



# The Newman Cluster

## Christ the King, Kingstanding and Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale

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Hymns: E: 245; O: 46; C: 342; R: 507

### MASSES THIS WEEK

**Con: Convent; CTK: Christ the King; OLAM: Maryvale; SMM: St Margaret Mary's**

<b>Sat</b>	19/04/25	Holy Saturday	10:00 CTK	Blessing of Easter Food Baskets
			20:00 OLAM	All known to Bishop David
			20:00 CTK	All known to Fr The-Quang
<b>Sun</b>	20/04/25	Easter Sunday	09:30 SMM	Michael Kelly (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Lawrence and Patricia Tams (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM†	Mary Dragan (RIP)
<b>Mon</b>	21/04/25	Easter Monday	08:00 Con.†	Kathleen Boyle (RIP)
<b>Tue</b>	22/04/25	Easter Tuesday	08:00 Con.†	Tommy Byrne (Anni.)
			09:15 SMM	Katharine Ryan
<b>Wed</b>	23/04/25	Easter Wednesday	08:00 Con.†	Chris & Eddie Walsh & family
			09:15 SMM	Chris and Eddie Walsh
<b>Thu</b>	24/04/25	Easter Thursday	12:00 CTK.†	Kathleen Cumiskey (RIP)
<b>Fri</b>	25/04/25	Easter Friday	08:00 Con.†	Private Intention
			09:15 SMM	Carmel Finnegan
<b>Sat</b>	26/04/25	Easter Saturday	12:30 CTK.†	Kevin Berns (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Grace Deane (Anni.)
<b>Sun</b>	27/04/25	Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	09:30 SMM	Les Gutteridge (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	Rosaline Amaechi Ikwuka (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	Anne Carter (RIP)

**Pray For The Sick:** Luke Byrne, Jean McCabe, Paul Cowan, Gerald, John, Josephine Brown, Sr Marie, John/Sandra Mageean, Sadie Pulido, Sarah McCallion, Claire/Mark, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Niamh O'Reilly, Jo Teece, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Alberto Bolongaro, Kyle Billing, Nicola Jones, Patricia Nash, Angela Madigan, Teresa Webb, Joanne Fields, Caitlin Hodgetts, Joan/Alan Horton, Peggy O'Donovan, Pauline O'Brien, Chris & Eddie Walsh, Elizabeth Teague, George Ferris, and Christine Stephens.

**RIP:** Please pray for Barbara Keleher, Anthony Lloyd, Bernadette MacFarlane, Bessie Melvina Harvey, Maureen Horan and Pearl Rider who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** B MacFarlane: Mon 28/04/25, 11:30, OLAM; B Harvey: Tue 29/04/25, 11:30, CTK; M Horan: Thu 01/05/25, 10:45, CTK.

**SANCTUARY LAMP** is dedicated throughout April for the Cotter/the Lowe families at CTK & for the Roche family at OLAM.

**Parish Annual General Meeting:** The Parish AGM is an opportunity for everyone at CTK and OLAM to come together as a single united parish, to review the past year and to discuss important matters affecting our future. The full agenda has been published. **We shall need to consider the future of our parish buildings and finance and these matters arise under the agenda items "Parishes Merger" and "OLAM Working Group".** The AGM will be held on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 in the St John's Centre and will begin at 6.30 pm.**

### The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

1. FHC children and parents: Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> May at 15:15 in Church.
2. Confirmation Candidates and their parents and sponsors: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 15:15 in Church.

**African Mass at Pentecost:** Our Catholic African Community will be facilitating another Mass in the African style on the Solemnity of Pentecost on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 2 pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

**Intercultural Mass:** On **Sat 7<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon**, Bishop David Evans will preside at an Intercultural Mass facilitated by the Ethnic Chaplaincies and the Eastern Catholic Churches of the Archdiocese. The venue is Our Lady and St Brigid's B31 5AB. More details are on the poster at the back of Church. **The Mass intention is Priestly Vocations.**

**Easter Collection** is Parishioners' gifts to the Parish Priest.

Christ the King		19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> April	26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> April
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Maxine	Aoife
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sue	Theresa
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	John	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Jean de Dieu	Joyce



**Dress Rehearsal:**

CTK First Holy Communion: 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 15:15 in Church.

CTK Confirmation: 6<sup>th</sup> June at 15:15 in Church.

