

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

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Hymns: E: 285; O: 310; C: 235; R: 129

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

Sat	05/07/25	Feria	12:30 CTK	Bridie Kelly/Bill Kelly/Patrick Fitzmaurice (RIF	
Sat	03/01/23	rena 	18:00 OLAM	Fr Denis McGillycuddy	
			09:30 SMM	Fr John Warnaby (RIP)	
Sun	06/07/25	Fourteenth Sunday			
		in Ordinary Time	11:00 SMM	Ronald Crane (RIP)	
			11:30 OLAM†	Terence Paul O'Donnell (RIP)	
Mon	07/07//25	Feria	07:30 SMM	Colm Kane (RIP)	
WIGH	07/07/125	rena 	08:00 CTK†	Stapleton family (RIP)	
Tue	08/07/25	Feria	09:15 SMM	Private Intention	
Tue	00/07/23	Fella	09:30 OLAM	Edward Ranahan (RIP)	
Wed	09/07/25	Feria	08:00 CTK†	Maureen Savage (RIP)	
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Thu	10/07/25	Feria	12:00 CTK	Margaret Coogan and family	
Fri	11/07/25	St Benedict	09:00 CTK	Joanne Stephens (get well)	
	11/01/23	Feast	09:15 SMM	Thomas Joyce (RIP)	
Sat	12/07/25	Feria	12:30 CTK	Ted McKeown (RIP)	
Sat	12/01/23	i ella	18.00 OLAM†	Anne Gould (RIP)	
			09:30 SMM	Janet Atkinson (RIP)	
Sun	13/07/25	Fifteenth Sunday	10:00 CTK	George Pearson (RIP)	
		in Ordinary Time	Time 11:00 SMM Noreen & Patrick Curren (RIP)		
			11:30 OLAM	John Foley (RIP)	

**Pray For The Sick:** 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, Christine Stephens, Margaret Coogan and Pauline Farrell.

**RIP**: Please pray for Angela Madigan who passed away recently, and for Graham Kevin Mason His funeral: Wed 30/07/25, 11:00, OLAM. May they rest in peace

Sanctuary Lamp Dedication throughout July: The Curtin family at CTK & for the Maxwell and Butler families at OLAM.

**Merger Advisory Group**: It would help Deacon Gary immensely if 5 or 6 parishioners who are not members of the current Parish Pastoral Council would volunteer to join an advisory group which would meet with him from time to time. Formally, we would be a sub-committee of the Parish Pastoral Council. The purpose of the Group would be to discuss all the issues involved with Deacon Gary before Deacon Gary presents them to the Parish Pastoral Council and then to the Parish as a whole as the consultation progresses. Thank you for those who have already expressed an interest. We will leave the information open for one more week and then we shall let the parish know who the members of this group are.

**Raffle Prizes:** There still seem to be several uncollected prizes from winners of the race night and the roof raffle. If prizes have not been collected by week ending 29/06 then they will automatically go toward this year's Christmas Bazaar. Please see Claire in the Presbytery Monday-Friday 9am-1pm to collect.

**Mass for Children and Young People with special needs and disabilities**: Saturday 12/07/25 at St Thomas More, Sheldon. 11am followed by refreshments. All welcome.

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham** with Birmingham Walsingham Association: Sat 27/09/25 till Mon 29/09/25. For further details please see noticeboard or ring 07710 189036 or email charlespatrickkeily@gmail.com.

 Last Week's Collection CTK

 Loose:
 £ 296.06

 Envelopes:
 £ 110.90

 Standing Orders
 £ 247.23

 Total:
 £ 654.19

Peter's Pence CTK: £168.17 OLAM: £140.98 Last Week's Collection OLAM
Loose: £ 201.71
Envelopes: £ 198.50
Standing Orders £ 94.69

Total: £ 494.90

	Christ the King	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> June	12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> June
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	Kathleen
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Patience	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Sister	Marian



**Parking Notice:** If you come to CTK Church in your car and park around the area, please do not block any driveways as the neighbours always need access.

