



The Newman Cluster

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Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am- 4pm

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 1: 12-14 *All with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.*

Responsorial Psalm: 27 I believe I shall see the LORD'S goodness in the land of the living.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16 *If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed."*

Gospel Acclamation: I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you and your hearts will rejoice.

Gospel: John 17: 1-11a *Father, glorify your Son.*

Confessions before Mass will be heard until 15 minutes before the start of Mass.

Sat	16/05/26	Easter Feria	10.30 CTK	Baptism of Cohen Coonagh
			11.45 CTK	Sacrament of Reconciliation
			12.00 CTK	Recitation of the Rosary
		Seventh Sunday of Easter (Vigil Masses)	12.30 CTK	John and Teresa Downey (Anniv.)
			17.15 OLAM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
			18.00 OLAM	Robert Purcell [Bob] (RIP)
Sun	17/05/26	Seventh Sunday of Easter Tea and Coffee after 09.30 Mass in the St John's Centre	08.45 CTK	Sacrament of Reconciliation
			09.30 CTK	Jack Conlon (40 th Anniversary)
			11.15 SMM	Frances Coules RIP
Mon	18/05/26	Easter Feria	07.30 SMM	Maria Nkenglefac Agendia
			08.00 Con	James Byrne McKinnon
Tue	19/05/26	Easter Feria	09.30 MPS	Margaret Mary Canavan RIP
			11.00 SMM	Requiem Mass for Joseph Patrick Wall
			16.00 CTK	Guild Room: Deacon Gary's Catechism Class.
			17.30 CTK	Finance Committee Meeting
Wed	20/05/26	Easter Feria	08.00 Con	Special Intention
			08.15 SMM	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
			09.15 SMM	Kitty Heaney (RIP)
			17.30 SMM	Sycamore: The Holy Spirit and the Church
Thur	21/05/26	Easter Feria No Liturgy today	19.00 CTK	Guild Room: SVP
			19.00 CTK	Presbytery: PWA Executive Committee
Fri	22/05/26	Easter Feria	09.00 CTK	Paul Brian Tovey RIP
Sat	23/05/26	Easter Feria	11.45 CTK	Sacrament of Reconciliation
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
		Pentecost (Vigil Masses)	12.30 CTK	Deacon Jack Foxall RIP
			18.00 OLAM	Mary Hevehan (RIP)
Sun	24/05/26	Pentecost	08.45 CTK	Sacrament of Reconciliation
			09.30 CTK	Barbara Kelleher (RIP Anni)
			11.15 SMM	Kathleen Smith RIP
			14.00 CTK	African Mass: Private Intention

Prayer of the Faithful

Fr Simon writes: As recorded in the scriptures, Jesus made six appearances to his disciples, and, of course, the sixth is Our Lord's Ascension into heaven, recorded in detail in Luke's Gospel (and in Acts). We also find much to reflect on the Ascension in the Old Testament, including the rapture stories found in Elijah, Moses and Ezra and Psalms 24, 68 and 110. There is a framework of descent and ascent throughout scripture- so we see that Christmas and the Ascension are linked, as the Christmas carol reminds us: *"And at last our eyes shall see him; through his own redeeming love, for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above. And he leads his children on, to the place where he is gone. Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, we shall see him but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high."*

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 Michael Deane, *Chief Tabetamdo*, Eamonn Boylan, Zozislaw Gorlewski, 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.

Please pray for those young people who have been in Deacon Gary's Tuesday Catechism Class who will be receiving Sacraments of Initiation on 23rd May (Vigil of Pentecost).

Please pray also for those children who have been attending the parish First Holy Communion class on Sunday mornings. They will receive the Lord in Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday 14th June at the 09.30 Mass.

Forthcoming Funerals: **Joseph Patrick Wall:** Joseph's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 19th May at SMM at 11am, **William Wright:** Williams Requiem mass will be celebrated on Friday 5th June at SMM at 1030am. **Anne Forrest:** Anne will be received into SMM Church on Monday 15th June at 5pm and a Requiem mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 16th June at 11.30am. **May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

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.

Rosary during the Easter Season: the Saturday Rosary Group has been asked to focus on the Glorious Mysteries until the Vigil of Pentecost (23rd 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 6th General Chapter from 1st to 13th 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 13th June.

