



The Newman Cluster

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

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Pending formal appointment, our acting Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Caroline Gorman and Angela Hooker. Until the paperwork has been completed, any concerns or issues should be reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

Hymns: E: 19; O: 379; C: 593; R: 473

MASSES THIS WEEK

Con: Convent; CTK: Christ the King; OLAM: Maryvale; SMM: St Margaret Mary's

Sat	11/10/25	St Francis of Assisi, Mem.	12:30 CTK	John Fitzmaurice (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	John McDonnell (Anni)
Sun	12/10/25	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			10:00 CTK	Sean Butler (RIP)
			11:00 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			11:30 OLAM	Teresa Downey (RIP)
Mon	13/10/25	Feria in OT	08:00 Con.†	The McDonagh's and the Maughan's
			14:00 CTK	Funeral Mass: Joseph Riordan
Tue	14/10/25	Feria in OT	11:00 OLAM	Funeral Service: Helena Trapszo
Wed	15/10/25	St Teresa of Avila, Mem.	08:00 Con.†	Luke Byrne (RIP)
Thu	16/10/25	Feria in OT	11:00 OLAM	Funeral Service: Terence Stevens
			12:00 CTK	Private intention
Fri	17/10/25	St Ignatius of Antioch, Mem.	09:00 CTK	John Roche (RIP)
Sat	18/10/25	Feria in OT	12:30 CTK	Aloysius Gonzaga Ikwuka (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Mary Wright (RIP)
Sun	19/10/25	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			10:00 CTK	Bridget Walsh (Anni.)
			11:00 SMM	Celebrant's Intention
			11:30 OLAM	Mary Teresa Duffy (RIP)

Pray For The Sick: Jean McCabe, Paul Cowan, Gerald, John, Josephine Brown, John/Sandra Mageean, Sadie Pulido, Sarah McCallion, Claire/Mark, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Niamh O'Reilly, Jo Teece, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Alberto Bolongaro, Kyle Billing, Nicola Jones, Patricia Nash, Joanne Fields, Caitlin Hodgetts, Joan/Alan Horton, Peggy O'Donovan, Pauline O'Brien, Chris & Eddie Walsh, Elizabeth Teague, Christine Stephens, Margaret Coogan, Sadie Kennelly, Michael and Sarah Deane, and Peter Hadland.

RIP: Please pray for Helena Trapszo, Terence Stevens and Joseph Riordan who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** J Riordan CTK Mon 13/10/25, H. Trapszo: OLAM Tue 14/10/25 at 11:00; T Stevens: OLAM Thu 16/10/25 at 11:00.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedication throughout October at CTK is dedicated to the Moloney family, and at OLAM to the Ikwuka & Ubah Families.

Safeguarding Notice: Our acting Safeguarding Officers have asked Deacon Gary to remind us all that when there are altar servers under the age of 18 in the Servers' Sacristy only parishioners such as Sacristans, Stewards and others with necessary and legitimate business should go into the Servers' Sacristy. Parishioners should not gather in there for conversation and even those with necessary and legitimate business should exit as soon as their business is complete. If you need to speak to Fr. Thé or Deacon Gary before Mass, please catch them whilst they are out in the main body of the Church or at the door after Mass. Please bear in mind that responsibility for Safeguarding is shared by us all.

Little Vinnies Stay and Play: The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) are launching a new Stay and Play session for pre-school children in the parish (Hence "Mini Vinnies"). It begins on **10th October and will be on Friday mornings in the school term from 9 am until 11 am at Maryvale Community Centre Old Oscott Hill B449SR**. There is a poster at the back of Church explaining how you can support this initiative.

November Grave Blessings: Oscott Cemetery: 1 November, 3pm; Erdington Abbey: 2 November, 2pm; New Hall Cemetery: 2 November, 2pm; Witton Cemetery: 9 November, 2 pm; Rectory Rd Cemetery: 9 November, 2pm

Last Two Weeks Collection
CTK
 Loose: £ 617.38
 Envelopes: £ 381.50
 Standing Orders £ 247.23
Total: £ 1246.11

Second Collection 28/09: Fr Hudson; £332.06
Second Collection:05/10 CAFOD; £147.00
 Next weekend: Missio

Last Two Week's Collection
OLAM
 Loose: £ 294.10
 Envelopes: £ 338.50
 Standing Orders £ 94.69
Total: £ 727.29

Christ the King		11 th /12 th Oct	18 th /19 th Oct
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Kathleen	Maxine
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Theresa	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Angela	Sister



