



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

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Hymns: E: 105; O: 477; C: 139; R: 238

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat	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)
Sun	30/06/24	Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles	10:00 CTK	Christina & Joseph Byrne
			11:30 OLAM	Michael Fahey (RIP)
Mon	01/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Mark Riley (get well)
			09:30 Mon.	Private Intention
Tue	02/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.	Janina & Krystyna Mikula
			10:30 MPS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
			12:00 CTK	Private Intention
Wed	03/07/24	St. Thomas, Feast	08:00 Con.†	Martha Teresa Pham (RIP)
			09:30 Mon.	Bridget Clarke (RIP)
			13:00 CTK	Requiem: Jeremy McPadden
Thu	04/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.†	Eugeniusz Mikula (RIP)
			12:00 CTK	Andy Corrigan (RIP)
Fri	05/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.	Aerial Dave (RIP)
			12:00 CTK.	Trevor (RIP)
Sat	06/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 Mon.	Aerial Dave (RIP)
			12:30 CTK†	Bridie and Bill Kelly (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Jim and Kitty Heaney (RIP)
Sun	07/07/24	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK	John McKenna (Anni.)
			11:30 OLAM	Rev Peter Ross

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 Iris Hinton, Rosemary Quirke, Jeremy McPadden, Ann Kirkham and Kevin Beirne 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 July for the **Filkin/Green Family Circle** and the **Gasson Family Circle** at OLAM.

Prayer for Parish Renewal, the Mission and Cluster Development: on **Saturday 20th July at 3 pm**, all parishioners are invited to join the Sisters Minor of St Francis for an afternoon of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament dedicated to these three intentions. Deacon Gary will offer a series of reflections on these themes based on the talks he attended at the recent Parish Summit in Harrogate sponsored by the Divine Renovation ministry.

General Meeting of the Cluster: Deacon Gary invites all members of the parish to meet together on Sunday 7th 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.

Youth Group: The next meeting of the Youth Group takes place on Friday 12th July 2024 at 7 pm in the St John's Centre.

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

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 268.47
 Envelopes: £ 121.00
 Standing Orders: £ 247.23
Total: £ 636.70

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Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 211.55
 Envelopes: £ 83.00
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 389.24

2nd Collection: There will be a 2nd Collection **THIS WEEKEND** for "Peter's Pence".

As per previous request, we are providing a week notice before we make another appeal for funds for the Altar Servers. The announcement and collection for the Altar Servers activities will be made on the 6th and 7th of July.

Christ the King		29/30 JUNE	06/07 JULY
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen	Aoife
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Steve	
	Minister of Holy Communion	Isy Moss	Joyce

Visiting Priest: On **Sat 13th July** and **Sun 14th July**, all Sunday Masses in the parish will be led by Fr. Ndubuisi Brendan Ona CSSp. This will enable Fr. Thé and Deacon Gary to attend Deacon Peter Ross' priestly ordination in Liverpool and his Mass of Thanksgiving the following day. We are asking, please, for parishioners with a spare room to provide accommodation for Fr. Brendan over the weekend and also to collect him from Chester Road Station on his arrival in Birmingham and then ferry him between our two Churches. It does not need to be one person doing it all. A team offering hospitality would be very much appreciated.

Maryvale Institute: In a new venture agreed between the Archdiocese and St Mary's University, Twickenham, (SMU) three of Maryvale's programmes (recently validated by the Open University and Liverpool Hope University) will move to a new 'Maryvale at St Mary's: Maryvale Higher Institute of Religious Sciences (HIRS), the first of its kind in the English-speaking world, will remain, serving the Archdiocese and the wider Church. Two flourishing Maryvale programmes, the Bachelor of Divinity and Licence in Catechetics degrees are recruiting for the academic year 2024-25. Demand for all Maryvale programmes has been strong and ahead of expectations. Maryvale HIRS is also developing a closer relationship with St Mary's College, Oscott, the inter-diocesan Seminary based within the Archdiocese. Current plans envisage sharing Oscott's IT platform and facilities and holding face-to-face teaching there, as well as exams and graduations.

Introduction to IT and CV writing: Free training at New Heights, starting on Mon 1st July, 9:00-10:50am. Interested? Please ring 0121 386 4345.

St Mary's College Oscott (Oscott) is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to fill the following roles: i). Tour guides, ii). Museum and Chapel stewards, iii). Event assistants. The College is particularly keen to hear from people who: • have a good memory for information, ii). are confident in talking to the public in small groups or one-to-one; iii). are reliable, with good time keeping skills; iv). are able to work with others in a team; v). can spare at least one afternoon per month. All training and uniform will be provided. If you could spare an afternoon, and are interested in helping Oscott, please go to our website <http://oscott.net/about-us/staff/current-vacancies/>, or email volunteercoordinator@oscott.org, or phone 0121 321 5019 for an application form.

Diocesan Pilgrimage To the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford Sun July 7th: Pilgrimage starts with Confessions 2.15 - 3.45 pm, 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 & 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

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA: When Jesus asked the disciples who the people believed he was, they gave him a list of dead men: "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets". All dead. Peter alone mentioned life: "You are the Christ, the Son of the *living* God". Theodore of Mopsuestia (c. 350-428) commented: "Having said that Peter's confession is a rock, Jesus stated, 'Upon this rock, I will build my Church'. This means, he will build his Church upon this same confession and faith"

This is the "key to the Kingdom of Heaven". In ancient times, a key was a hefty piece of equipment: in Isaiah 22:22, there is reference to placing a key on a man's *shoulder*. But keys are now tiny things. The key to the Kingdom is a small thing. It is to see Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the *living* God". He himself said to the Sadducees on one occasion: "[God] is God, not of the dead, but of the living" (Lk 20:38)

Jesus is alive, but there are many who have an interest in keeping him dead: then he is controllable, predictable, even saleable.... But he is not dead. The key to this is to see that he is everywhere: he is looking out of the eyes of the stranger and the sinner and the outsider. But even this key, like all keys, can be used also as an instrument of exclusion and control. However, it is meant to be the opposite: it is for opening.

St John Chrysostom (4th-5th century): "He did not ask 'Who do the scribes and Pharisees say that I am?' even though they had often come to talk with him. Rather, he asked, 'Who do *people* say the Son of man is?' as if to inquire about common opinion. Even if the common opinion was far less true than it might have been, it was at least more free of malice than the opinion of the religious leaders, who were reeking of malice". The latter, and their successors throughout the ages, would like to see his tomb sealed, the heavy stone securely in place for all time.

Let's not say 'they'; let's say 'we'. The Gospel is always about us, not about them; Jesus spoke in the second person; he was not a social commentator or a journalist. The heavy stone represents the past; we live too much under its weight; we interpret the present not as something new but as something old. Yet there are moments when the stone moves aside, even if only a fraction of an inch, and we glimpse the living Christ, as Peter did. In such moments, our faith is in living continuity with his.