



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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	25/07/26	Feast of St James	10.00 SMM	Baptism of Reign Nnorom
			11am OLAM	Baptism of Nova Linette Zajaz
			12.00 CTK	Recitation of the Rosary
		Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil Masses	12.30 CTK	Jaqueline Bridger (RIP)
			18.00 OLAM	Owen O'Grady (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
Mon	27/07/26	Feria in Ordinary Time Newman Gallery - SMM Church 59 Perry Common Rd B23 7AB	07.30 SMM	Richard O'Connor & the deceased members of the O'Connor family Private Intention
			08.00 CON	
			18.00 SMM	SVP Meeting
Tue	28/07/26	Feria in Ordinary Time	09.30 SMM	Hugh McConway (RIP)
Wed	29/07/26	Memorial of St Martha, Mary & Lazarus	08.00 Con	
			08.15 SMM	Adoration & Confession
			09.15 SMM	Declan Kennelly (RIP)
Thur	30/07/26	Feria In Ordinary Time		
Fri	31/07/26	Memorial of St Ignatius	09.00 CTK	Fr The
Sat	01/08/26	Memorial of St Alphonsus Catholic African Community Family Fun Day is on Conker Island opposite CTK Church, BBQ & Seating available on the CTK Church Car Park. Please do not block neighbouring driveways.	12:00 CTK	Rosary
			12:30 CTK	George Fields (RIP)
			15:00-19:30	CAC Fun Day
			18:00 OLAM	Mary Hevehan
Sun	02/08/26	Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time	09:30 CTK	Anne O'Brien (RIP)
			11.15 SMM	Anne Forrest (RIP)

Fr Simon writes: Many thanks to all those in different ways supported the 'We Believe' Conference at Oscott College last weekend. It is such a joy to come together and share our faith in such a dynamic and positive way. This is how we encourage the vocation of each and every Catholic. This week (Wednesday) we celebrate the memorial of St Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Pope Francis added Mary and Lazarus to the existing memorial to St Martha in 2021, because he considered *"the important evangelical witness they offered in welcoming the Lord Jesus into their home, in listening to him attentively, in believing that he is the resurrection and the life."*

PARISH MERGER

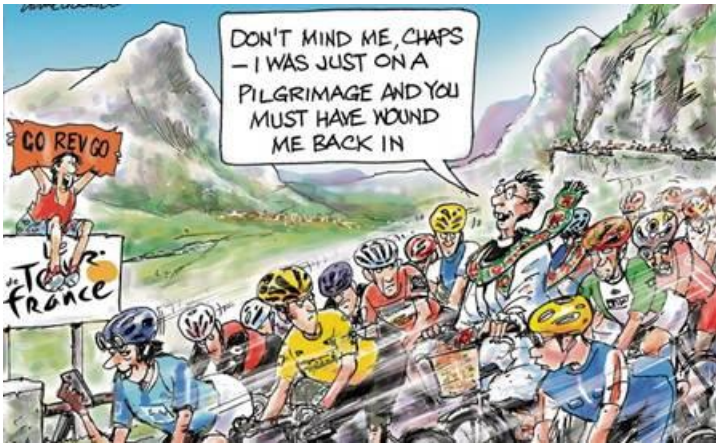
By a Decree dated 1st July 2026, his Grace, the Archbishop of Birmingham has decreed that Christ the King, Kingstanding are merged so that both parishes become fused into one single parish with the name: **SACRED HEART AND ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**. Fr. Simon has been appointed as the parish priest of our 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.

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: Linda Bradshaw, 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 Margaret Baxter, Margaret Gilsenan, Pauline O'Brien, Christopher Iyida, 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, John Joseph Mageean, Thomas Cunningham, David Hood, Christine O'Neill, Margaret Donovan Hugh McConway, Eamonn Boylan, Alan Horton, and all who have recently died.

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. To donate please go to the following link.

<https://thechristylambefoundation.charityhive.co.uk/fundraising/cycle-ride>

Do You Feel Lucky!!

CTK will be running a Lucky Bag Raffle with tickets sales starting this Sunday 26th July at CTK, OLAM & SMM. A strip of raffle tickets will be £5. Each strip sold will guarantee you one lucky bag prize that could be anything from bottles, sweets, gift cards and gift sets. We aim to draw the lucky winners after each mass on Sunday 6th September, and you can collect your prize after each mass the following week. Please see below the contact person for each church so that you may make your ticket purchase after each mass at the back of church. Thank you for your support.

Yellow Tickets	CTK Saturday	Patience
Yellow Tickets	CTK Sunday	Claire Adler
Pink Tickets	OLAM	Jackie Scott
Green Tickets	SMM	Will be on sale W/E 02/08/26



Church Flowers: Due to health and safety, we can no longer have plants in the church, instead there will be fresh flowers placed at the alter each week at CTK for weekend mass.

If you would like to donate to flowers, please place your donation in an envelope and mark it with your name and "Flowers" and place it in the collection alternatively please hand it to Claire in the Presbytery office.

This week's beautiful display was once again made and delivered by Helena from Kingstanding Florist, 3 Rough Rd B44 0PY 0121 3543013

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5-6a. 7-12 *"You have asked for yourself understanding."*

Responsorial Psalm: PS 119 (118) 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 *"O LORD, how I love your law!"*

2nd Reading: Romans: 28-30 *"He predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son."*

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: 44-52 *"He sells all that he has and buys that field."*

Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

CTK



Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose	£422.90
Envelopes:	£122.00
S/O	£171.31
S/C	N/A

Total **£716.21**
Mass Count:308

OLAM



Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose	£140.50
Envelopes	£55.00
S/O	£73.50
S/C	N/A

Total **£269.00**
Mass Count:60

SMM – Ordinariate OLW



Last Weeks Collection

Loose	£130.37
Envelopes	£89.00
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S/C-	£N/A
Total:	£300.37

Mass Count:132

Sanctuary Lamp: The Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated throughout July at CTK & OLAM to Jessica Adler (Server) for her 10th Birthday. The month of August is dedicated to Taylor & McDonald Families at CTK. August at OLAM is still available. Please speak to Claire in the Parish office if you wish to book August for OLAM.

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.

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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.

E.W.T.N: Fr Simon requires someone with the expertise in E.W.T.N (Eternal Word Television Network) to help an elderly parishioner gain access. If you think you can help, please contact the parish office christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk. Any help would be appreciated.

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

7th– 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.
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Forthcoming Funerals

05:08:26	11.30am CTK	Elizabeth Mary Foley Requiem Mass
05:08:26	17:00pm OLAM	Margaret Madeline Gilsenan Received into Church
06:08:26	11.00am OLAM	Margaret Madeline Gilsenan Requiem Mass
10:08:26	3.15pm Sutton Crem	Margaret Baxter
21:08:26	11.30am CTK	Paul Inglis Requiem Mass

Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 25th/ 26th 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
Theresa	TBC	Thabani/Thandeka/Patience	Andrew Usowicz
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Sue	TBC	Mariam/ Joyce	John

Wheelchair & Walker: Should anybody need 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.

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.

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