



**The Newman Cluster**  
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**Christ the King ("CTK")**  
 124 Warren Farm Road  
 Kingstanding B44 0QN

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 82 Old Oscott  
 Kingstanding B44 9SP

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

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

**WELCOME TO MASS ON THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Sat</b>	04/07/26	Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>10:15 SMM</b>	<b>Baptism of Alexander Holland</b>
			12.00 CTK	Recitation of the Rosary
			<b>12:00 SMM</b>	<b>Christopher Lyida Requiem Mass</b>
			12.30 CTK	Bridie & Bill Kelly & Patrick Fitzmaurice
			18.00 OLAM	Mary Hevehan
<b>Sun</b>	05/07/26	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30 CTK	Luke Byrne (RIP)
			11:15 SMM	Michael, Mary & Michael JNR Maughan RIP
		<i>Tea/Coffee St John's Centre (CTK)</i>		
<b>Mon</b>	06/07/26	Feria in Ordinary Time	07.30 SMM	Sister Marie Inglis
			08.00 Con	Peggy O'Donovan (RIP)
			<b>18:00 CTK</b>	<b>John Mageean Reception into Church</b>
<b>Tue</b>	07/07/26	Feria in Ordinary Time	09.30 MPS	Ann Tai Hung Nguyen (RIP)
			<b>12:00 CTK</b>	<b>John Mageean Requiem Mass</b>
			19:00 SMM	Youth Club
		<i>MPS = Maryvale Catholic Primary School, Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham B44 9AG.</i>		
<b>Wed</b>	08/07/26	Feria in Ordinary Time	08.00 Con	Nancy Colon
			08.15 SMM	Adoration & Confession
			09.15 SMM	Dorothy Dolman (RIP)
			17:30 SMM	Sycamore- Last One of The Year
<b>Thur</b>	09/07/26	Feria In Ordinary Time		
<b>Fri</b>	10/07/26	Feast of St Thomas	09.00 CTK	Thanksgiving Mass for FHC/ Fr Soloman & Parishioners of Carmarthen
			15:00 SMM	Centenary Community Fair
<b>Sat</b>	11/07/26	Feast of St Benedict Abbot	10.30 SMM	Servers Rehearsal
			12:00 CTK	Rosary
			12:30 CTK	June Bernes (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Kahleen Smith
<b>Sun</b>	12/07/26	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 CTK	Josie Cooper
			11.15 SMM	Seamus McKeever (RIP, Anni)
		<i>Tea/Coffee St John's Centre (CTK)</i>		

**St John's Centre:** St John's Centre welcomes Stage Door Theatre from Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 26, 1pm-3pm for children aged between 8-16yrs who like to sing, dance and act. First session is free. Please contact Tayla on 07946529952 or [taylajudge@icloud.com](mailto:taylajudge@icloud.com) for more information.

**Catholic African Community:** The CAC of CTK is holding a Family Fun Day on 1<sup>st</sup> August 3pm – 7.30pm. More information will follow within the coming weeks and announcements will also be made in Mass. Let us support this fabulous idea with some great community spirit.

**Fr Simon writes:** This week we conclude with St Benedict, Co-Patron of Europe. His advice, through the Rule, is as relevant today as when it was first written in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. Although written for monks, all of us living parish life can take to heart the need for community: *the monks "should surpass each other in mutual esteem, accept their weaknesses, either of body or of behaviour, with the utmost patience; and vie with each other in acceding to requests. No one should follow what he considers to be good for himself, but rather what seems good for another. They should display brotherly love in a chaste manner; fear God in a spirit of love. Let them put Christ before all else; and may he lead us all to everlasting life."*

### **A statement from the President and Vice President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales**

"Yesterday's news of the charges brought against Bishop David Oakley is deeply distressing for all, both within the Catholic community and beyond.

"We are profoundly aware that the report of this allegation may reawaken painful memories for many people and again offer an unreserved apology to those who have been hurt by abuse in the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

"In this moment we would like to provide pastoral reassurance on the commitment of the Church to safeguarding. "The Catholic Church in England and Wales maintains a zero-tolerance policy for abuse in the Church and in wider society, and we are cooperating fully with the statutory authorities.

"Our immediate focus is on providing pastoral support and ensuring that we, as the Church, can continue our mission safely and transparently.

"Anybody who comes to our parishes, schools and communities must be safe and we are resolute in our commitment to safeguarding.

"We reiterate the open invitation from the bishops to meet with and listen to victims and survivors, so that we can learn from and be guided by their experiences as we continue to make our communities safe places.

"We are committed to continual review and development, assisted by the independent auditing work of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency, so that all our communities are places of safety and sanctuary for all."

**Archbishop Richard Moth** *President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales Archbishop of Westminster*

**Archbishop Bernard Longley** *Vice-President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales Archbishop of Birmingham*  
25 June 2026

**Pray For the Sick:** Anna Marsden, Elizabeth (Betty) Foley, Paul Cowan, Gerald, John, Josephine Brown, 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, , Pauline O'Brien, Elizabeth Teague, Christine Stephens, Margaret Coogan, Sadie Kennelly, Peter Hadland, Margaret Head, Anne Cunningham.

