



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: E: 442; O: 29; C: 397; R: 336

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 04/05/24	Feast of English Martyrs	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
Mon 06/05/24	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.†	Luke Byrne
		09:30 Mon.	Paul and Joseph (RIP)
Tue 07/05/24	Easter Feria	09:30 Mon.	Campbell Family
		12:00 CTK	Rose Lennon
Wed 08/05/24	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.†	Dang & Nguyen families
		09:30 Mon.	Hughes Family
Thu 09/05/24	Solemnity of the Ascension Holyday of Obligation	09:00 CTK	Jack Foxall (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Special Intention
		11:00 OLAM	Funeral: Christina Mary Beirne
		14:00 MPS	People of the parishes
Fri 10/05/24	Easter Feria	19:00 CTK†	Caroline Maynard (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Sue Lavender (RIP)
Sat 11/05/24	Easter Feria	10:30 CTK	Funeral Service: Audrey Clements
		10:00 Mon.	Private Intention
		12:30 CTK†	Alf Broth (Anni.)
Sun 12/05/24	7 th Sunday of Easter	18:00 OLAM	Tekla Smolinska (RIP)
		10:00 CTK	Ron Hunt (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM	James Green (RIP)

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: A Clements: Fri 10/05/24, 10:30 CTK; S Cullen: Tue 28/05/24, 10:30 CTK.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is dedicated throughout May for the **Brookes/Rose/Holder families at CTK** and the **Butler/Maxwell families at OLAM**.

(The months of Aug, Sept and Oct 2024 are still available if anyone would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp at OLAM).

First Holy Communion Piety Items: With the ceremony of First Holy Communion taking place within the Parish on Sat 18th May (2 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).

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 305.71
 Envelopes: £ 142.50
 Standing Orders: £ 247.23
Total: £ 695.44

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 your generous support**

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 197.26
 Envelopes: £ 152.00
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 443.95

2nd Collection: This weekend is for CAFOD's emergency appeal for Sudan. There will be a 2nd collection next weekend for Catholic Communications.

Christ the King		04/05 MAY	11/12 MAY
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen	Aoife
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Maggie	John
	Minister of Holy Communion	Isy Moss	Joyce

First Holy Communion Masses on 18th May 2024: Please pray for the children of the parish who will make their First Holy Communion on 18th May. There will be two Masses: at 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. There will be **NO** 12.30 pm Vigil Mass at Christ the King on that day. Vigil Masses that day in the Cluster will be celebrated at OLAM at 6.00 pm and at St Margaret Mary at 6.30 pm.

Worship in the African style: On Pentecost (19th May 2024) the Offertory Hymn and the Offertory Procession at the 10.00 am Mass at Christ the King will be in the African style. The same afternoon at 4 pm there will be a Mass for Pentecost for all led by the African communities in the Cluster. The Mass will fulfil the Sunday obligation. The Mass has been advertised in the Newsletter of the Archdiocese and we shall be welcoming Monsignor Danny McHugh, the Ethnic Chaplaincy Coordinator for the Archdiocese as one of the concelebrants along with Fathers Thé, Simon and Leonard.

Corpus Christi Procession: On 2nd June 2024 in the afternoon, there will be a Procession from St Margaret Mary to Christ the King with Liturgies in both Churches. Please see the Mission ~~im~~Possible supplement for more details.

Parish Summit Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th June inclusive: The summit is a conference sponsored by Divine Renovation a Catholic organisation dedicated to helping parishes to revive their life and their mission. Alongside Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Mass, there will be meetings focussed on how to strengthen in the parish the "evangelical flavour" and "missionary drive" to which the Mission ~~im~~Possible supplement refers. The delegation from our parish will be led by Deacon Gary. We will be joining and travelling with a delegation from St. Margaret Mary. We have two places available. Please pray about this and if you can fill one of those two places, please let Deacon Gary know.

"Move it or Lose It" Exercise Class For Over 60s: First session is free - £2 thereafter. Wednesdays 11.30 – 12.30 at St Johns Centre. See New Heights staff for information

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

Annual Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: at St Francis' Church, Handsworth B19 1EB from Mon 13/05/24 to Wed 22/05/24, led by Fr Derek Meskell & Fr JP O'Riordan. For further details please see noticeboard.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR DONAGH O'SHEA: How can you be *commanded* to love? Surely love has to be a free response, not an obligation. You can be commanded to obey, but how can you be commanded to love? How could Jesus say, "This is my commandment, that you love one another?"

Meister Eckhart threw a clear light on this conundrum. He said, "When I am thirsty, the drink commands me; when I am hungry, the food commands me. And God does the same [when he commands me to love]". In other words, the command to love is not a command that is laid on us from the outside; it is an inner command, an inner urgency placed in our very being by God – like hunger and thirst; or, you might say, like the urgency that an acorn has to develop into an oak tree. It is not something alien, it is totally our own, and yet it is totally from God – because God is totally our own, "more ours," said Tauler, "than anything else we own". If God is totally ours, then God's commands are totally ours.

Most of us grew up with the belief that God was somewhere else, not here; that heaven was a place where God lived far away. Any communication from such a God would be an intrusion from the outside. Certainly we also said that God was everywhere, but these two thoughts may never have overlapped or touched each other at all. If we also had the wrong kind of fear of God, we may then have imagined him everywhere in the way that a controlling headmaster is 'everywhere' in the school – meaning that no matter what you did, you were found out.

Our thoughts and feelings about God are always in need of a great deal of healing. This should be happening naturally, and through the grace of God, in the course of our daily work and rest, but prayer and meditation are the favoured place for it to happen. There, the experience of the day is sifted without interference and comes around slowly into the right perspective. We can confidently hope to be able to enjoy our faith. Meister Eckhart again states that "If anyone commands me to do that which is pleasant, which avails me or on which my bliss depends, that is exceedingly sweet to me".

Joy is very close to the heart of our faith. Jesus "rejoiced in the Holy Spirit" (Luke 10:21) and wants to draw us into his own joy (John 15:11). Paul mentions joy as a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). St Thomas Aquinas wrote "Since the enjoyment of God... surpasses the power of all creatures, it follows that this complete and perfect joy does not enter into us, but rather we enter into it. 'Enter into the joy of your Lord' (Matthew 25.21)".