: £ 230.00
 Standing Orders: £ 247.23
Total: £ 837.68

**Thank you for
 your generous support**

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 65.67
 Envelopes: £ 131.00
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 291.36

Last Week's 2nd Collection raised £452.26 for the Priest's Training Fund. Thank you for your generous support.

Next Weekend: CAFOD's emergency appeal for Sudan, especially over the coming weekend. The situation in Sudan is deteriorating rapidly and with 25 million people needing immediate humanitarian assistance up to seven million people will now be at risk of famine-like conditions by June. CAFOD has immediately released £150,000 from their funds to support their local partners, including Caritas Sudan, and there is an urgent need for them to scale up their emergency response.

Annual S.V.P Report: Having just submitted the annual Activity Report of Christ The Kings' SVP work to Head Office in London, I would like to share with you all an overview of what you, as parishioners, enabled us to undertake **over the last 12 months.** We carried out a total of 703 visits to families, elderly, the housebound and those suffering from mental health issues. We provided assistance with food on 525 occasions, as well as providing other household items including bedding, furniture, electrical items, toiletries, books and toys. In total, we spent 1,106 hours providing practical help and friendship to those in need within our local community. **As we would not be able to provide this assistance without your on-going generosity** - on behalf of all our conference members, I would like to say **"a sincere "Thank You"** to you all. Please keep our members and those we visit in your prayers. Theresa Wilkin, S.V.P. Organiser.

Christ the King		27/28 APR	04/05 MAY
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Tracy	Kathleen
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Steve	Maggie
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sr Michale	Isy Moss

New Auxiliary Bishops: Pope Francis has appointed Monsignor Timothy Menezes and Canon Richard Walker to be the new Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese. Prayerful congratulations to Mgr Timothy Menezes and Canon Richard Walker.

First Holy Communion Piety Items: With the ceremony of First Holy Communion taking place within the Parish on Sat 18th May (3 weeks time), family members & friends of the children preparing for this important celebration may wish to consider purchasing a card/small gift from the Piety Stall at the back of Church. If anyone has such thoughts, then please take a look at what is on offer sooner, rather than later, as re-ordering any "sold out" items may not be so easy with every Parish requiring such items at this busy time of year. We have Missals, Rosary Beads (individually and within a set with a prayer book), purses for beads, white silk bags for girls, badges, Greeting Cards & small souvenir prayer cards (which are just 35p).

Trustee Vacancy with Marriage Care: Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. We are looking for Trustees to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information, please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA: In last Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus was the "Good Shepherd" and we "the sheep". Today's image expresses an even closer relationship: a vine and its branches. This is so close a relationship that you could say it is beyond relationship; it expresses identification. "I am the vine...you the branches". But a vine is all branches! It is not like a tree or a big shrub, where you have a substantial trunk, and above it, a profusion of branches. The vine is just branches. He has identified himself with us. It is obvious that a branch cut off from the vine (or from any tree or shrub) will wither. In the case of the vine, not only is the branch destroyed but the vine itself is diminished. To destroy a branch, is to destroy the vine in some measure; to cut off a brother or sister in Christ is to cut off Christ.

This is also the teaching of St Paul. "Christ", he said, "is the head and we are the body". "We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and - individually - we are members one of another" (Romans 12:4); "Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12).

A favourite word in John's Gospel and letters is 'abide' (or - the rather colourless translation - 'remain'): abiding in God, abiding in Christ, abiding in his word.... I counted thirty-seven such references. To "abide" is not to be a "visitor", it is even more than being a friend, it is to be "at home".

It seems that no image can go far enough in expressing our union with Christ and God. Meister Eckhart said, "If anyone put water in a barrel, the barrel would surround the water, but the water would not be *in* the barrel [i.e., it would not occupy the same space as the wood of the barrel], nor would the barrel be in the water: but the soul is wholly one with God In spiritual things there is no separating of one from another."

I remember a magazine article many years ago, "After Affluence, What? Individualism". It was ever only a dream, of course - one that the world is waking up from now. Nobody can really be an independent individual, least of all a wealthy person. Wealth does tend to separate people from one another, while poverty often brings them together. But then, wealth traps people in a complex financial web with other people, a very caricature of closeness. The dream of individualism is just a bad dream. We depend on other people in a thousand ways. Our Christian faith celebrates this and reveals its ultimate depth. Even the Persons of the Trinity depend on one another. To live, through Christ, in the heart of that mystery is our destiny.