**The Saint Vincent De Paul Society (SVP)** is looking for volunteers for a Stay and Play Group to bring families together through play and chat. It will run on Friday mornings in term time at Maryvale Community Centre. The maximum commitment would be alternate Fridays. You don't need to be an SVP volunteer, just enthusiastic! The SVP will provide training. Please contact any member of the parish SVP to find out a bit more.

We Believe, 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**. 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

**Spirituality Summit at the Carmelite Priory, Oxford**: In a world that often feels uncertain, Saint Thérèse's message of hope shines brighter than ever. Join us online or at the Carmelite Priory in Oxford for the 2025 Spirituality Summit as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of her Canonisation and explore how her "little way" can transform our lives. Friday 11 and Saturday 12 July. Online or in-person at Carmelite Priory, Oxford.

**Join March for Life UK** on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Sept in London! The right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. A coach leaves from Our Lady & All Saints, Stourbridge DY8 1PQ (6.30am), The Oratory, Edgbaston B16 8UE (7.15), Holy Souls in Acocks Green, B27 6RG (7.45), Our Lady of the Wayside, Solihull, B90 4AY (8.00). Seats cost £25, payable in advance. For more info or to book a seat contact Alice: 07845 706362alice.grennan@googlemail.com

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes**: Sun 06/07/25. This annual pilgrimage within the Archdiocese of Birmingham provides an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and community as we gather in faith at our very own grotto. Whether you are a returning pilgrim or joining for the first time, this journey is a chance to deepen your spiritual life and ask for Our Lady's intercession.

## Gospel Commentary: Fr Donagh O'Shea

A great spiritual teacher gave this advice to one of her students: "Confess your hidden faults. Approach what you find repulsive. Help those you think you cannot help. Anything you are attached to, let it go. Go to places that scare you." That should be enough to scare the wits out of anyone – and a very good thing too, if you are presuming to help people! There is nothing so abhorrent as the 'missionary' who has developed the style of a persuasive salesman. It is a good thing to go out trembling. Among other things, it shows humility and respect.

Every follower of Christ is called to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Even reluctant followers. To the man who was making excuses for not following, Jesus said, "Go and proclaim the Kingdom of God" (Lk 9:60). A little earlier Luke had described the sending out of the Twelve. But the instructions Jesus gave to the Twelve (in chapter 9) and to the Seventy-Two (in chapter 10) are practically the same. From this we are to understand that every Christian is an apostle - a word that means 'sent'. If you feel like a lamb among wolves, that's the way you should expect to feel: it is written in the gospels.

You could say that in our time the parable of the lost sheep is reversed: there is one lone sheep in the sheepfold and the ninety-nine are lost. Moreover, most of the shepherds spend their time looking after the one sheep. There is a feeling of security about this, but it is fed by fear, not by faith. Not many of the shepherds are going to places that scare them. The last betrayal is when they attack anyone who does.

What sort of qualifications do you need for going out to others? Do you need a diploma in catechetics? No; not one of the Seventy-Two had a diploma of any kind - nor did any of the Twelve. Jesus himself had no diplomas or degrees. But what you have to have is love. If you love genuinely, you are a missionary: you are going out of yourself. If you go out to even one stranger you are, in a way, going out "to the whole world." And if you go out to an enemy, you are standing on the highest peak of the Christian life.

But what do I say, what do I do? Here is a word of advice from Dorothy Day, who co-founded the Catholic Worker movement: "We do what we can, and the whole field of all the Works of Mercy is open to us. There is a saying, 'Do what you are doing.' If you are a student, study, prepare, in order to give to others, and keep alive in yourself the vision of a new social order. All work, whether building, increasing food production, running credit unions, working in factories which produce for true human needs, working the smallest of industries, the handicrafts - all these things come under the heading of the Works of Mercy, which are the opposite of the works of war."