



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 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **Second Collection: Catholic Education**

Sat	12/09/26	Feria in Week 23 of Ordinary Time	10.30 OLAM	Baptism of Evannah-Mai Hodder
			10.45 CTK	St Francis Live Music Practice- Guild Room
			11.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
		24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Masses)	12.30 CTK	Arthur & Gerald Brennan (RIP)
			17.15 OLAM	Confession before Mass
Sun	13/09/26	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Tea Coffee St Johns Centre After Mass (CTK)	18.00 OLAM	Declan Kennelly (RIP)
			08.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			09.30 CTK	George Ferris (1 st Anni)
			09.30 CTK	Children's Liturgy
			10.30 CTK	Baptism Of Chidimma Ike
			11:15 SMM	Eamon Boylan
Mon	14/09/26	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	07.30 SMM	Mass Cancelled for Today
			08.00 Con	Private Intention
Tue	15/09/26	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	09:30 MPS	Fr Simon Ellis
			16.00 CTK	Catechism Class – Guild Room
Wed	16/09/26	Memorial of Ss Cornelius and Cyprian	08.00 Con	Private Intention
			08.15 SMM	Adoration & Confession Cancelled
			09.15 SMM	Private Intention
			17.30 SMM	Sycamore Cancelled for today
Thu	17/09/26	Feria in Ordinary Time	No Public Liturgy Today	
Fri	18/09/26	Feria in Week 24 of Ordinary Time	09.00 CTK	Maria Nkengtefac Agendia
Sat	19/09/26	Feria in week 25 of Ordinary Time	11.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
		25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Masses)	12:30 CTK	Butler Family
			17.15 OLAM	Confession before Mass
			18:00 OLAM	Pat Donnelly (RIP)
Sun	20/09/26	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection Catholic Evangelisation	08.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			09:30 CTK	The Gorman Family
			11.15 SMM	Dave Matthews (RIP)

Fr Simon writes: *Our new welcome centre at SMM is a reminder of her visions of the Sacred Heart, visions which were supported and guided by St Claude de la Colombiere who was at one time a resident at St James Palace as Chaplain to Mary of Modena, the wife of the soon to be King James II. He later became Chaplain to the Visitation Sisters (which included St Margaret Mary) at Paray le Monial in France. At a time of great religious persecution in the country, St Claude was arrested as a suspect in the fabricated “Popish Plot”. He was imprisoned and exiled back to France where he died at the age of 41.*

Centenary: St Margaret Mary Church Centenary Mass is on Friday 16th October at 19.00 with Bishop David Evans. Please contact the office if you can help with music, catering or Stewards’ duties. After mass there will be refreshments in the new St Claude welcome centre. Memorabilia are now on sale at SMM and CTK Piety Stalls. Help with funding for tables and chairs continues.

Fr Simon Notice: Please note Fr Simon will be uncontactable from 11/09/26 – 26/09/26. Should you need a priest in an emergency out of hours please call the office mobile on 07947785609. In office hours please call the office on 0121 3730988.

Pray For the Sick: Christine Tie, 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, 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 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 Gilsenan, 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.

Lucky Bag Raffle: What a fantastic outcome to this small fundraiser. The total amount raised is a massive £580.00. For raffle collections at CTK please contact the office to arrange collection. For collections at SMM and OLAM please speak with a Sacristan. Thank you to everyone involved, with a special thanks to our ticket sellers, we couldn’t have done it without you.

Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 12th/13th September 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
Aoife	TBC	Patience/Mary	Gerard Boylan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Sue	TBC	Angela/Marian	John

Christmas Donations: The parish calls upon the good nature of its parishioners once more. We are now collecting bottles and gift sets to start our annual Christmas Fair. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange drop off. If you are a congregation member of SMM or OLAM and can not make it to CTK to complete drop off, please let the office know who can arrange an alternative collection.

Calling All Altar Servers: Registration is now open for the Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Guild of St Saint Stephen. It will be held at St Chads Cathedral, 12.00 noon on Saturday 3rd October, celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes. Altar servers and their families are welcome to join in the celebration. Please let Sam or Mary know if you wish to attend.

Sanctuary Lamp: The month of September at CTK is dedicated to the McCarty & Riley Families and at OLAM Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated to Skellum & Swift family.

Normal Service Resumes: We now have internet and phone lines with our original number of 0121 3730988. We would like to thank you all for patience in what has been a very trying time.

