



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

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Hymns: E: 477; O: 160; C: 317; R: 169

MASSES THIS WEEK

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)
Mon	15/07/24	St. Bonaventure, Mem.	08:00 Con.†	Dang & Nguyen families (RIP)
			09:30 Mon.	Private Intention
Tue	16/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.	Bartholomew Pham (RIP)
			12:00 CTK	Streaming of Episcopal Ordination Mass of new Auxiliary Bishops
Wed	17/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Noel & Bernadette Shanahan
			09:30 Mon.	Mary Malone (get well)
			10:30 MPS	People of the parishes
Thu	18/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30 Mon.	Yvonne Cowman (RIP)
			11:30 CTK	Requiem Mass: Ann Kirkham
Fri	19/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:00 CTK	Fr David Lloyd (RIP) (JA)
			10:30 Mon.	Margaret Day (Ann)
Sat	20/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00 Mon.	Catherine Downey (get well)
			12:30 CTK	Regina McKavanagh
			18:00 OLAM	Reginald Watts (Anni.)
Sun	21/07/24	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 CTK†	Butler Family
			11:30 OLAM	Fr Andrew McCann (get well)

Visiting Priest: We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Ndubuisi Brendan Ona CSSp, who will be celebrating all Masses at Christ The King and at OLAM this weekend - **Sat 13th / Sun 14th July** – whilst Deacon Gary and I will be travelling to Liverpool for the ordination of Deacon Peter Ross and his Mass of Thanksgiving the following day. Thank you to all who have graciously offered to look after him over the weekend. You will all remain in our prayers whilst we are away.

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 13:30.

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 Ann Kirkham, Kevin Beirne, Stephen Moore, Sarah (Sadie) Bessant and James Pell-Walpole who died recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** Ann Kirkham: Thu 18/07/24, 11:30 CTK; Stephen Moore: Tue 23/07/24, 11.00 CTK; Sadie Bessant: Tue 30/07/24, 10:00 OLAM.

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**.

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.

Mass for Ethiopians in the Geez Rite: On Sunday 21st July 2024, Abba Tilahun Tenkir Zirgwa, Chaplain to the Ethiopian Community will celebrate Holy Mass in the Geez Rite at 5 pm at St Francis Catholic Church, 101 Hunters Road, Birmingham B19 1EB. Further details can be obtained by emailing Abba Tilahun at tilahuntenkir@gmail.com or calling **07863 587 430**.

Last 2 Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 590.90
 Envelopes: £ 266.00
 Standing Orders: £ 494.46
Total: £ 1351.36

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Last 2 Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 376.60
 Envelopes: £ 316.50
 Standing Orders: £ 189.38
Total: £ 882.48

(Please note, the above figures are for the last 2 weeks combined)

Christ the King		13/14 JULY	20/21 JULY
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Theresa	Kathleen
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Patience	John
	Minister of Holy Communion	Marion	Sister

Final Mass for the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Maryvale: Mother Winsome at Maryvale Convent has confirmed that the Sisters' move to "Aston Hall" in Staffordshire, which had been delayed for the last couple of months, will now take place on Thursday 25th July. As such, their last public Mass will be the usual 9.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 21st July. They send their best wishes to all members of the combined Parishes and wish to assure them of their continued prayers, as they similarly hope to be remembered by us.

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.

Cluster Social Event: On 14th August 2024, St Margaret Mary will host a barbecue after the Mass at 18.00 for the Vigil of the Assumption. If you would like to attend or are willing to volunteer to help, please email Fr. Simon on fr.simon.ellis@rcaob.org.uk.

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.

Notice to Children Liturgy Parents: The Christ the King Liturgy Group finishes for the Summer on Sunday 21st July. We will start again in the new School Term on Sunday 8th September. A big thank you to the children who have been joining us and for being so well behaved and attentive. Also thank you to their parents for bringing them along to take part. We look forward to seeing you again in September. Have a safe and enjoyable break. The Liturgy Group leaders.

NEW DAWN PILGRIMAGE

New Dawn Pilgrimage - Monday 5 - Friday 9 August: This year's New Dawn Pilgrimage will take place at the National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. New Dawn is a family event with a programme of liturgy, sacraments, praise and worship, keynote speakers, workshops, children/youth ministries and more. Further information can be found on their website at www.newdawn.org.uk.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA: When Jews of old were about to enter the Temple, they had to leave their sandals, staff and money girdle outside. Perhaps this was in Jesus' mind when he told the disciples to take nothing for the journey. The world is a kind of Temple of God.

The details of what they were to leave behind differ from Gospel to Gospel. "No staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money - not even an extra tunic" (Luke 9:3). "No gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff" (Matthew 10:10-11). But Mark's account allows them a staff and sandals. Mark's is the earliest Gospel. Why did the later ones make the conditions stricter? It has been suggested that it may have been due to a comparison in the matter of poverty with the 1st-Century Cynic itinerant preachers, who went about on bare feet.

Today a 'cynical' person is someone who is disenchanted with everything, more or less. The original Cynics were followers of a philosophical school (founded in the 4th Century BC) that viewed all human civilisation as artificial and rather contemptible. They believed we should return to a natural life, self-sufficient and free of wealth and luxury. Hence their bare feet and simple lifestyle. In the 13th Century, St Dominic found himself in a similar situation. The Albigensians, an Eastern sect that regarded material reality as evil, were being very successful, particularly in the south of France, because people were impressed with their ascetic way of life, which compared favourably with the vanity and luxury of the Catholic clergy. The Albigensians went about in bare feet. Dominic realised that the Gospel could not be preached from horseback (luxury transport in those days), so he took to the roads in bare feet, like the Albigensians themselves. (But when he approached a town he would put on his sandals, in case he was taken for an Albigensian!)

Today we see that the Gospel cannot be preached from a Porsche or a Bugatti. Some of the most impressive religious groups have been ones that returned to poverty and simplicity of life, such as the Congregation founded by Charles de Foucault. The call to "take nothing for the journey" is as resonant today as it was in the time of the first disciples of Jesus.