

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 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	22/08/26	Memorial of Our Lady, Queen and Mother (Vigil Masses)	10.30 CTK	Baptism of Posie Mason
			10.30 SMM	Baptism of Rory Greenshields
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
		<i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	12.30 CTK	Paul Tovey (RIP)
Sun	23/08/26	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time Tea Coffee St Johns Centre After Mass (CTK)	18.00 OLAM	Luke Byrne (RIP)
			09.30 CTK	John McLoughlin
			11:15 SMM	Maureen Dargan (B'day, RIP)
			12:00 CTK	Baptism of Chidimma Olivia Ike
			12.30 SMM	Baptism of Louis Flemming
Mon	24/08/26	Feast of Bartholomew	13:30 CTK	Baptism of Mila & Isla Johnson
			07.30 SMM	Anne Cunningham
			08.00 Con	Private Intention
			11.30 SMM	Sheila O'Connor Requiem Mass
Tue	25/08/26	Feria in Week 21 of Ordinary Time Please meet Fr Simon at SMM 8.15 & CTK Church 08:30	08:15 – 8.30 08.30 CTK 09:30 SMM	Llandudno Beach Day Parish Office Closed today only Private Intention
Wed	26/08/26	Feast of Blessed Dominic	08.00 Con	Private Intention
			08.15 SMM	Adoration & Confession
			09.15 SMM	Barnabas Nchengha Agendia
Thur	27/08/26	Memorial of St Monica		
Fri	28/08/26	Memorial of St. Augustine	09.00 CTK 11:00 CTK	John Mohammed Barry Reeves Requiem Mass
Sat	29/08/26	<i>The Passion of John the Baptist</i>	12.00 CTK	Rosary
			12:30 CTK	Christine O'Neill
			18:00 OLAM	John Walsh
Sun	30/08/26	<i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	09:30 CTK	Kathleen Bridger 1 Year Anniversary
			11.15 SMM	Tony Nixon & Deceased Members of the Noxon Family

Fr Simon writes: Many thanks to all those who helped in so many ways with our Assumption Day BBQ at St Margaret Mary, which was another great day for our cluster this summer. I want over these weeks to share an insight from St Claude de La Colombiere, Spiritual Director to St Margaret Mary, Patron of the new Welcome Centre at SMM: *"God is in the midst of us, or rather we are in the midst of him; wherever we are, he sees us and touches us: at prayer, at work, at table, at recreation."* Prayers continue for all our young people at this time, including those who have received their GCSE results last Thursday.

The Novena Prayer: O God who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request.

We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary Mother of holy hope, Pray for us.
Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for us.
Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us.

Pray For the Sick: Margaret Canavan, 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 Christopher Anolue, Barry Joseph Reeves, Pauline Frances O'Brien, Mary Tully, 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.

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"**

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	No tickets to be sold today
Yellow Tickets	CTK Sunday	Claire Adler
Pink Tickets	OLAM	Jackie Scott
Green Tickets	SMM	Carmel

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.

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: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23 *"I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David."*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 138 (137): 1-2a, 2bc, 3, 6, 8bc *"O LORD, your merciful love is eternal: discard not the work of your hands."*

2nd Reading: Romans 11: 33-36 *"From him and through him and to him are all things."*

Gospel Acclamation: *"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."*

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20 *"You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."*

Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

CTK



Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose £389.28
Envelopes: £168.00

S/O £171.31
Total £728.59

Mass Count:

OLAM



Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose £100.38
Envelopes £71.50

S/O £73.50
Total £245.38

Mass Count: 44

SMM – Ordinariate OLW



Last Weeks Collection

Loose £158.11
Welcome Centre £1,000.00
Gift aid £65.00

Total: £1,223.11

Mass Count: 149

Count: Figures for CTK W/E 8th/9th August were £478.43 and OLAM £217.60.

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.

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.

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

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

01:09:26	CTK 10:00am	Pauline O'Brien Requiem Mass
02:09:26	OLAM 11.30am	Martin Sheehan Requiem Mass
09:09:26	SMM 12:00pm	Mary Tully Requiem Mass

Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 22nd/23rd 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
Aoife	TBC	Oscott	Pio Chinyere
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Sue	TBC	Oscott	John

Calling All Alter Servers: Registration is now open for the Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Guild of Saint Stephen. It will be held at St Chads Cathedral, 12.00 noon on Sunday 30th October, celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes, Alter servers and their families are welcome to join in the celebration, please let Sam or Mary as soon as possible so that your attendance can be recorded.

Phone Lines: We understand that some people have been experiencing issues when calling the office often being unable to leave voicemail. Due to non-delivery of equipment, the original date of Monday 17th August has been slightly delayed. We hope to be up and running very soon.

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