



The Newman Cluster

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Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am- 4pm

The Newman Cluster is a growing into a united Catholic community comprising the following places of worship

Christ the King ("CTK")
124 Warren Farm Road
Kingstanding
B44 0QN

Our Lady of the Assumption ("OLAM")
82 Old Oscott
Maryvale
B44 9SP

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

Welcome to Mass on the Pentecost Solemnity

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11 *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.*

Responsorial Psalm: 104 *Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 *In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Gospel: John 20:19-23 *As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.*

Confessions before Mass will be heard until 15 minutes before the start of Mass.

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| Sat | 23/05/26 | Easter Feria | 11.45 CTK | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| | | | 12.00 CTK | Recitation of the Rosary |
| Sun | 24/05/26 | Pentecost Tea and Coffee after 09.30 Mass in the St John's Centre | 12.30 CTK | Deacon Jack Foxall RIP |
| | | | 18.00 OLAM | Mary Hevehan (RIP) |
| | | | 08.45 CTK | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| | | | 09.30 CTK | Barbara Kelleher (RIP Anni) |
| Mon | 25/05/26 | Memorial of Mary, Mother of The Church | 11.15 SMM | Kathleen Smith RIP |
| | | | 14.00 CTK | African Mass: Private Intention |
| | | | 07.30 SMM | Kitty Heaney (RIP) |
| Tue | 26/05/26 | Memorial of St Phillip Neri | 08.00 Con | Cancelled |
| | | | | Adoration and Confession |
| Wed | 27/05/26 | Feast of St Augustine | 11.00 SMM | Requiem Mass for Joseph Patrick Wall |
| | | | 08.00 Con | Cancelled |
| Thur | 28/05/26 | Feast of Our Lord | 09.15 SMM | Private Intention |
| | | | 18.30 CTK | Guild Room: SVP |
| | | | 19.00 CTK | Presbytery: PWA Executive Committee |
| Fri | 29/05/26 | The Solemnity of Dedication | 09.00 CTK | Michael Canavan |
| Sat | 30/05/26 | Feria In Ordinary Time | 11.45 CTK | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| | | | 12.00 CTK | Rosary |
| | | Pentecost (Vigil Masses) | 12.30 CTK | Arthur McKewon |
| | | | 18.00 OLAM | Michael Deane |
| Sun | 31/05 /26 | Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity Tea, Coffee & Polish Cake after 09.30 Mass in the St John's Centre | 09.30 CTK | Kiflimariam Teklemariam (RIP) |
| | | | 11.15 SMM | Leslie Anderson (RIP) |

Fr Simon writes: Pentecost was so powerful that witnesses assumed that the Apostles and those from all the nations were drunk – at 9am! Sometimes we see people intoxicated at airports at that time in the morning but on this occasion they were, to quote St Ambrose, “drunk with the sober intoxication of the Spirit”. (See Acts 2:15). Happy Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. “Come, Holy Spirit” is the most powerful prayer can ever utter.

Pope Leo’s Prayer intentions for May: When we pray for the Pope’s intentions at the beginning of the Rosary, our Holy Father asks us during May for a fairer distribution of food around the world.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedication: The Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated throughout May at CTK to the Brookes, Holder & Rose Families and OLAM to the Ranahan & Foley Families.

Pray For the Sick: Hugh McConway, Paul Cowan, Gerald, John, Josephine Brown, John/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, Peggy O’Donovan, Pauline O’Brien, Elizabeth Teague, Christine Stephens, Margaret Coogan, Sadie Kennelly, Michael Deane, Peter Hadland, Margaret Head, Anne Cunningham and Anne O’Brien (Deacon Gary’s mother).

