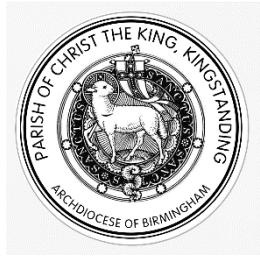




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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Stephen Clarke. He can be contacted at sg.christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk
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Hymns: E: 410; O: 152; C: 298; R: 312

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat	11/05/24	Easter Feria	10:00 Mon.	Private Intention
			12:30 CTK†	Alf Broth (Anni.)
			18:00 OLAM	Tekla Smolinska (RIP)
Sun	12/05/24	7 th Sunday of Easter	10:00 CTK	Ron Hunt (RIP)
			11:30 OLAM	James Green (RIP)
Mon	13/05/24	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.†	John Ng V Cuong (RIP)
			09:30 Mon.	Private Intention
			13:30 MPS	Fr. Joyce (RIP)
Tue	14/05/24	Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle	09:30 Mon.†	Kevin Jones (RIP)
Wed	15/05/24	Easter Feria	08:00 Con.	Mark & Tom
			09:30 Mon.	John Roche (RIP)
Thu	16/05/24	Easter Feria	09:30 Mon.†	William Greene
			12:00 CTK	Paddy
Fri	17/05/24	Easter Feria	09:00 CTK	Christine Hickson (RIP)
			09:30 Mon.†	Special Intention
Sat	18/05/24	Easter Feria	10:00 Mon.	Bartholomew Pham (RIP)
			10:00 CTK	First Holy Communion CTK
			12:00 CTK	First Holy Communion CTK
			18:00 OLAM	Yvonne Cowman (RIP)
Sun	19/05/24	Solemnity of Pentecost	10:00 CTK	Wesley Patrick Bye (Anni)
			11:30 OLAM†	Owen Francis Benedict O'Brien

Bible Study with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the Guild Room at Christ The King **every Thursday** at 7:00pm.

Rosary Group: meeting **every Wednesday** in Christ the King Church at 1:30pm.

Pray For The Sick: Monique Hunt, Luke Byrne, Jean McCabe, Muriel/Paul Cowan, Gerald, John, Jo Brown, John/Sandra Mageean, Sadie Pulido, Sr Marie, Mary McGee, Sarah McCallion, Claire/Mark, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Jo Teece, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O'Reilly, Alberto Bolongaro, Kyle Billing, Nicola Jones, Patricia Nash, Teresa Webb, Angela Madigan, Carol Timmis, Joanne Fields, Caitlin Hodgetts, Debbie Davis, Joan/Alan Horton, Fr Michael Ho, Peggy O'Donovan, Pauline O'Brien, Annette Molloy, Chris & Eddie Walsh.

RIP: Pray for the repose of the souls of Sheila Cullen, Sr Rosemary Clare, Brendan Geoghegan, and Theresa Mulvihill who died recently. May they rest in peace. **Funerals:** A Clements: Fri 10/05/24, 10:30 CTK; S Cullen: Tue 28/05/24, 10:30 CTK; B Geoghegan: Thu 30/05/24, 12:00 OLAM.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is dedicated throughout May for the **Brookes/Rose/Holder families at CTK** and the **Butler/Maxwell families at OLAM**. (The months of Aug, Sept and Oct 2024 are still available if anyone would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp at OLAM).

Annual Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: at St Francis' Church, Handsworth B19 1EB from this coming Mon 13/05/24 to Wed 22/05/24, led by Fr Derek Meskell & Fr JP O'Riordan. For further details please see noticeboard.

First Holy Communion Masses on 18th May 2024: Please pray for the children of the parish who will make their First Holy Communion on 18th May. There will be two Masses: at 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. **There will be NO 12.30 pm Vigil Mass at Christ the King on that day.** Vigil Masses that day in the Cluster will be celebrated at OLAM at 6.00 pm and at St Margaret Mary at 6.30 pm.

Last Weeks' Collection CTK

Loose:	£ 280.55
Envelopes:	£ 121.00
Standing Orders:	£ 247.23
Total:	£ 648.78

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your generous support**

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM

Loose:	£ 174.10
Envelopes:	£ 126.60
Standing Orders:	£ 94.69
Total:	£ 395.39

2nd Collection: There will be a 2nd collection this weekend for Catholic Communications.

