



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

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Hymns: E: 19; O: 488; C: 464; R: 416

MASSES THIS WEEK **Con: Convent; CTK: Christ the King; OLAM: Maryvale; SMM: St Margaret Mary's.**

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)
Mon	22/07/24	St. Mary Magdalene, Feast	08:00 Con.†	Gerrard Byrne (Anni.)
			19:00 SMM	Baby Emmanuel Bibin Francis
Tue	23/07/24	St. Bridget, Patron of Europe, Feast	09:15 SMM	Bill Cosgrave (RIP)
			11:00 CTK	Requiem: Stephen Moore
Wed	24/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	08:00 Con.†	Ngoc Que Tran (RIP)
			09:00 CTK	Funeral Service: James Pell Walpole
			09:15 SMM	Frank Hughes
Thu	25/07/24	St. James, Apostle, Feast	12:00 CTK	Fr Simon Nolan O'Carin
Fri	26/07/24	SS Joachim & Anne, Mem. Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	09:15 SMM	Barnabas Agendia (RIP)
			09:30 CTK	Beirnie Reilly (get well)
Sat	27/07/24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Dotty Teague (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	John Roche (RIP)
Sun	28/07/24	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Ronald Palmer (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Tony Levell (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	John Neville (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 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.**

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.

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 Church, 101 Hunters Rd, B'ham B19 1EB. Further details can be obtained by emailing Abba Tilahun at tilahuntenkir@gmail.com or calling **07863 587 430.**

Last Weeks' Collection CTK
 Loose: £ 397.81
 Envelopes: £ 119.00
 Standing Orders: £ 247.23
Total: £ 764.04

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Last Weeks' Collection OLAM
 Loose: £ 153.70
 Envelopes: £ 169.35
 Standing Orders: £ 94.69
Total: £ 417.74

Christ the King		20/21 JULY	27/28 JULY
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen	Tracy
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	John	Steve
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sister	Isy Moss

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.

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.

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.

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.

NEW DAWN PILGRIMAGE - MON 5th - FRI 9th 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.

March for Life happens in London on Saturday, 7th September. The theme for this year's March for Life is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Join thousands at this family-friendly event. Find out more at: marchforlife.co.uk. If you want a place on the coach, please book soon. The cost of coach travel is £25 a seat, return and pick-ups start at 7am from Our Lady and All Saints in Stourbridge, Birmingham Oratory, St Dunstan's in Kings Heath and St Augustine's in Solihull. For more info or to book please contact Alice on 07845 706362 alice.grennan@googlemail.com.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: FR D. O'SHEA: This is the second time in Mark's Gospel that the disciples are too busy even to eat (the other reference is 3:20). It was time to get away and rest, but when they reached the place a crowd was waiting for them. The speed of Mark's Gospel is unrelenting. Mark's source was Peter, who had always been at the centre of the action himself; so this is a special glimpse into the Twelve's first hectic experience of pastoral work.

It is interesting that Jesus did not insist on the day-off they had planned. Instead "He set himself to teach them (the crowd) at some length". The needs of the crowd came first; he was not forming the Twelve into an élite whose needs took precedence over everything. They were running the risk of burn-out, but it must be a risk worth running. It was a sad development when "the Church" came to mean the Clergy. This unfortunate usage is heard much less often now, but it is still in evidence: not so much in language as in attitude and reality.

Jesus told the parable of the hundred sheep, one of which was lost; the shepherd left the ninety-nine and went in search of the one that was lost (Luke 15:4; Matthew 18:12). To go in search of someone who is lost is to be a little lost yourself, in the sense that you have to go beyond your familiar circle and into strange places. We all like to know where we are; some types of people love it more than anything, and will never go into unfamiliar situations if they can help it. If a parish (or any group) is controlled by such people, we might see an inverted version of the parable: the ninety-nine are lost, while the Pastor sits at home looking after the one who isn't lost. The ninety-nine are sheep without a shepherd. It's easier to go astray than we might think. Sheep nibble themselves astray: they keep their heads down, just as we tend to keep our heads glued to our routine ways of doing things – until we look up and realise we don't know where we are. It would be a very good thing to stop and rest, as Jesus said – to raise our heads and look around and realise that we are lost.

If we were to see rightly, perhaps there is only Shepherd, and every one of us is the lost sheep.