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

1st Reading: Sirach 27: 30-28: 7 (27: 33-28:9) *"Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray."*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103 (102): 0-2, 3-4, -9-10,11-12 *"The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy."*

2nd Reading: Romans 14: 7-9 *"Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."*

Gospel Acclamation: *"A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."*

Gospel: Matthew. Matthew 18: 21-35 *"I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven."*

Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

CTK



Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose £373.39
Envelopes: £44.00

S/O £171.31
Total £588.70
Mass Count:324

OLAM



Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose £84.64
Envelopes £93.50

S/O £73.50
Total £251.64
Mass Count: 37

SMM – Ordinariate OLW



Last Weeks Collection

Loose £172.61
Building Fund £20.00
Centenary Fund £24.00
Gift aid £110.00
Total: £326.61
Mass Count:159

Education Sunday

An Invitation from Archbishop Bernard Longley

Today we give thanks for the gift of Catholic education. Our schools have a mission to form Christ-centred pilgrims of hope, with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.

There is a real need for more foundation directors and governors to help guide our schools and keep Christ at the heart of their mission. This is not simply an administrative role; it is a true vocation and a practical way to serve Christ and His Church.

If you are a practising Catholic, committed to our mission, and willing to share your time, skills and faith, you can make a lasting difference for thousands of children and young people. No prior experience is required, as full training and support are provided.

God's unconditional love and readiness to forgive our sins remind us that service is not always easy, but it is always fruitful when rooted in love.

Please speak to your parish priest or visit the Diocesan Education Service website for further details and to complete an online application form.: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/could-you-be-a-foundation-governor-or-director-at-your-local-catholic-school> and <https://www.bdes.org.uk/governor-online-application-forms.html>.

CAFOD: CAFOD Event at St Chad's Cathedral

Join us on **Saturday 19 September from 10am** in the **Masterson Room, St Chad's Cathedral**, to learn more about CAFOD's work. Prayer will be led by **Archbishop Bernard**. Guest speaker **Teamrat Belai**, Country Director for CST Ethiopia, will share insights into the challenges facing communities in Ethiopia and the impact of CAFOD's work. Email birmingham@cafod.org.uk for more information. We look forward to seeing you.

Clergy and Religious Sisters in the Cluster

- Parish Priest: Fr Simon Ellis fr.simon.ellis@rcaob.org.uk
- 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,
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Dates for your diaries

11/09/2026	N/A	N/A	Fr Simon will be on uncontactable until 26/09/26. Should you need a priest out of office hours, please call the office mobile 07947785609 or 0121 3730988 during 8.30am – 16.00 Mon -Fri.
22/09/2026	16.00	CTK Guild Room	Deacon Gary's Catechism Class
23/09/2026	19.00	SMM	Mass with the Anointing of the Sick [Memorial of Padre Pio]
24/09/2026	19.00	CTK Guild Room	Meeting for Adults seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church [RCIA+ Group]
27/09/26	10.45	CTK Church	St Francis Live Music Practice – Please see notice for further Information
30/09/26	17.30	SMM Newman Gallery	Sycamore classes begin and continue each Wednesday 17.30 at SMM, The Newman Gallery.
03/10/2026	12.00	St Chads Cathedral	Mass of Thanksgiving for the Guild of Saint Stephen
04/10/2026	17:00	CTK Church	St Francis Live – Please see newsletter notice for more information
16/10/2026	19.00	SMM Church	Closing Mass to the Centenary year & blessing of the new stained-glass window
22/10/2026	19.00	CTK Guild Room	Q & A Session on the Church's Teaching on Our Lady

RCIA+ Group: "RCIA" is shorthand for "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" which in turn is a convenient way of referring to the period of preparation leading up to the Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church of adults who have already been baptised. Once received they go on to be confirmed immediately and receive Holy Communion for the very first time. We have had a number of adults join us for worship who wish to begin this journey. Our introductory meeting is on 24th September – see above. We have called the Group **RCIA +** to recognise that we also have amongst us some adults who have been baptised Catholic but who have not yet been fully initiated into the Church because they have not been confirmed or received their first Holy Communion. The meetings of the **RCIA+ Group** are also for them. We have made contact with all those who have so far expressed an interest in becoming part of this Group but there is still both time and room for any others to do. Please speak to Deacon Gary.

Forthcoming Funerals

01/10/2026	16.30	CTK	Margaret King Received into Church
02/10/2026	11.30	CTK	Margaret King Requiem Mass
09/10/2026	11.30	SMM	Darren Hollywood Requiem Mass

St Francis Live Music - Drama - Prayer – Reflection. Join us for a special celebration marking the 800th anniversary of St Francis' death, on Sunday 4 October at 5 pm, Christ the King Church. We especially invite young people to take an active part by helping with readings, music, singing and acting, to bring the story of St Francis to life for our parish community. We are also looking for volunteers to help with baking cakes for the day! No previous experience is needed – just enthusiasm! Please speak to one of the Sisters to sign up! Rehearsals on Sunday 13/09 and 27th September at Christ the King Church, after

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