Christ the King		11/12 MAY	18/19 MAY
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Aoife	Theresa
	Minister of Holy Communion	Theresa	Sue
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	John	Oscottian
	Minister of Holy Communion	Joyce	Marion

A “Move it or Lose It” Exercise Class For Over 60s takes place in the St. John’s Centre every Wednesday between 11.30 – 12.30 at a nominal cost of £2.00. Those who attended the 1st session during the week found it very enjoyable.

First Holy Communion Piety Items: With the ceremony of First Holy Communion taking place within the Parish on Sat 18th May (next week), family members & friends of the children preparing for this important celebration may wish to consider purchasing a card/small gift from the Piety Stall at the back of Church. If anyone has such thoughts, then please take a look at what is on offer. We have Missals, Rosary Beads (individually and within a set with a prayer book), purses for beads, white silk bags for girls, badges, Greeting Cards & small souvenir prayer cards (which are just 35p).

Cluster Catechesis on The Mass: The final 2 sessions take place at 7.30 p.m. on 14th May and 21st May. On the 14th, Fr. The will be speaking on the liturgy of the Eucharist and, on the 21st, Deacon Gary will be speaking about the concluding rites and the potential for a wider role for the Lay faithful within our Cluster. All are welcome.

Worship in the African style: On Pentecost (19th May 2024) the Offertory Hymn and the Offertory Procession at the 10.00 am Mass at Christ the King will be in the African style. The same afternoon at 4 pm there will be a Mass for Pentecost for all led by the African communities in the Cluster. The Mass will fulfil the Sunday obligation. The Mass has been advertised in the Newsletter of the Archdiocese and we shall be welcoming Monsignor Danny McHugh, the Ethnic Chaplaincy Coordinator for the Archdiocese as one of the concelebrants along with Fathers Thé, Simon and Leonard.

Corpus Christi Procession – Sunday 2nd June: To commemorate this important feast, everyone is invited to take part in a Procession from St. Margaret Mary’s to Christ The King Church. The event, which will take just over an hour, will begin with a short service at St. Margaret Mary’s at 4.00 p.m. and another short service on arrival at Christ The King. Tea/Coffee and Biscuits will be served in the St. John’s Centre afterwards, commencing around 5.15, on what is hoped will be a “sunny afternoon”. (If anyone can assist in preparing/serving the refreshments, this would be appreciated).

Parish Summit Wed 12th to Fri 14th June inclusive: The summit is a conference sponsored by Divine Renovation - a Catholic organisation dedicated to helping parishes to revive their life and their mission. Alongside Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Mass, there will be meetings focussed on how to strengthen in the parish the “evangelical flavour” and “missionary drive” to which the Mission imPossible supplement refers. The delegation from our parish will be led by Deacon Gary. We will be joining and travelling with a delegation from St. Margaret Mary. We have two places available. Please pray about this and if you can fill one of those two places, please let Deacon Gary know.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' farewell discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. This entire chapter is a prayer by Jesus, commanding himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. At the end of this prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested. Several important themes appear in this prayer. First, Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between himself and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who pre-existed with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth. In today's reading, we hear Jesus include all his disciples in this union with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God Our Father. In this prayer, Jesus describes part of his mission in the language of protection. He has protected those who were given to him by the Father. In this we hear echoes of the dualism that is reflected throughout John's Gospel. Beginning with the opening chapter, the Evangelist John has presented Jesus' mission on earth in the context of a cosmic struggle between good and evil, represented by light and darkness. In Jesus' presence, his disciples have been protected from Satan. Now that Jesus is returning to the Father, he prays that his disciples will continue to be protected from the evil one. We can't help but note here the echoes of the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, the Lord's Prayer. We also see in this chapter the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. As Jesus' teaching and ministry was a source of consternation for some, Jesus knows that the world may not accept his disciples with open arms. Again, we hear echoes of John's theme that salvation is worked out through the cosmic battle between light and darkness. The world, according to John, prefers the darkness. Yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness. Reading this prayer of Jesus during the Easter Season, through the lens of his Resurrection, we know that the light of Christ has overcome the darkness of sin and death in our world. In the opening line of this prayer, we hear Jesus pray that his disciples will be kept in the name that he was given by God. We know that the salvation is given to us in the name of Jesus, and that his name—“God saves”—announces his mission on our behalf.