Please pray for the recently departed: We offer our prayers for the repose of the souls of Michael Deane, *Chief Tabetamdo*, Eamonn Boylan, Zdzislaw Gorlewski, Kerry Volante, Anne Forrest Alan Horton, Eddie Walsh, Jennifer Harrison, Grazyna Grunau, Brenda Jones, Hughie Patricik Underwood, Val Lennon, Danny McCrossan, Peggy Jackman, John Murtagh, Michael Patrick O’Donoghue, Anthony Crear; Ruth Black, Michael Coffey, Fr. Osmond Aisbitt, Esther Hill, Margaret Greenleaf, Deacon Stephen O’Connor, Nola Murray, Edward Oliver Bailey, David Fitzsimons, Takii Mariam, Christopher Diggle, William Vincent Moloney, Alan Horton, Patricia Donnelly, Paul Walker (né Paul Brian Tovey), Prof. Judith Champ, Eugene Michael McNally, Michael Long, John Fleming, Nicola Vizard Howell, Christy O’Reilly, Henry Joseph Cunningham, Joan Ivory, Bridget Margaret Hynes, Kitty Woulfe, Lilian Fellows, and Dot (Florence) Myles all of whom have recently died.

Please pray also for those young people who have been attending Deacon Gary’s Tuesday Catechism Class who has received the sacraments of Initiation on 23rd May, and for the children who have been attending the parish First Holy Communion class on Sunday mornings. They will receive the Lord in Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday 14th June at the 09.30 Mass.

Forthcoming Funerals: Michael Deane: Michael will be received into church on Monday 1st June at OLAM at 6pm and his Requiem mass will be celebrated on 2nd June at OLAM at 11.30am. **William Wright:** William’s Requiem mass will be celebrated on Friday 5th June at SMM at 10.30am. **Thomas Cunningham:** Thomas will be received into church on 8th June at CTK at 4pm and his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 9th June at 11.30am. **Anne Forrest:** Anne will be received into SMM Church on Monday 15th June at 5pm and a Requiem mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 16th June at 11.30am. **May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

Masses in the Convent: We are very grateful to Bishop David who is always willing to celebrate a Mass at 08.00 on Mondays and Wednesdays whenever his diary permits. From time to time, it is not possible to provide Mass in the Convent. **We try to give as much notice as we can but please help the Parish Office by making sure that you put your telephone number on the Mass intention envelope so that we can contact you directly.** If Mass in the Convent must be cancelled, then any Mass intention set for it will be rescheduled.

Ministry of Sacristan: We are still seeking congregation members to ask themselves whether they can offer themselves for the role of Sacristan of CTK It is a role open to anyone over 16 years of age. Full training and induction will be given. Please email the parish office with your interest or speak with Deacon Gary

Pilgrimages in the month of May: Geraldine Taylor will be joining the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes which begins on 25th May. She will be very happy to take any intentions you may have to the Shrine. Please pass them to her directly or via the Parish Office. Fr. Simon will likewise be happy to take intentions to Walsingham on 28th May.

Bringing our Marian Devotions in May to a fitting conclusion: On 31st May, at the last Mass of the Marian month - May, we will sing the beloved Polish hymn *Black Madonna* (“Czarna Madonna”). The hymn honours Our Lady of Czestochowa, whose sacred icon is known as the “Black Madonna” because of the darkened image of Mary, treasured by Polish Catholics as a symbol of faith and protection. After Mass, everyone is warmly invited to stay for Polish cakes and refreshments

CTK**OLAM****SMM****Last Week's Collection CTK**

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| Loose | £345.60 |
| Envelopes: | £101.00 |
| S/O | £171.31 |
| P/P | £10.00 |
| S/C | £180.15 |
| Total | £808.06 |
| Mass Count | 350 |

Last Week's Collection OLAM

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| Loose | £105.50 |
| Envelopes | £78.50 |
| S/O | £73.50 |
| P/P | £5.00 |
| S/C | £91.00 |
| Total | £353.50 |
| Mass Count | 47 |

Last Weeks Collection

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| Loose | £155.41 |
| Envelopes | £130.00 |
| S/O | £ |
| S/C | £105.00 |
| Total | £390.41 |
| Mass Count | 152 |

SMM: Welcome Centre at St Margaret Mary Church - construction of the new Welcome Centre at St Margaret Mary will commence 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 as normal. Please do not hesitate to call or email if you have any concerns or problems. Construction will last approximately 16 weeks.

