



The Newman Cluster

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The Newman Cluster is a growing into a united Catholic community comprising the following places of worship

Christ the King ("CTK")
 124 Warren Farm Road
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 B44 0QN

Our Lady of the Assumption ("OLAM")
 82 Old Oscott
 Maryvale
 B44 9SP

St Margaret Mary ("SMM")
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Other Clergy in the Cluster

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Welcome to Mass on the first Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD First Reading: Genesis 2.7-9, 3.1-7. *The creation of mankind and the fall*

Responsorial Psalm *Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned*

Second Reading: Romans 5.12-19 *Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

Gospel: **Matthew 4.1-11** *Jesus fasts for forty days and nights and is tempted by the devil.*

LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK: Con: Convent; CTK: Christ the King; OLAM: Maryvale; SMM: St Margaret Mary's; SJC: St John's Centre at CTK; MPS Maryvale Primary School

Sat	21/02/26	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	10.00 SMM (Newman Gallery)	Meeting for Catechists and other interested parties regarding the programmes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation with Fr. Sean Gough as guest speaker.
Sat	21/02/26	First Sunday of Lent (Vigil Masses)	12.00 CTK	Recitation of the Rosary
			12.30 CTK	J.F.S In Thanksgiving
			15.00 Con	Half Day of Recollection with the Sisters Minor of St Francis
			18.00 OLAM	James Heaney (RIP)
Sun	22/02/26	First Sunday of Lent	09:30 CTK	Patricia & Lawrence Tamms (Anni)& Enrolment
			11:15 SMM	Jack Scully RIP
			4pm Comm Cafe	Community Meal
Mon	23/02/26	St Polycarp	4pm SJC	'Francis 800' Lent Talks
			07:30 SMM	Private Intention
			08.00 Con.	Matthew Bridger (Anni) RIP
			11.00 OLAM	Edward Oliver Bailey- Requiem
Tue	24/02/2	Lent Feria	9.30am MPS 11.30 CTK 1800 SMM 1900 Youth SMM	Kath Smith (RIP) Daniel Fitzsimmons RIP-Funeral Stations of the Cross
Wed	25/02/2	Lent Feria	8.00 Con 09.15 SMM 5.30pm SMM	CANCELLED John Mohammed RIP Sycamore
Thur	26/02/26	Lent feria		
Fri	27/02/2026	Lent Feria	9am CTK 1900 CTK	Wesley Patrick (Anni); (Cafod fast) Stations of the Cross
Sat	28/02/2026	Lent II	12.30pm CTK	Joe McKeown (RIP)
			1800 OLAM	Sarah
Sun	01/03/2026	LENT II	9.30 CTK 11.15 SMM	All altar servers Neil O'Donnell RIP

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Lent & Holy Week information for the Cluster is printed on the separate A5 Lent sheet available from the back or electronically.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: A priest will be available to hear Confessions from 11.45 am on Saturdays (CTK) 5.15 pm on Saturdays (OLAM), 08.45 am on Sundays (CTK) and Wednesdays 08.15 (SMM) or by prior appointment. SMM is also open 8:30am - 5pm every day for prayer.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedication throughout February the Sanctuary Lamp at OLAM is dedicated to the Butler & Maxwell Families and at CTK for the Bridger family (past and present). Throughout March the Sanctuary Lamp at CTK is dedicated to The Bridger Family past & present. There is still space for March at OLAM

Pray For The Sick: Jean McCabe, Paul Cowan, Gerald, John, Josephine Brown, John/Sandra Mageean, Sadie Pulido, Sarah McCallion, Claire/Mark, Carole Smith, 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, Elizabeth Teague, Christine Stephens, Margaret Coogan, Sadie Kennelly, Michael Deane, Peter Hadland, Margaret Head, Anne Cunningham and Anne O'Brien (Deacon Gary's mother).

Forthcoming Funerals: **Edward Oliver Bailey's** Requiem Mass will be celebrated on 23rd February at 11.00am at OLAM. **David Fitzsimon's:** Service of Life will be celebrated on **24th February at CTK.** **Christopher Murray:** Christopher will be received into church on **4th March at 5pm** Christopher's Funeral Service will be celebrated on **5th March at 11am CTK,** **Janette Margaret Hinsley's** Funeral Service will be celebrated on 9th March at 11.15am at SMM and **Patrick Duignan:** Patrick's service will be celebrated on 12th March at 1pm at CTK. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Lately departed: Angelina Kyie RIP.

Christ the King/OLAM



Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose: £343.77
Envelopes: £157.00

Total: £500.77

St Margaret Mary / POLW



**Last Two Week's
Collection SMM
8/2 and 15/2**

Loose: £224.85/ £177.70
Gift Aid: £70/ £67
Centenary: £220
2nd Collec Ordinariate
£125.84
Attendance: 149 / 127

**Mass attendance for last weekend
CTK/OLAM- 295 (CTK -243 and OLAM - 52).**

SMM:

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose: £119.83
Envelopes: £130.67

Total: £250.50

***Fr. Simon writes:** Lent may feel like a struggle on top of the challenges life throws at us but the words of St Francis de Sales come to mind, *"if we do not struggle, we shall not be victorious, nor shall we merit the crown of immortal glory...let us fear neither the temptation nor the tempter, for if we make use of the shield of faith and the armour of truth, they will have no power whatsoever over us."*

***Urgent Appeals for Volunteers:** We need someone who can help with all aspects of preparing for the Saturday Mass in addition to the work our current Saturday sacristan already does. It will involve working in the parish office for a couple of hours each week. Please speak to Deacon Gary if you think you can help with this.

***St Margaret Mary Church Centenary year 2026.** There are a number of events including: *24 April, 2026 11.30am Visit to Emery House, 20 Turpits Lane, B23 5DP the original site of St Margaret Mary Church, Coffee morning and unveiling of plaque (names, please, by 20 March to Christine Glasgow 07889 304927) *6 June 2026 Centenary Dinner at Maryvale Community Hall. Details and prices to follow.

***Fr. Hudson's Race Night:** There will be a fundraising Race Night at Coleshill Town Hall on 10th March 2026 in aid of Fr. Hudson's projects: 7pm to 10.30 pm (First Race 7.15 pm). The entry cost is £20 to include a fish and chip supper.

***Ministry of the Word:** All current commissioned Ministers of the Word are earnestly requested to attend a meeting with Deacon Gary on 18th March 2026 at 7 pm in the Guild Room for a review on how the Liturgy of the Word changes during the Sacred Triduum and a discussion on how this impacts their ministry. Any potential new Ministers of the Word are invited to attend the necessary formation sessions on the following dates (all in the Guild Room at 7 pm): 25th February 4th March 11th March. Current Ministers are also welcome to attend these both for a refresher and also to give those entering the ministry the benefit of their practical experience.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives in the Cluster are Caroline Gorman (CTK), Angela Hooker (OLAM) and Renata Olkowska (SMM). To report concerns or issues email Caroline on sg.christ-the-king.bham@rcaob.org.uk; Angela on sg.ol-assumption.bham@rcaob.org.uk and Renata on sg.margaret.mary.bham@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively concerns or issues can be reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on **0121 230 6240** or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk