



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

WELCOME TO MASS ON THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	11/07/26	Feast of St Benedict Abbot	10.00 CTK	Baptism of Lilia Hart
			12.00 CTK	Recitation of the Rosary
			12.30 CTK	June Bernes (RIP)
			18.00 OLAM	Kathleen Smith
Sun	12/07/26	Fifteenth- Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Tea/Coffee St John's Centre (CTK)</i>	09.30 CTK	Josie Cooper
			11:15 SMM	Seamus McKeever (RIP, Anni)
			12.00 CTK	Baptism Of Adaugo Onwukwe
			12.30 SMM	Baptism of Penelope McCormack
Mon	13/07/26	Feria in Ordinary Time	07.30 SMM 08.00 Con	Richard Harnett (RIP)
Tue	14/07/26	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>MPS = Mass is in OLAM today, not the school</i>	09.30 OLAM	Private Intention
			09.30 MPS	Y6 School Leavers Mass
			19:00 SMM	Youth Club
Wed	15/07/26	Memorial of St Bonaventure	08.00 Con	Private Intention
			08.15 SMM	Adoration & Confession
			09.15 SMM	Y6 School Leavers Mass
			09.15 SMM	John Mageean (RIP)
Thur	16/07/26	Feria In Ordinary Time		
Fri Sat	17/07/26 18/07/26	Feria In Ordinary Time	09.00 CTK	Lee Butler (RIP)
			10.15 SMM	Baptism of Arthur Griffiths
			10.30 CTK	Baptism of Pyxi-Bleu Reigh Wood
			12:00 CTK	Rosary
			12:30 CTK	Maria Nkengle Agendia
Sun	19/07/26	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Tea/Coffee St John's Centre (CTK)</i>	18:00 OLAM	Annie McDonnell (RIP)
			09:30 CTK	Eddie Walsh
			11.15 SMM	Margaret Mary Canavan (Anni)
			13.00 OLAM	Baptism of Adaline Hewson

Fr Simon writes:

Fr Simon writes: In this 'Year of St Francis' (the 800th anniversary of his death in 1226) you will remember we spent Lent focussing on his life and witness. Whenever you look at any person's life, inevitably other people come to mind, and for several of our Lent speakers, St Bonaventure, is the example many named. His early life was shaped by St Francis whose prayers saved Bonaventure from an untimely death. Bonaventure become a Franciscan in 1243 and is one of the greatest theologians and philosophers that we have ever known. He is a Doctor of the church. We keep his memorial on Wednesday, 15th July, the anniversary of his death in 1274.

Children's Liturgy: The Liturgy Group finishes for the Summer on Sunday 12th July, and will recommence Sunday 13th September. A big thank you to the children who have been joining us and for being so well behaved and attentive and for parents for bringing them along to take part. We look forward to seeing you again in September, have a safe and enjoyable break.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School: Our Lady of Lourdes have a fantastic job opportunity that has become available for two Level 2/3 Teaching Assistants. For more information please go to <https://www.ourladyoflourdesprimary.com/vacancies-at-olol/> Find the advert for a Level 2/3 Teaching Assistant. Interested candidates can visit the school by direct appointment made with the school office before the end of term Please arrange this by calling 01214442684.

St John's Centre: St John's Centre welcomes Stage Door Theatre from Saturday 11th 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 for more information.

Catholic African Community: The CAC of CTK are holding a Family Fun Day on 1st August 3pm – 7.30pm. More information will follow within the coming weeks and announcements will also be made in Mass, please see the poster at the back of church. Let us support this fabulous idea with some great community spirit.

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 Betty Foley, Kath McMullan 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

Please see the below notice from Fr Michael White and let's help him help a fantastic cause.



Dear brothers in Christ,

I hope you are well.

On Thursday I am cycling from London to Paris raising money for Tabor Living and a mental health charity in memory of Christy Lambe. It's a four-day ride. Some of you kindly sponsored me on the Woodland Grange gathering. Thank-you to those who did.

