



The Sacred Heart and St John Henry Newman Cluster

Parish Priest: Fr Simon Ellis

The Sacred Heart and St John Henry Newman Cluster is a collaboration between the parishes of Christ the King, Kingstanding, Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale and St Margaret Mary, Perry Common.

The aim of the collaboration is to form one united Catholic Community

The Cluster meets for worship in the following three locations:

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, Birmingham B23 7AB.

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WELCOME TO MASS ON THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	08/08/26	Memorial of St Dominic	10.30 SMM	Baptism of Cian Hanlon
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
		Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30 CTK	Michael & Evelyn Kelly (RIP)
			18.00 OLAM	Kathleen Smith (RIP)
Sun	09/08/26	Nineteenth Sunday IN Ordinary Time	09.30 CTK	Stan Gniadkowski (Anni.)
		<i>Tea/Coffee St John's Centre (CTK)</i>	11:15 SMM	Bridget Haye (Get Well)
Mon	10/08/26	Feast of St Lawrence	07.30 SMM	Noreen Flemming & Patrick Curran (RIP)
			08.00 Con	Private Intention
			08.30 Parish Office	Parish office will be closed 7 th – 16 th August 26, reopening 17 th August 26 at 8.30am
			15:15 Sutton Crem	Margaret Baxter's Service
Tue	11/08/26	Memorial of St Clare	07:00 SMM	Betty Foley
		Mass will be at 7am for one week only		
		For those going to Weston Super Mare please meet Fr Simon at SMM Church at 8am prompt	08:00 SMM	Parish Beach Day Weston Super Mare
Wed	12/08/26	Feria in Ordinary Time	08.00 Con	Private Intention
			08.15 SMM	Adoration & Confession
			09.15 SMM	John Johnson (RIP)
Fri	14/08/26	Memorial of St Maximillian	09.00 CTK	Mark & Louise Douglas
Sat	15/08/26	Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 CTK	Clergy to Announce Mass Intention
			15:00 SMM	Baptism of Sullivan Kirby
			18:00 OLAM	Brenda Moloney (RIP)
Sun	16/08/26	The Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary	09:30 CTK	Delia Byrne (RIP)
			11.15 SMM	Joshua Hurn (RIP). Followed by BBQ

Fr Simon Writes: Fr Simon writes: This week we shall witness A level results day (13 August) and so a good time to prayerfully support our young people and their hopes and dreams. We know that life is full of joys and sorrows and so we are mindful of the disappointments our young people face, something the 'new' government is committed to tackling (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-from-today-britain-will-value-the-hard-hat-as-much-as-the-graduation-cap>) How we value each other is crucial. When St Laurence (feast day 10th August) - one of the first seven deacons of Rome - was asked by the Emperor Valerian to assemble the treasures of the church (which he had given away!) he collected the poor (the widows, orphans, the sick and needy) and said, '*these are the treasures of the church*'. For this he was martyred in Rome in the year 258. Today there are nine churches in Rome principally associated with St Lawrence's life and martyrdom which form a pilgrimage, including the Papal Basilica of St Laurence outside the walls, where pilgrims pray at his tomb.

Pray For the Sick: Susan Ashford, 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 Robert Sutherland, Chizztaram Egu, Sheila O'Connor, Renata Oleksa, 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.

Do You Feel Lucky!!

Lucky Bag Raffle: There has been overwhelming response to the CTK Lucky Bag Raffle that started on Saturday 25th July at CTK, OLAM and this week we can also include SMM. A strip of raffle tickets will be £5. Each strip sold will guarantee you one lucky bag prize that could be anything form 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. The money raised will go towards the W/C project at CTK 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
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Pink Tickets	OLAM	Jackie Scott
Green Tickets	SMM	Carmel

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 time at all please contact the Presbytery Office at CTK and speak to Claire on 0121 3730988 or: sacredheart-st.johnhenrynewman.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.

Safeguarding: Please note that under **No Circumstances must there be any recording or pictures taken before, during or after mass due to safeguarding issues that could arise.** Parents /Guardians of altar servers have given express permission for livestream but nothing further. Please note that safeguarding officers are in place and should the need arise, you will be approached and you will be asked to delete the footage. We ask for your understanding and help in keeping our children and vulnerable people safe.

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.

Parish Beach Days: Weather permitting there are two parish beach days planned, **Tuesday 11th August we will be heading off to Weston Super Mare and Tuesday, 25th August we will be heading off to Llandudno.** Please email/phone the office to book a place on the minibus. Departure times to be published in due course. For fairness and outreach to as many families as possible please only attempt to book 11th or 25th August, not both dates.