Proper procedure for reserving Mass intentions: The Mass stipend which goes to the priest who celebrates the mass must be kept separate from the Sunday Offering which is the income of the parish. Please do not put Mass offerings in the Sunday collection. Please use the brown envelopes to request a Mass for your intentions **and, in addition, please sign the book in each Sacristy to confirm that your Mass request has been made.**

SVP update: Dear Parishioners, Below is an update on how the SVP have been spending your donations over the summer months: We had 21 families referred to us by the local schools in need of support over the holidays. We were able to assist with food, grocery vouchers, clothing, household item and toiletries. We also purchased some electrical appliances which were urgently needed. In the month of August alone we completed over 40 visits to families whilst still visiting the housebound and isolated. On behalf of all our members, I want to sincerely thank you for your continued and generous support. If you would like to know more about the SVP or feel you would like to join us please talk to me, Fr., Deacon Gary or any of our members. Please keep our members and those we support in your prayers. Kind regards. Theresa.

First Meeting of the new Parish Pastoral Council: The new Parish Pastoral Council will meet for the first time on **Thursday 23rd October at 7 pm** -venue to be confirmed nearer the date.

Day for Catechists: On 25th October, current and potential new catechists are invited to gather at St Ambrose Barlow, Lakey Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 8QU from 10 am until 4 pm to discuss a range of issues relating to the preparation of children and others for the sacraments. Those interested are asked to register. The details of how to do that with the full programme are in the poster at the back of Church. If you are going, please take a packed lunch and £5.00 as a contribution to expenses which the parish will refund.

Formation for the Ministry of the Word: the Cluster is very fortunate to have a number of new people coming forward to offer themselves as Ministers of the Word. Formation for this ministry in the Church will take place both on 16th November and on 23rd November in each case starting at 3 pm. The venue will be notified next week. Anyone who has not yet made themselves known to Deacon Gary but would wish to be considered for this ministry is very welcome to attend these sessions and get a taste of what the ministry involves both in terms of preparation before Mass and the exercise of the ministry during it. The intention is to commission new ministers for service on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Gospel Commentary: Fr Donagh O'Shea:

The ancient world was terrified of leprosy, which is a contagious disease. Since there was no cure for it, lepers were banned from society. They became outcasts, required by law to stand at a distance and to shout 'Unclean, unclean!' when they saw someone approach (Leviticus 13:45f). The Samaritan leper in this story was doubly isolated, for there was deep religious hatred between Jews and Samaritans. These ten outcasts must have heard of Jesus' reputation, and they are desperate for help. They kept their distance, as the Law required, and they shouted, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!'. Every society, every group, has outsiders. How a group sees and treats outsiders is the clearest indicator of the values the group is based on. 'We must face that fact,' wrote George Bernard Shaw, 'that every society is based upon intolerance.' But to say this is to discount the possibility of an open society. To be sure, the open society has many enemies, ancient and modern, as Karl Popper's classic (1945) made clear. We might expect that all religious societies, since they claim to be in the service of God, would be open societies; but some of them shrink into cults, and many develop cult-like qualities. In every society there is a mirroring of inner and outer: if outsiders are seen not just as outsiders but as enemies, then we can be sure that the inner life of that society is unhealthy in some way. This is how we evaluate individuals; it is also how we can evaluate the life of a society. Individuals who only know who and what they are against have no positive identity at all; and likewise a society. Jesus said, 'Love your enemies' (Mt 5:44; Lk 6:27, 35). This forbids Christians to define themselves by their enemies, by people who hold opposite views to theirs. This is what the Pharisees did: their name means 'Separated': they saw themselves as people apart, better than everyone else. There is to be no ideology, instead there is the command to go out to 'the weak, the sick, the wounded, the strayed, the lost' (see Ezekiel 34), just as Jesus did. Ideological Christians have no time for the isolated, the doubly isolated, such as this leper. A Christian society that is deaf to the outsider and that marginalises some of its own, can hardly be described as Christian. A Christian community is not a group of likeminded people who confirm one another in their narrowness. Rather it is a group that reaches out to those whose lives are in chaos, whose voices are not heard, whose presence is not welcomed. The only leper who came back to give thanks to God was the Samaritan, the doubly isolated. That was a poor reflection on the nine. Today's gospel reading is a call for us to think about how we relate to our Church, our groups, our family... and to outsiders. We can have a subtly hostile attitude to all outsiders, and we are even capable of making outsiders of some who are within. Jews despised Samaria as a blot on their country. We need to realise the significance of the fact that Jesus reached out to Samaritans, went into the heart of Samaria (John 4), and even made Samaritans the heroes of some of his parables. He even had the word 'Samaritan' thrown at him as an insult by people who considered themselves insiders (John 8:48).