



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

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Hymns: E: 53; O: 413; C: 455; R: 105

### MASSES THIS WEEK

<b>Sat</b>	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)
<b>Sun</b>	09/06/24	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK	Catherine Byrne (Anni.)
			11:30 OLAM	Carol Walters (Get Well)
<b>Mon</b>	10/06/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.	Joan Allen
			09:30 Mon.	Private Intention
			<b>18:00 CTK</b>	<b>Confirmation Mass</b>
<b>Tue</b>	11/06/24	St. Barnabas, Apostle, Mem.	09:30 Mon.	Allen Family
			12:00 CTK	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
<b>Wed</b>	12/06/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Winifred, Patrick, James Byrne (RIP)
			09:30 Mon.	John Roche (RIP)
<b>Thu</b>	13/06/24	St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, Mem.	09:30 Mon.	Bartholomew Pham (RIP)
			12:00 CTK	Pat Comerford (RIP)
<b>Fri</b>	14/06/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:00 CTK	Martha Ho (RIP)
			09:30 Mon.†	Private Intention
			<b>12:30 OLAM</b>	Nuptial: Chris Mahony and Carol Cooke
<b>Sat</b>	15/06/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 Mon.	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
			12:30 CTK	Richard Tobin (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Jouce Kelly (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	16/06/24	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK†	The Holmes Family Circle
			11:30 OLAM	Michael Fahey (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, 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:** T Mulvihill: Tue 18/06/24, 11:00 CTK; S Richards: Wed 26/06/24, 11:30 CTK; J Stevens: Fri 28/06/20, 12:00 OLAM; I Hinton: Tue 09/07/23, 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:** As children from CTK Primary School will be making their Confirmation on Monday 10th June, please pray for them and their families. If anyone needs Confirmation cards/gifts, please visit the Piety Stall at the back of Church.

**Corpus Christi Procession:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the Service/Procession which took place from St. Margaret Mary's to Christ The King Church last Sunday and to all who helped with the refreshments afterwards. We were certainly blessed with the weather and look forward to repeating the event next year.

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

Christ the King		08/09 JUNE	15/16 JUNE
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Oscottian	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce	Marion

**Parish Summit 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June sponsored by Divine Renovation:** Thank you to Jackie Scott, Wendy Gasson and Suzanne Moloney who will be joining Deacon Gary and helping him to represent the parish at this important event. Fr. Simon will also be attending with parishioners from St. Margaret Mary, so we shall be comparing notes as a Cluster later in the year.

**News About Deacon Gary:** Archbishop Bernard has appointed Deacon Gary as his Vice-Delegate for Marriage. This means that Deacon Gary will be responsible for the work of the Marriage Office when Fr. Ray Corbett is absent. Whilst Gary will be taking up his new duties in August of this year, his other roles as a Judge of the Marriage Tribunal and Clergy Co-ordinator of the Cluster continue as before.

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

### **Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference - Monday 12 - Friday 16 August, Coventry**

Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of the Diocese of Northampton, will be the keynote speaker at this year's conference which has as its theme Be Ready, with Zeal for the wedding of the Lamb has come (Revelation 19:7). The programme will include times for praise and worship, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the daily celebration of Holy Mass, workshops and opportunities for fellowship. For further details and booking please visit <https://www.bccrc.org.uk/page20.html>

**God Still Calls - Come and See Weekend** (Sat 15 – Sun 16 June at The Dupuis Centre, Selly Park, Birmingham B29 7LL) - An Invitation from The Sisters of Charity of St Paul the Apostle to see if God is calling you to join them. Starting with Mass at 10am on Saturday and concluding at 2pm on Sunday. The event is aimed at women aged 20 to 45. Presentations over the weekend plus opportunities for quiet prayer and reflection and Sisters sharing their vocation story. Enquiries: Sr Patricia 07876 788316. Email: [p.murphy45@yahoo.com](mailto:p.murphy45@yahoo.com)

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA:** A human being is a kingdom divided. Even St Paul had to admit that this division existed in himself: "I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want, is what I do" (Romans 7:19). The first reading at today's Mass pictures the origin of that inner division. We are in the Garden of Eden, and something has gone wrong. Adam and Eve have taken the bait of illusory freedom. But immediately, Adam blames Eve, and Eve blames the snake. The long story began at that moment. Henceforth, they are divided, not only within themselves, but from each other and from God. This is a triple form of alienation: from self, from others, and from God. The serpent was said to be "more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made" (Genesis 3:1) – though it has done little since then to justify that reputation. Tempters don't have to be extremely clever; they only need to be a little cleverer than we are. Jesus was accused of being in league with the dark side. "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of demons he casts out demons". He replied, "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand". Far from being divided, Jesus is the only one there who is not divided from himself, from others or from God.

Our problems are insoluble for as long as we deny that we have them. The first step in healing is to see our actual state. It is easy (and it makes us easy company) to admit that we are not perfect: "Oh I'm no saint, God knows!" If this were a real admission, it would sound the same whether we said it of ourselves or someone else said it about us; but how different it sounds in fact! A real admission is more likely to come in a quiet moment or in a moment of crisis, rather than over a cup of tea. Each of us is a kingdom divided within itself. "My name is Legion," said the madman, "for we are many" (Mark 5:9; the Christian Community Bible has, "My name is Mob"). He was mad, but honest; and his healing followed immediately.

There is a chilling poem called 'Invictus' (unconquered) by a minor 19th-century poet "Henley". It captures perfectly the desolate vanity of the ego. He writes of his "unconquerable soul", and throws out defiant phrases like "My head is bloody, but unbowed". Not surprisingly he expects nothing from beyond.

*Beyond this place of wrath and tears, Looms but the Horror of the shade,  
And yet the menace of the years, Finds and shall find me unafraid.  
It matters not how strait the gate, How charged with punishments the scroll,  
I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul.*

This is remarkably similar to the words that Milton put in the mouth of Satan in *Paradise Lost*. ....

*All is not lost, the unconquerable will,  
and study of revenge, immortal hate,  
and the courage never to submit or yield.*

This posture has to be the worst possible reaction to our human plight: to pretend that there can be integration within a self that rejects everything but itself. The "sin against the Holy Spirit" is a sin against the truth; it is to call good evil and evil good. It is like turning the signposts around: then there is no direction. God's forgiveness is without limit, but it is impossible while I define myself in opposition to the truth. How much more human and more hopeful to say (Responsorial Psalm), "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!"