



**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  
Kingstanding  
B44 0QN

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

St Margaret Mary (SMM)  
59 Perry Common Road  
Perry Common  
B23 7AB

**Welcome to Mass on the Fifth Sunday of Easter:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 6: 1-7** They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit

**Responsorial Psalm: 33** May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-9** But you are a chosen race a royal priesthood.

**Gospel Acclamation:** I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

**Gospel: John 14: 1-12** I am the way and the truth and the life.

<b>Sat</b>	02/05/20	Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor	10.30 CTK	Baptism of Michael Hammer
			12.00 CTK	Recitation of the Rosary
		Fifth Sunday of Easter (Vigil Masses)	12.30 CTK	Fr. John Warnaby (RIP) (Anni)
			18.00 OLAM	Margaret Costello (Peggy)
<b>Sun</b>	03/05/26	Fifth Sunday of Easter Tea and Coffee after 09.30 Mass in the St John's Centre.	09:30 CTK	Eileen Zeigestowski (Anni)
			11:15 SMM	Margaret Mary Canavan (Birthday)
<b>Mon</b>	04/05/26	Feast of the English Martyrs	07:30 SMM	Kitty Heaney (RIP)
			08:00 Con	Private Intention
<b>Tue</b>	05/05/26	Easter Feria	09.30 MPS	Johnson Clergy Association
			<b>11.30 OLAM</b>	<b>Requiem Mass Patricia Talbot</b>
<b>Wed</b>	06/05/26	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.	Kathleen Smith (RIP)
			09.15 SMM	James Byrne McKinnon
			4:30pm OLAM	<b>Received Into Church Patricia Donnelly</b>
			17.30 SMM	Sycamore: Details on next page
<b>Thu</b>	07/05/26	Easter Feria	11:00 OLAM	<b>Requiem Mass Patricia Donnelly</b>
<b>Fri</b>	08/05/26	Easter Feria	09.00 CTK	Anthony & Karen Ball
<b>Sat</b>    <b>Sun</b>	09/05/26	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Vigil Masses)	12.00 CTK	Rosary
			12:30 CTK	Alf Broth
			18.00 OLAM	Mary Hevehan
			09.30 CTK	Declan Butler
	10/05/26	Sixth Sunday of Easter	11.15 SMM	Private Intention

## Prayer of the Faithful

**Fr Simon writes:** May is Our Lady's month and we, no doubt, look forward to processions and crowning events during the month. If any would like to visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, I have transport available to take you there for the Day Pilgrimage organised by the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Full programme to follow. May also includes the wonderful Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (6pm Vigil Mass at SMM on 13<sup>th</sup> May and 7pm Mass at CTK on 14<sup>th</sup> May). As St John Paul II has said, "for all eternity Christ takes his place.... our nature is with God in Christ. And as man, the Lord Jesus lives for ever to intercede for us with the Father."

**Pope Leo's Prayer intentions for May:** When we pray for the Pope's intentions at the beginning of the Rosary, our Holy Father asks us during May for a fairer distribution of food around the world.

**Sanctuary Lamp Dedication:** The Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated throughout May at CTK to the Brookes, Holder & Rose Families and OLAM to the Ranahan & Foley Families.

**Pray For the Sick:** Hugh McConway, 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 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).

**Please pray for the recently departed:** We offer our prayers for the repose of the souls of Kerry Volante, Anne Forrest Alan Horton, Eddie Walsh, Jennifer Harrison, Grazyna Grunau, Brenda Jones, Hughie Patricik Underwood, Val Lennon, Danny McCrossan, Peggy Jackman, John Murtagh, Michael Patrick O'Donoghue, Anthony Crear; Ruth Black, Michael Coffey, Fr. Osmond Aisbitt, Esther Hill, Margaret Greenleaf, Deacon Stephen O'Connor, Nola Murray, Edward Oliver Bailey, David Fitzsimons, Takii Mariam, Christopher Diggle, William Vincent Moloney, Alan Horton, Patricia Donnelly, Paul Walker (né Paul Brian Tovey), Prof. Judith Champ, Eugene Michael McNally, Michael Long, John Fleming, Nicola Vizard Howell, Christy O'Reilly, Henry Joseph Cunningham, Joan Ivory, Bridget Margaret Hynes, Kitty Woulfe, Lilian Fellows, and Dot (Florence) Myles all of whom have recently died.