We depart on the anniversary of my ordination (43rd). I am hoping it won't be my last! If you can afford to support the charities please do, if not, then a prayer or two would be welcome

Yours,

Michael White

Summer Break for our 09.30 Choir: Our thanks to Mary Kelly and the parishioners she has gathered together to lead our music at our 09.30 Mass. They will be taking a break over the Summer from 26th July to 30th August inclusive. There will still be music at our Sunday Mass – but it will be created entirely by ourselves. We might wish to remember the words of St. Augustine: the person who sings prays twice!

A Word of Thanks from Deacon Gary: I am very grateful to all those who have prayed for my family and my mother during these last weeks of her life. She died peacefully and painlessly at home on 27th June surrounded by her family. Fr. Solomon from her parish in Wales anointed her and gave her the Last Rites. Her Requiem Mass and Cremation will be in Wales. I will organise a memorial after the Summer break in conjunction with the Tuesday Club at Maryvale of which she was such a keen supporter.

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11 *"The rain makes the earth bring forth and sprout."*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65 (64) 10a-d, 10e-11, 12-13, 14 *"Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit."*

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 18-23 *"The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God."*

Gospel Acclamation: *"The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower: all who find him will live for ever."*

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23 *"A sower went out to sow."*

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: W/E 11/07/26 There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris).

CTK



OLAM



SMM – Ordinariate OLW



Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose	£388.47
Envelopes:	£202.00
S/O	£171.31
S/C	£11.00

Total **£772.78**
Mass Count: 315

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose	£116.21
Envelopes	£91.50
S/O	£73.50
S/C	N/A

Total **£281.21**
Mass Count: 50

Last Weeks Collection

Loose	£204.18
Envelopes	£111.00
B/Fund	£140.00
S/C-	£ N/A

Total: **£455.18**
Mass Count:174

Volunteering: As always, we rely on our Cluster Congregation for any help and support that can be given with helping to keep our churches in tip top condition. We desperately need help in the following areas, Gardening, handyman work, Seamstress and most of all cleaning volunteers for the churches. If you can spare any help at all please contact the Presbytery Office at CTK and speak to Claire on 0121 3730988 or christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk. We would be grateful for any time given. For all our volunteers so far thank you for all your efforts you truly are appreciated.

Donations: We are currently collecting for future events and the Christmas Fete. Bottles, Toys Household Bric-a-brac any wrapping paper and pretty much anything else. One man's junk is another man's treasure. Please contact Claire at the Presbytery to arrange drop off between Monday- Friday 8.30am- 4pm or email christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk, new volunteers are always welcome.

SMM: Welcome Centre at St Margaret Mary Church: Construction of the new Welcome Centre began on Tuesday, 26th 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 5th, 12th & 19th July, please contact Christine Glasgow at SMM Church. The draw will take place after the 11.15am Mass on 19th July.

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

14 th July	Presbytery	Finance Committee Meeting
17 th July	CTK School	Break up for Six Weeks Holiday- Return on 2 nd September. There will still be Mass at 9 am on Fridays but without the participation of the school choir and readers.
19 th July	SMM	Raffle Draw
22 nd July	Parish Office	The office will be closed today
24 th -27 th July	Oscott College	We Believe Festival- Please see below for more information.
27 th July	SMM	Newman Cluster SVP Meeting 6.30pm
1 st August	CTK Catholic African Community	Community Fun Day 3pm – 7.30pm
7 th – 16 th August	Parish Office	The office will be closed between these dates and will re-open on Monday 17 th August at 8.30am.

Other Clergy and Religious Sisters in the Cluster

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

Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 11th/ 12th July 2026

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	TBC	Patience/Chioma/Chizy	John
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Theresa	TBC	Joyce/Angela	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.webbelievFestival.com/book?group=P26BWAFT>

Sanctuary Lamp: The Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated throughout July at CTK & OLAM to Jessica Adler (Server) for her 10th 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; 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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