Phone Lines: We understand that some people have been experiencing issues when calling the office often being unable to leave voicemail. We know we have been suffering issues with our existing phone and service, but we now have the date of Monday 17th August to have this rectified. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a *“Stand on the mount before the LORD.”*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85 (84) *“Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.”*

2nd Reading: Romans 9: 1-5 *“I wish that I were accursed for the sake of my brothers and sisters.”*

Gospel Acclamation: *“I long for you, O LORD, my soul longs for his word.”*

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33 *“Command me to come to you on the water.”*

Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

CTK



Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose £375.60
Envelopes: £127.00

S/O £171.31

Total £673.31

Mass Count:313

OLAM



Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose £88.40
Envelopes £66.65

S/O £73.50

Total £155.05

Mass Count:38

SMM – Ordinariate OLV



Last Weeks Collection

Loose £

Envelopes £

CF £

Total: £

Mass Count:125

SMM: Figures for this week will be shown the following week.

Parish Merger: As you will see from the change to the heading of the Newsletter the merger is now being implemented at a practical level. New signboards have been ordered, and these will appear outside CTK, OLAM and SMM shortly. **In the meantime, please note that the email address for the Cluster Office has changed to reflect the change in Parish name.** The other change that you will notice straightaway is that when you phone the Cluster Office, the person answering will be saying: **“Sacred Heart and St. John Henry Newman**

Catechism in the Cluster: 2026-2027

Deacon Gary's Tuesday Catechism Class: This class will resume on 15th September and takes place on every Tuesday during the school terms. It is for any member of the congregation between the age of 11 and 16 who for whatever reason have not received one or other of the Sacraments of Initiation. The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. To enrol in the Class, please collect an enrolment form either from Deacon Gary after Mass or from the Parish Office. Please return it after completion to the Parish Office. The Rite of Enrolment will take place for those who have enrolled on Sunday 18th October at the 09.30 am Mass.

Sunday Morning Catechism for First Holy Communion for those not in Catholic Schools: We are very grateful to Loretto and Tracey Cattell who for many years now have shouldered the responsibility for preparing the parish children aged 7/8 who are not in any of our Catholic Primary Schools for First Holy Communion. Loretto has decided that it is time for her to retire. We are currently approaching a number of parishioners to take over from her. We are committed to maintaining the programme after the schools return from their Summer break. Please look out for further announcements.

Initiation of Christian Adults: We have had a number of enquiries from adults who are either already baptised or who are not yet baptised but in either case wish to become Catholics. Over the next few weeks, we ask all interested parties to complete an enrolment form and then we can discuss how best to make provision to meet this important pastoral need.

SMM Bike Shelter: Due to the new build taking place please be advised that the bike shelter is now situated on the opposite side of the church.

CAC: A Massive thank you to the Catholic African Community for organising the funday and BBQ on August 1st, and many thanks to everyone that was in attendance. The funds raised amount to £131.53. Well Done Everyone.

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.
25 th August	Parish Beach Day	Llandudno- Meet Fr Simon at 8.15am outside of CTK Church
25 th August	Parish Office	The office will be closed for today, reopening 26 th August at 8.30am
7 th September	18.30 SMM Newman Gallery	S.V.P Meeting, please call 07704146930 for further assistance
13 th September	10.45am SJC	African Community Annual General Meeting – No Tea and Coffee on this date

Forthcoming Funerals

21:08:26	CTK 11.30 am	Paul Inglis Requiem Mass
24:08:26	SMM 11.30am	Sheila O' Connor Requiem Mass
15:09:26	CTK Guild Room	Deacon Gary's Catechism Class Begins

Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 8th/9th August 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	Chioma/Kaeside/Chizy	Laura Magson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Theresa	TBC	Angela/Miriam	John

Mass Intentions Important Notice: Please note we now have **no unallocated spaces for Mass intentions left for 2026 for OLAM and CTK and minimal spaces at SMM**. We are also unfortunately unable to accommodate some outstanding requests for 2026 due to the sheer number sought. We ask that anyone who has not yet had a mass offered to please contact the office so that you may be given an update. We can accommodate masses that have been requested for each church if the donor is willing to have the mass either said outside of the cluster or given to Fr Jude who would be happy to accommodate them within his private masses. **We still have a number of mass intention envelopes with no phone numbers attached. We need to be able to contact you. Please call the office if you have not yet heard from us regarding your Mass intention. If we don't hear from the donors by 30th September, then your mass intention will automatically be shared either outside of the cluster or given to Fr Jude. Please bear in mind that the office is the only contact that can help you with all the above and it will be closed between 7th – 16th August 26, reopening 17th August at 8.30am**

Sanctuary Lamp: The month of August is dedicated to the Taylor & McDonald Families at CTK and for the Ikwuka, Ubah and Anoka Families at OLAM.

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