



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 The Sacred Heart and St John Henry Newman, Kingstanding and 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 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Sat	15/08/26	Feria in Ordinary Time		
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
			12.30 CTK	Clergy to Announce Mass Intention
			15:00 SMM	Baptism of Sullivan Kirby
Sun	16/08/26	The Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Vigil Masses)	18.00 OLAM	Brenda Moloney (RIP)
			09.30 CTK	Delia Byrne (RIP)
			11:15 SMM	Joshua Hurn (RIP). Followed by BBQ
Mon	17/08/26	Feria in Week 20 of Ordinary Time	07.30 SMM	Claire Donnellon (Get Well)
			08.00 Con	Private Intention
Tue	18/08/26	Feria in Week 20 of Ordinary Time	09.30 SMM	Maria Nkenglefac Agendia
Wed	19/08/26	Feria in Week 20 of Ordinary Time	08.00 Con	Private Intention
			08.15 SMM	Adoration & Confession
			09.15 SMM	Private Intention
Thur	20/08/26	Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot	No public liturgy today	
Fri	21/08/26	Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope	09.00 CTK	John Beattie
Sat	22/08/26	Memorial of Our Lady, Queen and Mother	10.30 CTK	Baptism of Posie Mason
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
		21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Masses)	12.30 CTK	Paul Tovey (RIP)
			18:00 OLAM	Luke Byrne (RIP)
Sun	23/08/26	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:30 CTK	John McLoughlin
			11.15 SMM	Maureen Dargan (B'day, RIP)
			13:00 CTK	Baptism of Mila & Isla Johnson

Fr Simon writes: We continue to pray for our young people, particularly those from Year 11 receiving their GCSE results this week. For all of us contemplating our successes or failures (and everything in between!) St Bernard (the saint for this Thursday) wrote "the whole of the spiritual life turns on two things: we are troubled when we contemplate ourselves....but when we contemplate God we are restored so that we receive consolation from the joy of the Holy Spirit."

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 Gilsean, 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, David Nash, Gail Hamilton, Pearl Sedgwick, Andrew Mather 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 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. 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 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.

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, we have one more parish beach day, we will be off to **Llandudno on Tuesday, 25th August.** For those who have booked a place please meet Fr Simon outside of CTK at 8.15am sharp. Please email/phone the office to book a place on the minibus.

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.

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.

Centenary at St Margaret Mary: as the building project for the St Claude Welcome centre starts to gather pace, I do ask for your prayers and I hope you will all ask for the intercession of St Claude de la Colombiere, the spiritual guide for St Margaret Mary. I will draw on sayings of St Claude for my meditations over these weeks to help us with a sort of novena of prayer - although it may be more like nine weeks rather than nine days to go until full completion of the project! If anyone could help with funding chairs or tables for the new centre, please aim for £40 per chair, £150 per rectangular chair and £350 for a circular folding table.

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

1st Reading: Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab *"A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon at her feet."*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 45 (44): 10, 11, 12, 16 *"On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir."*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-27a *"Christ the first fruits, then those who belong to Christ."*

Gospel Acclamation: *"Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoice."*

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56 *"He who is mighty has done great things for me; he has exalted those of humble estate."*

Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

CTK



Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose £ TBC
Envelopes: £ TBC

S/O £171.31

Total £

Mass Count: TBC

OLAM



Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose £ TBC
Envelopes £ TBC

S/O £73.50

Total £

Mass Count: 49

SMM – Ordinariate OLV



Last Weeks Collection (09/08)

Loose £139.34
Envelopes £TBC
Gift aid £40

Total: £179.34

Mass Count: 127

Figures for SMM from 02/08/26: Gift Aid £301; Loose £198.74; Building Fund £39; **Mass Count:145**

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 several 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.

Updating our understanding of the Church's teaching on Our Lady

We may think there is nothing new to say about Our Lady but Rome thinks otherwise. The Vatican has relatively recently published a new document clarifying a number of points. Pope Leo's concern is that there are still too many of us who have not kept pace with the development of the Church's teaching on the place of the Blessed Virgin Mary within the Church. During the month of October, Deacon Gary will post three videos on the new Sacred Heart and St. John Henry Newman website for you to read whenever convenient. He will then offer the opportunity for anyone who wishes to raise questions to meet with him on 22nd October at 7 pm in the CTK Guild Room.

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

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 information
15 th September	CTK Guild Room	Deacon Gary's Catechism Class Begins at 4.00 pm
22 nd October	CTK Guild Room	Q & A Session on the Church's Teaching on Our Lady at 7.00 pm.

Forthcoming Funerals

24:08:26	SMM 11.30am	Sheila O' Connor Requiem Mass
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Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 15th/16th 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
Maxine	TBC	Mary/ Angela	Kate Ellis
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Theresa	TBC	Mariam/Joyce	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.**

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