**Forthcoming Funerals: Patricia Talbot:** Patricia's service will be celebrated at OLAM on 05:05:26 at 11.30. **Patricia Donnelly** will be received into Church on 6<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30pm at OLAM, and her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on 7<sup>th</sup> May in OLAM at 11am. **Paul Tovey (also known as Paul Walker):** Paul's funeral will take place at Streetly Crematorium West Chapel on 12<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. **Luke Ryan:** Luke's blessing will be on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm at OLAM. **Joseph Wall:** Joseph's Requiem Mass will take place at St Margaret Mary's on 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. **May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

**Remembrance of our Faithful Departed:** Thank you to everyone who supported this initiative either by attending in person or on the live stream. Deacon Gary was greatly encouraged by the kind comments he received afterwards. This service combines Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Official Prayer of the Church for the Faithful Departed and Benediction. Since those watching on-line will not have this service in their Missal, the service sheet will be circulated in advance with the emailed copies of the Newsletter and posted on-line

**Masses in the Convent:** We are very grateful to Bishop David who is always willing to celebrate a Mass at 08.00 on Mondays and Wednesdays whenever his diary permits. From time to time, it is not possible to provide Mass in the Convent. **We try to give as much notice as we can but please help the Parish Office by making sure that you put your telephone number on the Mass intention envelope so that we can contact you directly.** If Mass in the Convent must be cancelled, then any Mass intention set for it will be rescheduled.

**First Friday Masses in the Sacred Heart Chapel, Maryvale:** the First Friday in April coincided with Good Friday which is one of the two days in the year when the Church never celebrates Holy Mass. The next First Friday Mass will be on 6<sup>th</sup> June at the usual time of 7 pm.

**Rosary during the Easter Season:** the Saturday Rosary Group has been asked to focus on the Glorious Mysteries until the Vigil of Pentecost (23<sup>rd</sup> May). The Glorious Mysteries are more attuned to our celebrations in the Easter Season.

**Prayer for the Sisters Minor of St. Francis:** The Sisters will be holding their 6<sup>th</sup> General Chapter from 1<sup>st</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> June at the Mother House in Tusa (Italy). As you know, these will be days of intense work, during which they will seek to discern God's will for their Congregation over the next four years, as well as to elect the Superior General and the General Council. To prepare themselves for this important time, they ask all of us to pray for them daily until 13<sup>th</sup> June.

## Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

### CTK



### OLAM



#### Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose:	£336.88
Envelopes:	£288.03
S/O	£171.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>£796.22</b>

#### Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose	£89.20
Envelopes:	£95.00
S/O	£73.58
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£257.78</b>

#### Last Week's Collection SMM

Loose	£
Envelopes:	£
S/O	£
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Mass Count</b>	<b>TBC</b>

**Mass count 64**

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**Standing Orders in the Parish:** The amount given for the Standing Orders in the parish is always an average taken over a six-month period. This allows the Parish Treasurer to take account of variations in payment patterns and changes in the list of those contributing by S/O. Thank you to all who support the Cluster in this way.

**Youth Group Meetings:** The next meeting after this week's will be on 12<sup>th</sup> May and will be a Movie Night.

**Sycamore Talks at SMM:** These take place in the Newman Gallery which is accessed via the steps at the back of the Church. The topic for the forthcoming talk is: " 6 May Who is Jesus? 20 May The Holy Spirit and the Church; 3 June The Holy Bible; 17 June Gift of Faith; 24 June Baptism and the Sacraments 1 July The power of Prayer; 8 July Forgiveness, healing and mission

**Document on the Ordinariates:** The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (a Department of the Vatican in Rome) has recently issued a document concerning the Ordinariates established under the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus*. The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham of which Fr. Simon and Fr. Leonard and others in the Cluster are members is one such Ordinariate. The Prefect of the Dicastery (Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernández has requested that the document be disseminated as widely as possible. There are copies at the back of each Church and more can always be requested from the Parish Office.