Pilgrimages in the month of May: Geraldine Taylor will be joining the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes which begins on 25th May. She will be very happy to take any intentions you may have to the Shrine. Please pass them to her directly or via the Parish Office. Fr. Simon will likewise be happy to take intentions to Walsingham on 28th May.

Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

CTK



OLAM



Second Collection: Catholic Communications

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose:	£379.48
Envelopes:	£145.00
S/O	£171.31
Total	£695.79

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose	£93.31
Envelopes:	£100.70
S/O	£73.58
Total:	£267.59

Mass count 59

Last Week's Collection SMM

Loose	£127.57
Envelopes:	£195.21
S/O	£
Total:	£322.78

Mass Count 122

Mass Count 321

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.

SMM Centenary Dinner: Tickets are now available for the Centenary dinner on 6th June. Adults £15, Children £10, Please contact Christine Glasgow on cjanderson_2@hotmail.com or phone the parish office on 0121 3730988. Centenary booklets available from the back of church. We are also looking for prizes that could be donated for the raffle, if you have anything you would like to donate please contact the parish office to arrange drop off.

SMM Centenary fundraising film: please go to <https://youtu.be/HuEaskKScWE?si=RdulyfreU34zBC3J> Many thanks to James Head for his fabulous work

SMM Primary School: St Margaret May's Primary School have a position that has become available for a Senior Administrative Officer. For further information please contact: Mrs J Logue, Headteacher — enquiry@stmgtmry.bham.sch.uk

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. The next two meetings after the one in this week's calendar will be at SMM at 7 pm on Monday 29th June and 27th July respectively.

Ordinariate Sponsored Conference: "Beauty, Truth and Goodness" is at Eastbourne, 13th -15th October. Please book your own accommodation plus a donation. Please speak to Fr Simon should this be of interest to you. Please see details <https://eastbourneordinariate.org.uk/ordinariate-festival-2026>.

New book from Joanna Bogle: Joanna has a new book out called Into Full Communion. You will find it on the Ordinariate on pre order and priced at £12.99, released on 1st June 2026

The Ministry of Holy Communion on Sundays: We are very grateful to those who have supported to the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds on Sundays: both the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and those of you who have responded to the offer of the Precious Blood by consuming from the Chalice. After reviews both in the Parish Pastoral Council and amongst the Sacristans, from 24th May at the Vigil Masses and the 11.15 Mass we will continue with two Ministers of the Chalice. At the 09.30 Mass, we will have three Chalices rather than the current five. Two will be at the front of the Church slightly to the side of the Ministers of the Sacred Host and one will accompany the Minister who goes to the Children's Chapel and then the rear of the Church.

We Believe Festival: This year's festival will be held at Oscott College between 24th and 27th July 2026. The Festival involves talks, liturgies and opportunities for socialising and prayer. Tickets purchase options and further information can be found at <https://www.webeliefestival.com>

Dates for your diaries

28 th May	Walsingham	Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. To book a seat on the minibus, please speak to Fr. Simon.
31 st May	CTK	Polish Cakes after the 09.30 Mass
2 nd June	CTK	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: 7 pm in the Guild Room
4 th June	MI	Beginning of Novena to the Sacred Heart. The Novena continues until 12 th June. Mass is celebrated every day at 7pm.
5 th June	CTK	Sacrament of Reconciliation after the Mass at 9 am for those to be confirmed at CTK .
6 th June	CTK	12.30 Mass: Confirmation for those in CTK who have enrolled for the Sacrament.
6 th June	St Francis Handsworth	Centenary Dinner for the parish of St Margaret Mary (everyone in the Cluster is welcome).
7 th June	OLAM	Confirmation for those in Maryvale Primary School
14 th June	CTK	First Holy Communion for those who have been attending the Parish Catechism Class on Sunday mornings.

Ministry in the Newman Cluster

Other Clergy in the Cluster

Assistant Priest: Fr Leonard Cox 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]
Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Word
Maxine	Mary Quinn	Theresa and Chioma	Kosiso Ugo
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Theresa	Paul	Angela and Marian	John and 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 Sacristan: We are very grateful to Many and Alex who after a number of years of service have indicated that they wish to step back from being Sunday Sacristans. Their work has been much appreciated. We wish them joy in their retirement from liturgical ministry. At their suggestion, and Patience's as well, we would like to invite other members of the congregation to pray this and ask themselves whether they can offer themselves for this role. It is a role open to anyone over 16 years of age. Full training and induction will be given.

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; 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

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