



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
 Kingstanding B44 9SP

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

WELCOME TO MASS ON THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	18/07/26	Feria In Ordinary Time	10.15 SMM	Baptism of Arthur Griffiths
			10.30 CTK	Baptism of Pyxi-Bleu Reign Wood
			12.00 CTK	Recitation of the Rosary
		Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil Masses	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)
			11.15 SMM	Raffle Draw After Mass
Mon	20/07/26	Feria in Ordinary Time	13.00 OLAM	Baptism of Adaline Hewson
			07.30 SMM	Kitty Heaney (RIP)
			08.00 Con	Private Intention
			09.30 SMM	Private Intention
Tue	21/07/26	Feria in Ordinary Time	08.00 Con	Deacon Jack Foxall (RIP)
			08.15 SMM	Adoration & Confession
			8.30 CTK	Parish Office Closed All Day
			09.30 SMM	Margaret Drewett (RIP)
Wed	22/07/26	Feast of Mary Magdalene		
Thur	23/07/26	Feast Of St Bridget	No Liturgy Today: "We believe Festival begins tomorrow at Oscott College until 27th July.	
Fri	24/07/26	Feria In Ordinary Time	09.00 CTK	Paul Douglas
Sat	25/07/26	Feast of St James	10am SMM	Baptism of Reign Nnorom
			11am OLAM	Baptism of Nova Linette Zajaz
			12:00 CTK	Rosary
		Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil Masses	12:30 CTK	Jaqueline Bridger (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Owen O'Gradey (RIP)
Sun	26/07/26	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Tea/Coffee St John's Centre (CTK)</i>	09:30 CTK	Barnbas Nchengha Agendia
			11.15 SMM	Margaret Roche

PARISH MERGER

By a Decree dated 1st July 2026, his Grace, the Archbishop of Birmingham has decreed that Christ the King, Kingstanding are merged so that both parishes become fused into one single parish with the name: **SACRED HEART AND ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**. Fr. Simon has been appointed as the parish priest of our newly merged parish and Deacons Dominic and Gary as Parish Deacons. The Parish Church of the new parish will be Christ the King, Kingstanding. The Decree has been put on the website and has been put up in the process of both CTK and OLAM. Anyone who considers themselves aggrieved by this Decree has **10 days from Sunday 19th July 2026** to lodge an objection by the method indicated in the Decree.

Fr Simon writes: Ordinations: In these past days we have witnessed the ordination of Fr Tenny Anthony, Fr Jithin Titto and Fr Jonathan Henry within the Syro-Malabar, Syro-Malankara and Latin rite (respectively). All three priests were ordained in St Chad's Cathedral (by their Bishops) and will serve in the context of Archdiocese of Birmingham. This is demonstrative of the diversity of the Catholic Church, something that we should not forget and maybe we should make an effort to be more informed. Throughout the world there are twenty four uniquely distinct and autonomous Catholic Churches - that's 24 different types of Catholics - which form essentially six major 'rites' like Syro Malankara, Syro Malabar, Byzantine (for example in Ukraine), Armenian and Latin (Western) rite. All of these are in *full* communion with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV and are all fully Catholic! Deacons I also ask for your prayers for all those preparing for Ordination as Deacon, including Thomas Joseph from our Cluster who will be ordained in September. There will also be some deacons ordained in July at St Chad's Cathedral and, last month, Neil Taylor was ordained a deacon for the Ordinariate at Warwick Street, London.

St John's Centre: Please be aware that St John's toilets are not in use while groups are in the centre particularly each Saturday between 1pm – 3pm and at any other time. Alternative toilets can be found in the Guild Room via the quiet chapel. Please see a sacristan should you need further clarification.

Pray For the Sick: Mary Baxter, Anne-Marie Butler, Anna Marsden, 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, 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 Pauline O'Brien, Christopher Lyida, Ann Widdecombe, 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 died.

New Heights: As you may be aware New Heights are a charity with close links to Christ the King Parish. We are looking for two Trustees to join the trustees' board. If you think this is of interest to you then please call Cameron 0121 3864345 to see what this will entail

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



<https://thechristylambfoundation.chartyhive.co.uk/fundraising/cycle-ride>

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. To donate please go to the following link.

Welcome back: The Sisters Minor of St Francis have returned from their General Chapter in Italy. We are very pleased to see them back amongst us.

Wheelchair & Walker: Should anybody be in need of a wheelchair or walker please contact Claire in the parish office on 021 3730988 or christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk. We have had a lovely family that have donated one of each.

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13: 16-19 *"You give repentance for sins."*

Responsorial Psalm Ps 86 (85): 5-6, 9-12, 15-16a *"O Lord, you are good and forgiving."*

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 26-27 *"The Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."*

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

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43 *"Let both grow together until the harvest."*

Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

CTK



OLAM



SMM – Ordinariate OLW



Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose	£354.80
Envelopes:	£98.00
S/O	£171.31
S/C	£205.89

Total **£830.00**
Mass Count:307

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose	£126.50
Envelopes	£64.50
S/O	£73.50
S/C	£84.35

Total **£348.85**
Mass Count:59

Last Weeks Collection

Loose	£192.96
Envelopes	£45.00
B/Fund	£
S/C-	£84.62
Total:	£322.58
Mass Count:	159

Second Collection: An overall cluster collection was made totalling £374.86 for Stella Maris.

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

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.

Servers Rehearsal SMM: Many thanks to those involved in the server's rehearsal at SMM last week, also thanks to everyone involved in SMM School and Parish Fair which raised valuable money for the centenary year project. Figures to follow

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.



Church Flowers: Due to health and safety, we can no longer have plants near the area of the lighted candles at CTK. Instead, there will be fresh flowers placed on the alter each week for weekend mass. If you wish to donate to the cost of flowers, please place your enveloped donation in the collection and mark it "Flowers" or please hand it to Claire in the Presbytery office.

This week's beautiful display was made and delivered by Helena from Kingstanding Florist, 3 Rough Rd B44 OPU, 0121

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

Dates for your diaries

27 th July	Oscott College	We Believe Festival- Please see below for more information.
27 th July	SMM- Newman Gallery	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.

Forthcoming Funerals

05:08:26	11.30am CTK	Elizabeth Mary Foley Requiem Mass
21:08:26	11.30am CTK	Paul Inglis Requiem Mass

Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 18th/ 19th 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
Suzanne/Kathleen	TBC	John/Mary	Nancy Odinaka
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Sue	TBC	Angela/Miriam	John

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.webbelievafestival.com/book?group=P26BWAFT>

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Newman Cluster; The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered before 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

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. Her Requiem Mass and Cremation will be in Wales on 22nd July. 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