**Retrouvaille Marriage Ministry:** Retrouvaille is a marriage ministry, run by Catholics, to support marriages in trouble. It runs two programmes each year, catering to about 75 couples, who need help to find hope and healing in their relationship. The majority of couples find out about this ministry through parish newsletters and you might like to include the following in your bulletin: From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) +44 797 338 0443.

**New Heights:** New Heights are looking to recruit a volunteer with a passion for Crocheting, to guide their warm and friendly group. Whether you are an experienced at crocheting or would just love to teach people as much as you know this could be for you. For further information please contact Jo at new heights on [Joanna.Howl@new-heights.org.uk](mailto:Joanna.Howl@new-heights.org.uk) or call 01213864345

**Donations:** We are still looking for donations of bric-a-brac, bottles, chocolates and pretty much anything for future parish events. Please keep us in mind when having a spring clean, as one man's junk is another man's treasure. Please contact the parish office to arrange drop off Monday-Friday 8.30am – 4pm.

**St. Margaret Mary Centenary Booklets:** These are now available at the back of each Church.

**Maryvale Community Project:** Maryvale Community Centre would like to invite you to put on your dancing shoes and try a fantastic routine of Line Dancing. Tuesday is their advanced class 8pm-10pm or Thursday if you are a beginner 8am-10pm. Please call Michelle on 07855842805 for more information.

**SVP:** We currently have two SVP Conferences in the Cluster. We are very grateful for all the excellent work they do. Meeting venues and times will vary. After this week's meeting the next one will be on 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7 pm in the Guild Room at CTK. The next two meetings after that will be at SMM at 7 pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> July respectively.

## Highlights of the Easter Season in the Newman Cluster

3rd May	09.30 CTK	Dedication of the Frances Ezike (Nigerian Rite)
9th May	11.00 OLAM	First Holy Communion for children in Y3 at Maryvale Catholic Primary School.
14th May	ALL	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
23rd May	12.30 CTK	Vigil of Pentecost; Sacraments of Initiation for those in Deacon Gary's Catechism Class [OLAM Mass at 18.00 as usual].
24th May	CTK	Pentecost: African Mass: time to be confirmed. Morning Masses as usual

### Ministry in the Newman Cluster

#### Other Clergy in the Cluster

Assistant Priest: Fr Leonard Cox [fr.leonard.cox@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.leonard.cox@rcaob.org.uk)

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#### Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 26/04/26:

CTK [12.30 pm]	OLAM [18.00]	CTK [09.30 am]	SMM [11.15 am]
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	<b>Ministers of the Word</b>
Theresa	Mary Welch	Sandra, Thandeka, Angela	Thomas Joseph
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>
Sue,	Paul and Kitty	Sisters plus Oscott.	Ted, Laura

**Ministry of Catechist:** We need some extra support for the valuable work the Loretto and the Sisters do with our parish children who are not in Catholic Schools. This will require formation and training. For an initial discussion about what this vital ministry entails, please speak to Loretto or any of the Parish Clergy.

**Ministry of Children's Liturgy:** Many thanks indeed to Lisa Jarvis and Gemma Wilson who have generously volunteered to begin a Children's Liturgy Group at the 11.15 Mass at St. Margaret Mary. Some preparatory work is needed. Please keep your eye out for further information.

**Ministry of Safeguarding: The Cluster 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.christtheking.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.christtheking.bham@rcaob.org.uk); Angela on [sg.ol-assumption.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.ol-assumption.bham@rcaob.org.uk) and Renata on [sg.margaret.mary.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk)

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