**Many thanks:** to those who helped prepare the Church for our Easter Triduum, those who prepared the children for our communal celebration and theirs Stations of the Cross, those who facilitated the liturgical celebration, including the choirs and altar servers. Many thanks to the parents for encouraging and getting the young people to church for the practice and the liturgy. A special thanks to those who prepared themselves with prayers and confession which make our celebration prayerful. Finally, thanks to all for your generous Easter offering which is much appreciated by Fr The-Quang. Bishop David, Deacons Gary and Dominic and Fr The-Quang wish you and your loved ones a Joyful Easter.

**Race Nights:** We are hoping to hold one of our popular Race Nights on Fri 16/05/25. We need Sponsors for the Races and prizes for the Raffle and the Race winners. We will give out the forms this weekend for you to fill in with the names for your Horses and Jockeys. £2 for a Horse and £1 for a Jockey to run in the race. We want 80 Horses and Jockeys and get in early as they sell quickly. Please hand the completed forms back as soon as you can. It is an excellent Fund Raiser for the Parish and lots of fun on the night. Come along and support us. Have a great night and help the Parish Finances.

**WeBelieve, 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July 2025**, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of **St Mary's College, Oscott**, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at [www.webelievefestival.com](http://www.webelievefestival.com)

**Free Skills Training at New Heights Project with FareShare Midlands:** Are you looking to boost your career prospects, improve your well-being, or manage your finances more effectively? Join FareShare Midlands for free, informative, and engaging training sessions at St John's Centre. Upcoming Sessions: Achieving Positive Wellbeing and Mental Health – 1<sup>st</sup> March, 12:30 - 2:30 pm; Employment Skills and Work Directions – 21<sup>st</sup> March, 12:30 - 2:30 pm. To find out more, contact Rachel at 07726 486 62 or email [Rachel.Jackson@faresharemidlands.org.uk](mailto:Rachel.Jackson@faresharemidlands.org.uk).

**Free Children Activities:** three exciting days to take part in Boxing, Fencing, Creative Arts, Cooking, a WM Police Meet & Greet, and so much more! Dates: 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> April. Time: 10:00am-1:00pm. Location: St John's Centre. Open to children aged 8-16. Limited spaces available. Call 0121 386 4345 to book a place.

**Gospel Reflection:**

At some point after we have been bereaved, they tell us, we need closure: that is, we need to leave the painful event in the past, and though we will never cease to love our departed relative or friend, we have to get on with our life. This process begins with the funeral; "we bring the body of our brother or sister to its place of rest," as the funeral liturgy says. In a strange way, that place of rest is a place of rest for us too. It is painful and yet it is a comfort to visit the grave: our sorrow is able to focus itself there. When for some reason there has been no funeral - when the person is "missing presumed dead" - there is a kind of unending pain that can never come to closure.

What the disciples found on the first Easter Sunday morning was an empty tomb. There was to be no closure: it was to become a matter of quite different significance. It was to be the beginning of a story, and not the end. The new story would not be, "He is dead," but "He is risen." Jesus would not belong just to the past, he would never be left behind while we go on with our lives. He is risen! He goes before us! It is not closure but opening to a new kind of life.

"Alleluia!" This has been the shout of Christians from the beginning and uninterruptedly through the ages. They pronounce it differently in different places, but it is always the same Hebrew word. It means "Praise God!" It is an exclamation of joy. It's the word that expresses a Christian's fundamental outlook on life.

Is it realistic to be always positive and joyful like that? Surely there are times for sadness and dejection....

Here is a passage from an address that Timothy Radcliffe made to a general assembly of Dominicans as Master of the order. He took a verse from John's gospel (20:19): "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' And he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord." Then Fr Radcliffe said:

"It is the sight of the wounded Christ that frees the disciples from fear and makes them glad. It is the wounded Christ that transforms them into preachers. . . .When we see the wounded Christ, then we can face the fact that we are already hurt. Perhaps we have been hurt by our childhoods, by growing up in dysfunctional families, or by our experience of religious life, by botched attempts to love, by ideological conflicts in the Church, by sin. Every one of us is a wounded preacher. But the good news is that we are preachers because we are wounded. Gerard Vann, an English Dominican, was one of the most famous writers on spirituality in the English-speaking world since the Second World War. He struggled with alcoholism and depression all his life. That is why he had something to say. We have a word of hope and mercy because we have needed them ourselves. On my bookshelves I have a book written by an old French Dominican called *Les Cicatrices*, (The Scars). In this book he tells how he came to Christ through the hurts of his life. And when he gave it to me he wrote a dedication, 'For Timothy who knows that the scars can become the doors of the sun.'"

The wonder of the Resurrection is that everything, even our wounds and failures, becomes the stuff of new life.