



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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	01/08/26	Memorial of St Alphonsus	10.30 CTK	Baptism of Lewis Msiska and Elodie Browne
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
		Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Vigil Masses	12.30 CTK	George Fields (RIP)
			18.00 OLAM	Mary Hevehan
		Catholic African Community Family Fun Day is on Conker Island opposite CTK Church, BBQ & Seating available on the CTK Church Car Park. Please do not block neighbouring driveways	15.00 – 19.00	CAC Fun Day
Sun	02/08/26	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Tea/Coffee St John's Centre (CTK)</i>	09.30 CTK	Anne O'Brien (RIP)
			11:15 SMM	Anne Forrest (RIP)
Mon	03/08/26	Feria in Ordinary Time	07.30 SMM	Reginald Watts
			08.00 Con	Michael Deane (RIP)
Tue	04/08/26	Memorial of St John Mary Vianney	09.30 SMM	Fields Family Mass
Wed	05/08/26	Feria in Ordinary Time	08.00 Con	Bridget Cooper & deceased members of Cooper family
			08.15 SMM	Adoration & Confession
			09.15 SMM	Dave Matthews (RIP)
			11.30 CTK	Elizabeth Mary Foley Requiem Mass
			17:00 OLAM	Margaret Madeline Gilsenan Received into Church
Thur	06/08/26	Feast of Transfiguration of the Lord	11.00 OLAM	Margaret Madeline Gilsenan Requiem Mass
Fri	07/08/26	Feria in Ordinary Time	09.30 CTK	Joan Ivory (RIP)
Sat	08/08/26	Memorial of St Dominic	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.)
			11.15 SMM	Bridget Haye (Get Well)

Fr Simon writes: This week (Tuesday 4th) we celebrate St John Vianney, the Curé (Curate) of Ars, France, and patron saint of priests, who asks the question, *why did the Pharisees persecute Jesus?* He considers whether the answer is because they thought he was wrong, but no, it was because "his miracles, poverty and humility condemned their pride." St John Vianney then concludes, "if you are reproached, derided, mocked, persecuted...so much the better for you...you are indeed on the right way to heaven. What did the Saviour say? Take up your cross and follow me; they have persecuted me, they will persecute you; but be not discouraged, rather rejoice, for great is your reward in heaven."

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 Renata Oleksa, Margaret Baxter, Margaret Gilsean, Pauline O'Brien, Christopher Lyida, 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.

SMM Raffle and School Community Fair: Many thanks to all who helped with the SMM raffle, which raised £153 for the centenary fund. We are also grateful for the school and community fair, which raised £197.

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
Yellow Tickets	CTK Sunday	Can not be sold today due to shortage of sellers- If you think you could help in the future please speak to Claire in the Office.
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.

Donations: We are currently collecting for future events and the Christmas Fete. Bottles, Toys Household Bric-a-brac any wrapping paper and pretty much anything else. One man's junk is another man's treasure. Please contact Claire at the Presbytery to arrange drop off between Monday- Friday 8.30am- 4pm or email christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk, new volunteers are always welcome.

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.

E.W.T.N: Fr Simon requires someone with the expertise in E.W.T.N (Eternal Word Television Network) to help an elderly parishioner gain access. If you think you can help, please contact the parish office christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk. Any help would be appreciated.

Parish Beach Days: Weather permitting there are two parish beach days planned, **Tuesday 11th August and Tuesday, 25th August.** 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.

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-3 *"Come and eat."*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145 (144): 8-9, 15-16, 17-18 *"You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord."*

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 35, 37-39 *"Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ."*

Gospel Acclamation: *"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."*

Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21 *"They all ate and were satisfied."*

Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

CTK



Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose £423.64
Envelopes: £124.00

S/O £171.31

Total £718.95

Mass Count:296

OLAM



Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose £129.10
Envelopes £112.00

S/O £73.50

Total £314.60

Mass Count:55

SMM – Ordinariate OLW



Last Weeks Collection

Loose £138.67
Envelopes £65.00

CF £153.00

Total: £356.67

Mass Count:125

THE FRANCISCAN "PARDON OF ASSISI" - PLENARY INDULGENCE ON THE 2nd OF AUGUST

According to Franciscan tradition, in 1216 St Francis of Assisi had a vision of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Porziuncola, the little church that he had rebuilt near Assisi. At his request that all who visited the chapel with sincere repentance might receive complete forgiveness of their sins, Christ granted this favour. St Francis then sought the approval of Pope Honorius III, who authorised the indulgence for the Porziuncola on 2 August. This became known as the **Porziuncola Indulgence**, or the **Pardon of Assisi**. Over the centuries, the indulgence was extended first to all Franciscan churches and later to all parish churches throughout the world.

"Sin not only destroys communion with God but also compromises the interior state of persons and their relationship with other creatures. For a total repentance, it is not enough to be sorry and to receive the remission of faults. It is also necessary that reparation be made for the disorder provoked by sin, a disorder that continues after the sin [...] The Church has always exhorted the faithful to offer prayers, good works and sufferings for the conversion of sinners and for the repose of the faithful departed". (Italian Bishops' Conference, Catechism for Adults, n. 7)

A plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions:

- Sacramental confession (within one week)
- Eucharistic communion
- Pray the Creed
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be)

The indulgence can be applied to ourselves or to a soul in Purgatory. This indulgence is available to all the faithful who, with a spirit detached from sin, visit a Parish Church or a Franciscan chapel on the 2nd of August.

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 and OLAM 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 Neman, Kingstanding and Maryvale**".

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.
11 th August	Parish Beach Day	More information to follow
25 th August	Parish Beach Day	More information to follow
7 th September	18.30 SMM Newman Gallery	S.V.P Meeting

Forthcoming Funerals

10:08:26	3.15pm Sutton Crem	Margaret Baxter
21:08:26	11.30am CTK	Paul Inglis Requiem Mass

Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 1st/2nd 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
Kathleen	TBC	Theresa/Angela	Kosiso Ugo
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Theresa	TBC	Joyce/John	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