



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

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Hymns: E: 357; O: 268; C: 51; R: 532

### MASSES THIS WEEK

<b>Sat</b>	22/06/24	Feast of SS John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs	10:00 Mon.	Liturgy of the Word with HC
			12:30 CTK	Constantine John O'Neil (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Mary Bierne (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	23/06/24	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK	Pickering and Sandy Families
			11:30 OLAM†	Jim (Christy) Ranahan (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann)
<b>Mon</b>	24/06/24	The Nativity of St. John The Baptist, Solemnity	08:00 Con.†	Mandy Davies (RIP) Ann.
			09:30 Mon.	Private Intention
<b>Tue</b>	25/06/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
			12:00 CTK	Phillip Walsh (RIP)
<b>Wed</b>	26/06/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.	Sheila Smith (RIP)
			09:30 Mon.	Elizabeth O'Hagan (RIP)
			11:30 CTK	<b>Funeral Service: Sarah Richards</b>
<b>Thu</b>	27/06/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.	Sr Rosemary Clare (RIP)
			12:00 CTK	P J Lennon (RIP) and family
<b>Fri</b>	28/06/24	St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, Mem.	09:00 CTK	Fr Stephen Fawcett
			09:30 Mon.†	Ngoc Que Tran (RIP)
			12:00 OLAM	<b>Funeral Service: John Stevens</b>
<b>Sat</b>	29/06/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 Mon.	Bartholomew Pham (RIP)
			12:30 CTK	Christine Green (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Yvone Cowman (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	30/06/24	Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles	10:00 CTK	Christina & Joseph Byrne
			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.

**Pray for the Repose of the Souls** of John Stevens, Sarah Richards, Iris Hinton, Rosemary Quirke, Jeremy McPadden and Ann Kirkham who all died recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** S Richards: Wed 26/06/24, 11:30 CTK; J Stevens: Fri 28/06/20 OLAM, J McPadden: Wed 03/07/24, 13:00 CTK; R Quirke: Tue 09/07/24, 9.00 CTK; I Hinton: Tue 09/07/24, 12:00 OLAM; A Kirkham: Thu 18/07/24, 11:30 CTK.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**, which is lit to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, 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).

**Parish Council Meeting:** The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7 pm in the Guild Room. Members of the parish are encouraged to speak to a member of the Council if there is any matter they wish to put onto the agenda.

**Youth Group Meetings:** The next meetings of the Youth Group are on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024, in each case beginning at 7 pm in the St John's Centre.

**Parish Council meeting** on Wed 26/06/24 at 19:00 in the Guild Room. Please speak to one of the members of the Parish Council if you would like to make any suggestions or raise any issues.

**Last Weeks' Collection CTK**  
 Loose: £ 255.00  
 Envelopes: £ 106.00  
 Standing Orders: £ 247.23  
**Total: £ 608.23**

**Thank you for  
 your generous support**

**Last Weeks' Collection OLAM**  
 Loose: £ 180.19  
 Envelopes: £ 153.00  
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69  
**Total: £ 427.88**

Thank you for your generous donations to last weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection, which was for "The Day of Life".  
 The total amount raised by both parishes was £259.82.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection **NEXT WEEKEND** for "Peter's Pence".

Christ the King		22/23 JUNE	29/30 JUNE
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Tracy	Kathleen
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Oscottian	Steve
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sr Michale	Isy Moss

**Half Day of Recollection at the Convent:** The Sisters Minor of St Francis invite everyone to join them for their next half day of recollection which will begin on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 3 pm.

**General Meeting of the Cluster:** Deacon Gary invites all members of the parish to meet together on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in the St John's Centre at 4 pm to discuss the further development of the Cluster. The issues to be discussed are: most efficient means of providing Cluster information; timetable of Cluster Masses - August to December (with some streamlining around Christmas); debrief from the Divine Renovation Conference and implications for the Cluster.

