



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

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Hymns: E: 508; O: 107; C: 345; R: 129

MASSES THIS WEEK

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
Mon 08/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Dang & Nguyen families (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Private Intention
Tue 09/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
		09:30 CTK	Requiem: Rosemary Quirke
		12:00 OLAM	Funeral Service: Iris Hinton
Wed 10/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Bartholomew Pham (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Private Intention
Thu 11/07/24	St. Benedict, Patron of Europe, Feast	09:30 Mon.†	Janina & Krystyna
		12:00 CTK	Sarah Richards (RIP)
		13:00 CTK	Funeral Service: Ace Louis Gray
Fri 12/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 CWS	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
		09:00 CTK	Eugeniusz Mikula (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.†	Denis (RIP)
Sat 13/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 Mon.	John Murphy
		12:30 CTK	Ted McKeown (Anni.)
		18:00 OLAM	James & Kathleen Mooney
Sun 14/07/24	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK	Ron Levell (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM†	Eddie O'Reilly (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 Iris Hinton, Rosemary Quirke, Ann Kirkham, Kevin Beirne and Stephen Moore who died recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** R Quirke: Tue 09/07/24, 9.30 CTK; I Hinton: Tue 09/07/24, 12:00 OLAM; Ann 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage To the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford This Sunday – 7th July: Pilgrimage starts with Confessions 2.15 - 3.45 pm, followed by Rosary at 3 pm and at 4 pm Mass & Sacrament of the Sick Celebrated by 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

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.

Parish Funding: Due to annual leave we are unable to provide details of last week's Collection Count and will report on both weeks combined in the next Newsletter.

Altar Servers Activities: As previously announced, there will be a collection for the Altar Servers activities at all Masses this weekend.

Christ the King		06/07 JULY	13/14 JULY
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Angela	Patience
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce	Marion

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.

Visiting Priest: Next weekend - **Sat 13th / Sun 14th July** – all Masses within both Parishes will be led by Fr. Ndubuisi Brendan Ona CSSp, which will enable Fr. Thé and Deacon Gary to attend Deacon Peter Ross' ordination in Liverpool and his Mass of Thanksgiving the following day.

Oscott College Is Looking For Enthusiastic Volunteers To Fill The Following Roles: 1) Tour Guides, 2) Museum and Chapel stewards, 3) Event Assistants. The College is particularly keen to hear from people who a) have a good memory for information, b) are confident in talking to the public in small groups or one-to-one; c) are reliable, with good time keeping skills; d) are able to work with others in a team; and e) 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 visit their website <http://oscott.net/about-us/staff/current-vacancies/> or email volunteercoordinator@oscott.org, or phone 0121 321 5019 for an application form.

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.

Maryvale Institute: In a new venture agreed between the Archdiocese and St Mary's University, Twickenham, (SMU) 3 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 & the wider Church. 2 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 & 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.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA: Mark never attempts to smooth the edges of the story. For example: "When Jesus noticed it he was very *angry*," he wrote (10:13), describing Jesus' reaction when the disciples tried to stop children from coming near him. Matthew and Luke smooth it over, simply writing "Jesus then said..." But it works both ways: Mark may show an angrier Jesus in that passage, but he also shows him to be more affectionate than the other Gospel writers do. "He took the children in his arms and laying his hands on them, blessed them" (10:16). Matthew only says "Jesus laid his hands on them and went his way" (19:15), and, in Luke's version, there is no contact at all: "He called the children to him and said..." (18:16). Mark's Jesus is more emotional, he shows his feelings more.

Another example of Mark's bluntness: he wrote that James and John asked to be seated at Jesus' right hand in the Kingdom (10:37), but Matthew said it was their *mother* who asked this question! (20:23). It is clear, when you look at the original Greek text, that Mark is more accurate. Matthew calls Jesus "the carpenter's *son*" (13:55), as if to distance him from manual work. But in today's reading, Mark reports people as saying simply, "This is the carpenter surely!"

"We must face the fact," wrote George Bernard Shaw, "that all society is based upon intolerance". He may have been overstating the case, but the test is whether the hat fits. Brinsley MacNamara's novel "*The Valley of the Squinting Windows*" exposed the bitter cruelty of village morality. The smaller the society, the more controlling this narrow spirit. "Beneath the charm of the rural town or village, there often lurks a lethal intolerance". People who have known you all your life see you as the child you were, even when you are a middle-aged man or woman. They see where you came from and they remember all your youthful errors. If they are villagers, they also want to make sure you are not getting above yourself; "who does he think he is?" Nazareth was such a place.

The terrible fact is that it works! It tied Jesus' hands: "He *could* work no miracles there", wrote Mark. Matthew says, "He *did not* work many miracles there" (13:58), making it look more like a decision on Jesus' part. Mark's version is more gutsy and tragic, and it makes you think more. It is a frightful thought that we have the ability to prevent miracles, to tie the Lord's hands.... How many miracles have I prevented in my life? Or this week? Why are my wife and children so quiet? Are they sinking into despair? Or have I a way of making my husband feel so bad that everything he might do or say is condemned in advance? God prevent that I should ever be a miracle-stopper!