



The Sacred Heart and St John Henry Newman Cluster

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Parish Website: <http://www.christ-the-king.org.uk>

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 Hill,
Kingstanding B44 9SP

St Margaret Mary ("SMM") 59 Perry Common Road, Birmingham B23 7AB

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WELCOME TO MASS ON THE TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Second Collection: APF World Mission Day

Sat	17/10/2026	Feria in week 28 of Ordinary Time	11.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
		Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch (Vigil Masses)	12.30 CTK	John & Theresa Downey
			17.15 OLAM	Confession before Mass
			18.00 OLAM	Sarah Deane (RIP)
Sun	18/10/2026	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	08.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			09.30 CTK	Maria Nkenglefac Ngendia
		FHC Meeting for those not in Catholic Schools in the Guild Room, CTK	11.15 CTK	FHC Meeting
			11.15 SMM	M Ashcroft
			16.00 CTK	Sarah Sommers Received into Church
Mon	19/10/2026	Feria in Ordinary Time	07.30 SMM	Servers, Volunteers & Clergy
			08.00 Con	Private Intention
			11.00 CTK	Sarah Sommers Requiem Mass
Tue	20/10/2026	Feria in Ordinary Time	09.30 MPS	Aloysius Ikwuka (Anni)
			16.00 CTK	Catechism Class – Guild Room
			17.00 CTK	John Kinsella Received into Church
Wed	21/10/2026	Feria in Ordinary Time	08.00 Con	Private intention
			08.15 SMM	Adoration & Confession
			09.15 SMM	Private Intention
			11.00 CTK	John Kinsella Requiem Mass
			17.30 SMM	Sycamore
Thur	22/10/2026	Feria in Ordinary Time	17.00 SMM	Patrick Shortall Received into Church
			19.00 CTK	RCIA + Group: Guild Room
Fri	23/10/2026	Feria in Ordinary Time	09.00 CTK	Richard & Anette Deeley
			11.30 SMM	Patrick Shortall Requiem Mass
Sat	24/10/2026	Feria in week 29 of Ordinary Time	11.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
		20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Masses) Afternoon of Recollection Convent House 192 Hawthorn Rd B44 8PU	12.30 CTK	Joanne King
			15.00 Con	Afternoon of Recollection
			17.15 OLAM	Confession before Mass
			18.00 OLAM	Pauline Whitero
Sun	25/10/2026	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	08.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			09.30 CTK	George Ferris /No Children's Liturgy
		FHC Meeting for those not in Catholic Schools in the Guild Room, CTK	11.15 CTK	FHC Meeting - Guild Room
			11.15 SMM	Joyce Anderson & John Glasgow

Fr Simon writes: Following our cluster celebration of the centenary of St Margaret Mary last Friday I want to say thank you to so many of you in your different ways, for making the evening such a memorable and joyful one. For the last time (for a while!) I will leave you with my favourite quotation from St Margaret Mary's spiritual companion, St Claude de la Colombiere. St Claude said: *"Lord, you must give us new hearts, tender hearts, sensitive hearts, to replace hearts that are made of marble and bronze. Place your Heart deep in the centre of our hearts and enkindle in each heart a flame of love...O holy Heart of Jesus, dwell hidden in my heart so that I may live only in you and only for you, so that, in the end, I may live with you eternally in heaven."*

Please 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, 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 Margaret Coogan, Anne Cooper, Richard Lyon, Patrick "Paddy" Shortall, John Kinsella, Holly Scott, Darren Hollywood Margaret King, Martin Sheehan, 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 Lyida, Ann Widdecombe, Betty Foley, Kath McMullan Paul Inglis, Anne O'Brien (Deacon Gary's mother) Joshua Hurd, Christopher Anolue and all who have recently died.

Sanctuary Lamp: The month of October at CTK Is dedicated to Maria Mc Cartan and OLAM is dedicated to the Ikwuka & Ubah Families.

