



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

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Hymns: E: 301; O: 98; C: 345; R: 17

MASSES THIS WEEK

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| Sat | 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) |
| Sun | 16/06/24 | 11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10:00 CTK† | The Holmes Family Circle |
| | | | 11:30 OLAM | Daniel Patrick Keogh (Anni.) |
| Mon | 17/06/24 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 08:00 Con.† | Private Intention |
| | | | 09:30 Mon. | Bartholomew Pham (RIP) |
| Tue | 18/06/24 | Dedication of the Cathedral | 09:30 Mon.† | Janina & Krystyna |
| | | | 11:00 CTK | Requiem: Theresa Mulvihill |
| Wed | 19/06/24 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 08:00 Con.† | Noel & Bernadette Shanahan |
| | | | 09:30 Mon. | Thomas Cullen (RIP) |
| Thu | 20/06/24 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 09:30 Mon.† | Sr Rosemary Clare (RIP) |
| | | | 12:00 CTK | P J Lennon (RIP) and family |
| Fri | 21/06/24 | St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Mem. | 09:00 CTK | PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES |
| | | | 10:30 Mon. | Christine Allison (RIP) |
| Sat | 22/06/24 | SS John Fisher, and Thomas More, Martyrs, Feast | 10:00 Mon. | Liturgy of the Word with HC |
| | | | 12:30 CTK | Constantine John O'Neil (RIP) |
| | | | 18:00 OLAM | Mary Bierne (RIP) |
| Sun | 23/06/24 | 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10:00 CTK | Pickering and Sandy Families |
| | | | 11:30 OLAM | Jim (Christy) Ranahan (1 st Ann) |

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, Iris Hinton, Jeremy Michael McPadden 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 month of Sept 2024 is still available if anyone would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp at OLAM).

Mission Working party meeting: Wednesday the 19th of June, at 7 pm at the Guild room

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

Last 2 weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 728.45
 Envelopes: £ 281.00
 Standing Orders: £ 494.46
Total: £ 1503.91

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 your generous support**

Last 2 weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 417.83
 Envelopes: £ 306.89
 Standing Orders: £ 192.98
Total: £ 917.70

Please note, the above figures are for 2 weeks' collections combined.

| Christ the King | | 15/16 JUNE | 22/23 JUNE |
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| Sat 12:30 | Minister of the Word | Theresa | Tracy |
| | Minister of Holy Communion | Sue | Theresa |
| Sun 10.00 | Minister of the Word | Angela | Oscottian |
| | Minister of Holy Communion | Marion | Sr Michale |

National Day of Prayer & Fasting For Life: On Saturday 22nd June, the Eve of the Vigil of the Feast of St John the Baptist, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Invocation at Adoremus is a day (for peoples aged 16+) organised by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales in collaboration with the Conference of Diocesan Directors of Vocation and the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation. It will be a day intrinsic to the Eucharistic Congress: Adoremus 2024, and carry throughout the day themes focused on understanding, reverencing, and celebrating the gift of the Eucharist in our Catholic lives. As Jesus is at the heart of our Mass, Eucharist, and Catholic Lives, Invocation will invite us to reflect on how we follow Jesus, how we respond to the universal call to Holiness, essentially; to discern and embrace our vocation. This day will offer you the time and place, as well as resources, formation, and accompaniment to embrace what God is asking of you. If you are 16+ and are hoping to attend the event please register using the links below. If you are in need of transport please contact a member of KYT. Contact details are available at the bottom of the newsletter. To register follow the link - Over 18 consent: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5131194>. Parents complete Under 18 consent: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5131192>

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA: The great enemy of religious teaching is rationalism: not only the rationalism of the listeners, but especially that of teachers and preachers. As the Cambridge scholar F.M. Cornford wrote, drawing no doubt on long experience of academic meetings, "It is often the best policy to argue weakly against the side you favour". In rejecting your argument, the others might embrace the position you appear to reject. Applying this, we might say that a good method for preachers would be to argue weakly against faith and virtue! Without a doubt arguing weakly in their favour makes sceptics and atheists of many.

But there is a better and time-honoured way of teaching, especially in the East. It is the story or parable. This is how Jesus taught. Rabbis would sometimes use images and tell stories, but it was Jesus' preferred way of teaching the crowds. "He did not speak to them except in parables" (today's reading). The scholars say that many of the 'explanations' of parables given in the Gospels (for example, Mt 13:18-23) are not 'Jesus material,' that is, they were not given by Jesus himself.

An argument speaks to the mind alone, but a story appeals to the whole person: mind and heart and imagination. If an argument is not understood straight away it is lost, but a story tends to stay in the memory, enlightening the mind and heart at a later time when the person is ready to grasp its meaning. We are not often, certainly not always, in the mood to hear arguments, but we are always ready to hear a story or to look at an image. Our mind is often the most barricaded part of our personality, honed over a lifetime (it may be) for defence, but the imagination is usually more sympathetic and receptive.

People believed that the Kingdom of God would come through a cataclysmic display of God's power, so the impact of these parables must have been startling. Tiny seeds, lost to view, germinating in the soil and slowly developing by a power of their own and not through human intervention.... There is nothing there for the human ego to latch onto and control; it happens whether I am awake or asleep. "I will bless the Lord...who even at night directs my heart" (Psalm 15). There is a humility and depth about this that should prevent us from thinking of Christian teaching as another campaign.

In the first reading at today's Mass, Ezekiel used the image of growth. But notice how he used it. "From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain...." Images of height and magnificence, not depth and humility. It shows a clear contrast between the Old and the New Testaments. Could anything be humbler, than a small seed lying hidden in the earth?