**Please pray for the recently departed:** We offer our prayers for the repose of the souls of Paul Inglis, Anne O'Brien (Deacon Gary's mother) Joshua Hurd, Kenneth Greabatch, Dorothy Dolman, Declan Kennelly, Lee Butler, Zoe Pelling John Joseph Mageean, Thomas Cunningham, David Hood, Christine O'Neill, Margaret Donovan Hugh McConway Michael Deane, *Chief Tabetamdo*, Eamonn Boylan, Zdzislaw Gorlewski, Kerry Volante, Anne Forrest Alan Horton, Eddie Walsh, Jennifer Harrison, all who have recently die

## Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10 *“Behold, your king is coming to you, humble.”*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145 (144): 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13c-14 *“I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.”*

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 9,11-12 *“If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”*

Gospel Acclamation: *I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children..”*

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30 *“I am gentle and lowly in heart.”*

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Newman Cluster

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered before all Sunday Masses at CTK and OLAM and before the Wednesday Mass at SMM. A priest will be available from the stated time in the weekly calendar on the first page until 15 minutes before the start of Mass. The priest will not be able to hear any more confessions after that time because he will need to vest and say his preparatory prayers before Mass.

### Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

#### Second Collection: Peter's Pence

CTK



OLAM



SMM – Ordinariate OLW



#### Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose	£346.79
Envelopes:	£87.00
S/O	£171.31
S/C	£145.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>£750.21</b>

**Mass Count:351**

#### Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose	£119.00
Envelopes	£82.50
S/O	£73.50
S/C	£90.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>£365.57</b>

**Mass Count: 47**

#### Last Weeks Collection

Loose	£186.94
Envelopes	£417.00
B/Fund	£5
S/C-	£68.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>£677.91</b>

**Mass Count: 151**

**Collection:** Figures for week ending 21/06/2026, CTK £496.13 and OLAM, ££211.61 & Day For Life £82.48

**SMM: Welcome Centre at St Margaret Mary Church:** Construction of the new Welcome Centre began on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. For work to be carried out safely the usual entrance (south door) will be closed, so please use the West doors to enter church. Church will be open at the usual times (8am - 5pm) every day. Please do not hesitate to call or email if you have any concerns or problems. Construction will last approximately 16 weeks.

**SMM Raffle:** Raffle tickets are on sale for the Raffle from 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July, please contact Christine Glasgow at SMM Church. The draw will take place after the 11.15am Mass on 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**Mass Intentions:** We know that some parishioners have given Mass Intentions to be said and still haven't seen a recorded mass. Please know that your intentions are still on the waiting list, but the specific dates list of intentions is still incredibly long and now standing at 150, we are doing our very best to move through all intentions given. Please feel free to call Claire in the parish office should you require an update or if you would consider having your requested mass sent out of the parish, to another church within our parish or given to Fr Jude for a private mass. **All Mass intentions require a stipend before the Mass can be recorded.**

**Calling All Seamstresses:** Do we have anybody in our cluster that is a dab hand with a sewing machine. If so and you have a couple of hours to spare to help apply some TLC to some of our Cassocks, please get in touch with the Parish Office on 0121 3730988 or [christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk). Sewing Machine will be supplied.

**St John's Centre Chairs:** There have been several occasions whereby parishioners of CTK have borrowed chairs from the centre of a Sunday. Can we please make sure as a courtesy that we put them back after mass. It isn't the job of St John's Centre staff to contact the office the following week to retrieve their property.

## Dates for your diaries

19 <sup>th</sup> July	SMM	Raffle Draw
29 <sup>th</sup> July	SMM	Newman Cluster SVP Meeting 6.30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> August	CTK Catholic African Community	Community Fun Day 3pm – 7.30pm

### Other Clergy and Religious Sisters in the Cluster

- Assistant Priest: Fr Leonard Cox [fr.leonard.cox@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.leonard.cox@rcaob.org.uk)
- Also in the Parish: Fr. Jude Mbonu [fr.jude.mbonu@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.jude.mbonu@rcaob.org.uk)
- Rev. Mr. Gary O'Brien [dcn.gary.obrien@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.gary.obrien@rcaob.org.uk)
- Rev. Mr. Dominic Fahey [dcn.dominic.fahey@rcaob.org.UK](mailto:dcn.dominic.fahey@rcaob.org.UK)
- Convent of the Sisters of the Minor St Francis, 192 Hawthorn Rd B44 8PU, Email: [smsbirmingham@gmail.com](mailto:smsbirmingham@gmail.com)

### Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 04<sup>th</sup>/ 05th July 2026

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>
Kathleen	TBC	Angela/Mary/Thabani	John
<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>
Theresa	TBC	Mariam/Joyce	John

**Ministry of Catechist:** We need some extra support for the valuable work the Loretto and the Sisters do with our parish and children who are not in Catholic Schools. This will require formation and training. For an initial discussion about what this vital ministry entails, please contact Loretto on 07732474470 or speak to any of the Parish Clergy

**Oscott College:** We Believe Festival (24-27 July at Oscott College) Festival Bookings can be made via the following link and the poster attached to the notice board at the back of church.  
<https://tickets.webbelievofestival.com/book?group=P26BWAFT>

**Sanctuary Lamp:** The Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated throughout July at CTK & OLAM to Jessica Adler (Server) for her 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**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)