Youth Mass on 1st Sunday of Advent (29th November 2026): We are grateful to the Parish Youth Group for offering to lead our 09.30 am Mass at the beginning of the Church's New Year. The Parish Pastoral Council unanimously welcomed this proposal at its most recent meeting. The Youth Group will be responsible for providing our music for this Mass, as well as serving as our Ministers of the Word and our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Our thanks go to the regular Ministers who have graciously stood down for this Sunday to enable this to happen. **Rehearsal times will be on 1st, 8th and 22nd November beginning after the 09.30 am Mass on those dates and finishing at 12.00 noon.**

SVP Update: Dear Parishioners, we have had a very busy few months supporting our local families who are struggling financially and are extremely grateful for your ongoing and generous support. I would like to remind you how valuable your food donations are, and you are encouraged, if possible, to donate one item a week when you attend mass. The most needed items are tinned meat, tinned fish, pasta, Rice, Cereal, Tinned fruit and vegetables, long life Milk, Tea, Coffee, Shower gel, Toothpaste, Sanitary products and laundry detergent. **Please do not donate fresh food.** We would like to thank you on behalf of all SVP members and beneficiaries.

Christmas Raffle Books: Books of Raffle tickets are now on sale each Saturday & Sunday after mass for each church. It is £1 per ticket or £5 for the book. The prizes are fabulous this year with 1st prize being £200 Cash Prize, 2nd prize £100 Cash Prize, 3rd prize is a Christmas Hamper and there are many more prizes to be won, please see the table below for the contact of each church where you can purchase your books of tickets. We are also still in need of Tombola prizes such as boxes of biscuits and chocolates and bottles. We would also welcome any new volunteers who wish to join our exciting volunteers to help run this fabulous community event, please contact Claire in the parish office on 0121 3730988 if you think you can help or to drop off your donation.

Christmas Raffle Ticket Contact 17th/18th October 2026

CTK	Saturday	Patience (Sacristan)
CTK	Sunday	Jad (Piety Stall)
SMM	Sunday	Christine Glasgow
OLAM	Saturday	Michael Collins

Half Term Breaks

Children's Liturgy: Will take a break for the half term from 25/10/2026 and will resume on 08/11/2026

Sycamore Course: Sycamore will close for half term and restart 04/11/2026

Parish Office: The parish office will be closed from 26/10/2026 until 30/10/2026 and will re-open on Monday 02/11/2026 at 8.30am Emails and calls to the Parish Office will not be monitored during this time and Claire will not be contactable during this period concerning parish matters

Deacon Gary's unavailability: Deacon Gary will be out of contact completely between 30th October and 8th November inclusive and will not be accessing his emails, WhatsApp messages or parish texts during this time. He thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 *"I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before him."*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96 (95): 1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10a *"Ascribe to the LORD glory and power."*

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b *"Remembering your faith, love and hope."*

Gospel Acclamation *"Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life."*

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21 *"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."*

Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

CTK



Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose £435.60
Envelopes: £114.01
S/C £96.45

S/O £171.31

Total £817.37

Mass Count:338

OLAM



Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose £
Envelopes £

S/C £

S/O £73.50

Total £73.50

Mass Count: 47

SMM – Ordinariate OLW



Last Weeks Collection

Loose £214.85

S/C £79.88

Gift aid £60.00

Total: £381.73

Mass Count:159

Count: Count for CTK W/E 3rd / 4th/10/2026 is £488.61, S/C £241.93 and OLAM for 05/10/2026 and W/C 12/10/2026 will be shown W/E 24/10/2026.

Sisters of the Holy Family: We were fortunate to be able to welcome Sr Jude from the Holy family convent in London last week who shared some insight into their mission. Sr Jude has sent thanks to all who donated to this outstanding cause, with special thanks to Franciscan Sisters for their hospitality and for the parishioners who so kindly brought her to and from mass and the train station. The total amount collected will be shown in next week's Newsletter.