**Celebrate With Joy:** The "Celebrate Trust" - which is a Catholic Ministry dedicated to supporting families and the formation of our young people - will be hosting a weekend for families on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, B38 8AP. For further details go to: [www.celebratetrust.org/joy](http://www.celebratetrust.org/joy)

**New Heights' Annual General Meeting:** The Board of Trustees, Staff and Volunteers would like to invite all to join them for the Annual General Meeting on Thurs 27/06/24 at 6:00pm in St John's Centre, B44 0QN. Refreshments will be provided free of charge.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage To the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford Sun July 7<sup>th</sup> :** Starting with 2.15 - 3.45 pm – Confessions, followed by 3 pm Rosary and 4 pm Mass & Sacrament of the Sick Celebrant Archbishop Bernard. Please bring your own chairs. Hednesford, near Cannock, is near Junction 11 of the M6 and Junction T7 of the Toll Road. Follow signs to Hednesford and Rugeley A460. Train Service from New Street, Birmingham to Hednesford. The Church and Shrine is on Uxbridge Street on the A460, WS12 1DB. For further information contact: Fr Jeremy Howard, 07868 542268 or email [fr.jeremy.howard@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.jeremy.howard@rcaob.org.uk).

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA:** This scene is a perfect parable of our life. We are crossing a stormy lake in a fragile boat, which is going to sink sooner or later, and the Lord is asleep at the back. Our breathing is tense with anxiety, but the Lord doesn't even seem to notice. The storm may be a great public one for all to see, or it may be a private agony; the terror is the same. St Thérèse of Lisieux, for example, lived a life that was externally unremarkable, but she knew more inner storms than most. "I was alone in a desert waste, or rather, my soul was like a fragile skiff tossing without a pilot in a stormy sea. I knew that Jesus was there, asleep in my little boat, but the night was too black for me to see him. All was darkness. Not even a flash of lightning pierced the clouds. There's nothing reassuring about lightening, but, at least if the storm had burst, I should have been able to glimpse Jesus. But it was night, the dark night of the soul". People driving past her monastery would probably have said, "What a peaceful life they have there!" As we walk down a street, we have no idea what private storms are raging all around us.

But, as St Thérèse said, Jesus was there, though apparently asleep. He slept a lot in her company, she noticed! But she made excuses for him: saying that other people rarely let him sleep, and so he would come to her for a break. Anyway, she was often asleep herself at meditation! Behind the gentle appearance and the frequently unctuous style of writing with its repeated use of the word 'little', she had extraordinary fortitude. By God's grace, not from her own resources, she was able to run what she described as a giant's course, "une course de géant!" Because she had experienced the worst, she was no longer afraid of anything.

Fear, or rather a certain kind of fear, is the great enemy of faith. Fear in itself is a natural instinct and we owe our survival to it, but like all our instincts it is capable of turning neurotic and undermining us. It is then that it becomes the opposite of faith. "Why are you fearful, O men of little faith?" Jesus said to them when he woke up. There are numerous examples of this in the Gospels. The man who had only one talent buried it in the ground because he was afraid (Matthew 25:25). After the death of Jesus, his disciples locked themselves in a room "for fear of the Jews" (John 20:19). Jesus constantly told people not to be afraid (Matthew 17:7; 28:10; Mark 6:50; Luke 5:10; 12:7, 32; John 6:20, etc).

One of the best things we can do for ourselves is to look clearly at our fears. Make a complete list of all the ones you are aware of; then the hidden ones may begin to show themselves too. Our fears show us indirectly the path our faith has to take. There is great pressure on us to pretend to be unafraid. Faith is not bravado, it is a way of truth. Attempting to be rid of our fears usually only drives them into hiding, and then they emerge in other twisted forms. Instead of trying to get rid of them (how?), we have to *live* with them, learning the hard lessons they have to teach us. When we look clearly at them they begin to loosen their paralysing grip. "Do not be afraid" could hardly mean "Pretend to be unafraid". It means "Even though you are trembling, take the path of faith".