



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



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Hymns: E: 290; O: 41; C: 455; R: 171

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat	01/06/24	St. Justin, Martyr, Mem.	10:00 Mon.	Priests/Nuns/Old People/Young Children
			12:30 CTK	Neil Broth (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Patricia Cole (RIP)
Sun	02/06/24	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	10:00 CTK	Alexander McKenna (Anni.)
			11:30 OLAM	Margaret Head
Mon	03/06/24	Mem. SS Charles Lwanga & Companions (Martyrs)	08:00 Con.†	Betty Kavanagh (RIP)
			09:30 Mon.	Stephen Toynbee (RIP)
Tue	04/06/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.	Rob Johnston (Get Well)
			12:00 CTK	Peggy Swain
Wed	05/06/24	Memorial of St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	08:00 Con.†	Debbie Davies (RIP)
			09:30 Mon.	Jackie Carron (RIP)
Thu	06/06/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.	Andy Dean (RIP)
			12:00 CTK	Kathleen O'Neil (RIP)
Fri	07/06/24	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	09:00 CTK	Christine Timmins (RIP)
			10:30 Mon.	Rob (get well)
			12:00 CTK	Janina Mikula
Sat	08/06/24	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	10:00 Mon.	Special Intentions
			12:30 CTK	Antony Gilbert (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM†	James Heaney (RIP)
Sun	09/06/24	10 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK	Catherine Byrne (Anni.)
			11:30 OLAM	Carol Walters (get well)

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, Sr Marie, John/Sandra Mageean, Sadie Pulido, Mary McGee, Sarah McCallion, Claire/Mark, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Jo Teece, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O'Reilly, Alberto Bolongaro, Kyle Billing, Nicola Jones, 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, Elizabeth Teague.

RIP: Pray for the repose of the souls of Theresa Mulvihill, John Stevens, Sarah Richards and Iris Hinton who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Funerals: S Richards: Wed 26/06/24, 11:30 CTK; J Stevens: Fri 28/06/20, 12:00 OLAM.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is dedicated throughout June for the **Coogan/Butcher/Whelan families at CTK** and the **Deane/Doherty families at OLAM**. (The months of Aug & Sept 2024 are still available if anyone would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp at OLAM).

Confirmation: A larger Confirmation ceremony will take place on Monday 10th June, please pray also for the children involved. If anyone needs Confirmation cards/gifts, then please visit the Piety Stall at the back of Church.

Corpus Christi Procession – THIS SUNDAY 2nd June: To commemorate this important feast, everyone is invited to take part in a Procession from St. Margaret Mary's to Christ The King Church. The event, which will take just over an hour, will begin with a short service at St. Margaret Mary's at 4.00 p.m. and another short service on arrival at Christ The King. Tea/Coffee and Biscuits will be served in the St. John's Centre afterwards, commencing around 5.15, on what is hoped will be a "sunny day". (If anyone can assist in preparing/serving the refreshments, this would be appreciated).

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

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 273.58
 Envelopes: £ 145.40
 Standing Orders: £ 247.23
Total: £ 666.21

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Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 152.56
 Envelopes: £ 120.00
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 367.25

2nd Collection: There will be a 2nd Collection **NEXT WEEKEND** for the "Day for Life".

Christ the King		01/02 JUNE	08/09 JUNE
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen	Aoife
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Theresa	Oscottian
	Minister of Holy Communion	Isy Moss	Joyce

"Move it or Lose It" Exercise For Over 60s takes place in the St. John's Centre every Wed 11.30 – 12.30. Cost £2.

Wedding: Please pray for Christopher Mahony and Carol Cooke who are tying their knot at Our Lady of the Assumption Church on 14th June 2024. May their commitment to each other be rooted in Christ's commitment to his Church.

Parish Summit Wed 12th to Fri 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 and develop. The delegation from our parish will be led by Deacon Gary. Jackie Scott and Wendy Gasson will be joining him. Please pray about this and if you can fill the remaining place, please let Deacon Gary know.

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREAT BARR - 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCHOOL OPENING: On Sat 29th June, Celebratory Mass will be held at 12.30pm in Holy Name Church followed by an 'open house' where the School will be open for past pupils, parents & staff to visit. If anyone has photos, memorabilia or items of interest from school to share or lend to us to display as part of our celebration, then please speak to Mrs Potter in the school office: 0121 357 3216 or email: headteacher@holynamesandwell.sch.uk. A "Summer Fayre" is also being held that day.

CLASS TEACHER VACANCY - HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Holy Name Primary School, Great Barr is looking for a class teacher (ECT or experienced) to start in Sept. Please contact Mr. Andrew Neenan, Headteacher, on 0121 357 3216 or headteacher@holynamesandwell.sch.uk if you are interested in this exciting opportunity.

First Holy Communion Mass on 2nd June 2024: Please pray for the children of the parish attending non-Catholic schools who will make their First Holy Communion at the ten o'clock Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 2nd June, and for the parish catechists who have guided them on their journey in faith this year.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA: There is a very precious early Christian document called the *Didachè*, discovered only in 1873, though Christian writers through the ages always knew of its existence and were familiar with a few parts of it. It was written sometime between the years 50 & 100, and so it is even earlier than some of the New Testament. It contains the very 1st use of the word 'eucharist'. It is very moving to read this and to imagine the lives of the Christians who spoke and heard those words in the infancy of the Church.

Here is part of what it says: "At the Eucharist, offer the eucharistic prayer in this way. Begin with the chalice: 'We give thanks to you, our Father, for the holy Vine of your servant David, which you have made known to us through your servant Jesus. *Glory be to you, world without end.*' Then, over the broken bread: 'We give thanks to you, our Father, for the life and knowledge you have made known to us through your servant Jesus. *Glory be to you, world without end.* As this broken bread, once dispersed over the hills, was brought together and became one loaf, so may your Church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom".

I remember that distant day when I 'made my First Communion'. I remember waking up, having nodded off during the Mass, to find my candle dripping grease. But they had got on with things while I slept. Looking back today I think: During the many years since that time, they have got on with lots of things while I slept. And I have to admit that I'm not very repentant about that. Some of the best things can happen to you while you sleep. The Scriptures say that God "pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber". And Jesus said that the Presence of God (the "Kingdom of God") is like seed that a farmer scatters in his field and that grows even when he's asleep. "Night and day, whether he sleeps or wakes, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not understand how" (Mark 4:27). We ourselves grew like that, when we were in the womb and during the early years of our life. By day and by night our mothers watched over us; we were so sure of them that we could go soundly to sleep when we knew they were around. God mothers us too.

We experienced our mother first as a source of food and, through that visible channel, we experienced her as a source of love. God "mothers" us, attracting us, trying to tame us frightened creatures. How do you tame an animal? By feeding it. Gradually the animal begins to trust you, to believe in your goodwill. We were (and maybe we still are) like frightened animals. We have to be tamed into human society. Love is invisible and needs a visible channel. That visible channel is originally food. This wisdom of the body is taken up and exalted in the Eucharist. The food which is the Eucharist has the deepest significance. It is about our relationship with God, the ultimate womb from which we came into existence.

The great 14th-Century mystic, Julian of Norwich, not only called God our 'mother', but she called *Jesus* our mother! This may seem very strange, even weird. But, as always, she meant something luminous, and she had profound reasons for saying what she said. She did not mean that Jesus is like your mother. She meant the reverse: your mother is like Jesus. Your mother fed you from her own body. Our mother's care for us may well be the best image we have of God - and of Jesus.

On this feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord, let's not be too grown up to let the visceral images of the Eucharist play around our minds.