Visit to the SBVM: For the people to are visiting the Sisters of The Blessed Virgin Mary on 24:10:2026, please arrive at 09.15 at CTK Church to meet Fr Simon If you are meeting the minibus at the convent then please arrive for 10.15.

New Parish Website

The new Parish Website for The Sacred Heart and St. John Henry Newman will go live this weekend. We offer a huge word of thanks to James Head for the work he has done on this. The information on the old website has been refreshed and updated, and further items have been added. To make the transition smoother and since by the Decree of Merger, Christ the King has been nominated as the Parish Church of our newly merged parish, we have retained the old address which you can see at the top of page 1. This will lead you directly to the new website.

Mother of the Faithful People

Mother of the Faithful People is the name of a Declaration of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF). The DDF is directly responsible to the Holy Father for ensuring that errors which might endanger the Church are confronted. It is a leading department in the Vatican at Rome. It has published this Declaration to clarify a number of aspects of the Church's teaching on Our Lady. It was prompted by some errors which were becoming current in the Church. Deacon Gary has planned and produced a series of seven videos explaining the Declaration in the context of the Church's established teaching about Our Lady and her role in the Church. They are: (1) Introduction; (2) The Immaculate Conception; (3) The Annunciation (4) Mary at Cana; (5) Mary at the Cross; (6) The Assumption of Our Lady; (7) Mary's continuing role in the Church. Nos. (1) – (4) have been uploaded to the Deacon's Corner page of our new website. The remaining 3 will be uploaded shortly. Please watch these at your leisure and come to the Q & A Session on 22nd October 2026 which has been previously advertised. This will be a joint session with the RCIA+ Group.

Fr Simon's Unavailability: Fr Simon will also be unavailable between 26th October and 30th October and will not be accessing emails, calls or WhatsApp messages or parish texts during this time. He thanks you also in advance for your cooperation

Clergy and Religious Sisters in the Cluster

- Parish Priest: Fr Simon Ellis fr.simon.ellis@rcaob.org.uk
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Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 17th /18th October 2026

CTK [12.30]	OLAM [18.00]	CTK [09.30]	SMM [11.15]
Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Word
Suzzane/Kathleen	TBC	Chioma/Kaeside/Thandeka	Pio Chinyere
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Sue	TBC	Joyce/Angela	John

Dates for your diaries

20/10/2026	16.00	CTK Guild Room	Deacon Gary's catechism Class
22/10/2026	19.00	CTK Guild Room	Q & A Session on Our Lady + RCIA+ Group meeting.
27/10/2026	16.00	CTK Guild Room	Deacon Gary's Catechism Class: Half Term Break
29/10/2026	19.00	CTK Guild Room	RCIA & Group Meeting Half Term Break
28/10/2026	17.30	SMM Newman Gallery	NO SYCAMORE
03/11/2026	16.00	CTK Guild Room	Catechism Class will not be running today because Deacon Gary is away. It will resume 10/11/2026
05/11/2026	19.00	CTK Guild Room	RCIA Class WILL BE running today. Thanks to Anthony Sherrington for enabling this.
28/11/2026	13.30	CTK	Christmas Fayre
20/12/2026	16.00	CTK	Cluster Christmas Carol Service

Forthcoming Funerals

06/11/2026	11.00	CTK	Anthony Michael Savage Requiem Mass
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Blessing of Graves in November: The traditional November Grave Blessings will be taking place at the Cemeteries in our area as follows: **01/11 @ 2.30 pm** -Rectory Road; **07/11 @ 3.00-** Oscott Cemetery; **15/11 @ 2.00 pm** – New Hall; **15/11 @2.30 pm** – Witton; **15/11 @3.00 pm** Erdington Abbey.

Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion: We are very short of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the 12.30 pm Mass at CTK. Please pray about whether you can undertake this ministry. If you decide that you can, please make yourself known to Deacon Gary. Our thanks go to Andrew Leadbetter who kindly responded to last week's appeal.

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