SMM Centenary Dinner: Tickets are now available for the Centenary dinner on 6th June. Adults £15, Children £10, Please contact Christine Glasgow on cjanderson_2@hotmail.com or phone the parish office on 0121 3730988. Centenary booklets available from the back of church. We are also looking for prizes that could be donated for the raffle, if you have anything you would like to donate please contact the parish office to arrange drop off.

SMM Primary School: St Margaret May's Primary School have a position that has become available for a Senior Administrative Officer. For further information please contact: Mrs J Logue, Headteacher — enquiry@stmgtmry.bham.sch.uk

Little Vinnies: Stay and Play is for adults to stay while babies and toddlers play. This wonderful and much needed group can be found at Maryvale Community Centre, Old Oscott Hill B44 every Friday in term time 09.00am – 11am. For as little as £1.00 per family you will receive a warm welcome along with refreshments and it is also a great way to socialise and meet with other parents and SVP members. For further information please contact Deacon Gary O'Brien.

SVP: Theresa Wilkin would like to share with you an overview of the data that was sent to the SVP office for this last financial year. They have requested a breakdown of our activities, visits and types of beneficiaries. Between our two conferences we were able to provide support to 108 individuals or families. We undertook 610 visits and we spent 1009 hours providing practical help and friendship in our local community. On behalf of all our members I would like to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support without which we would be unable to provide this necessary and valuable service.

Parish Office: The parish office will be closed between Monday 25th May – Sunday 31st May 26. Call and emails may not be manned during this time. Should you need urgent assistance please approach Either Fr Simon or Deacon Gary after mass or call St Margaret Mary Presbytery on 0121 3730069. Alternatively, please send an email to the office and it will be dealt with on 1st June 26.

CTK Tabletop Sale: Sunday 7th June there will be a summer tabletop sale in SJC 10.30am – 1pm. Free entry and lots of new and nearly new items from household, bric-a-brac and even brand-new Communion Dresses, come and grab yourself a bargain.

The Ministry of Holy Communion on Sundays: We are very grateful to those who have supported to the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds on Sundays: both the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and those of you who have responded to the offer of the Precious Blood by consuming from the Chalice. After reviews both in the Parish Pastoral Council and amongst the Sacristans, from this weekend at the Vigil Masses and the 11.15 Mass we will continue with two Ministers of the Chalice. At the 09.30 Mass, we will have three Chalices rather than the current five. Two will be at the front of the Church slightly to the side of the Ministers of the Sacred Host and one will accompany the Minister who goes to the Children's Chapel and then the rear of the Church.

Dates for your diaries

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| 2 nd June | CTK | Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: 7 pm in the Guild Room |
| 4 th June | MI | Beginning of Novena to the Sacred Heart. The Novena continues until 12 th June. Mass is celebrated every day at 7pm. |
| 5 th June | CTK | Sacrament of Reconciliation after the Mass at 9 am for those to be confirmed at CTK . |
| 6 th June | CTK | 12.30 Mass: Confirmation for those in CTK who have enrolled for the Sacrament. |
| 6 th June | St Francis Handsworth | Centenary Dinner for the parish of St Margaret Mary (everyone in the Cluster is welcome). |
| 7 th June | OLAM | Confirmation for those in Maryvale Primary School |
| 7 th June | SJC | CTK Tabletop Sale in SJC 10.30am – 1.00pm |
| 14 th June | CTK | First Holy Communion for those who have been attending the Parish Catechism Class on Sunday mornings. |

Ministry in the Newman Cluster

Other Clergy 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
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Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 26/04/26:

| CTK [12.30 pm] | OLAM [18.00] | CTK [09.30 am] | SMM [11.15 am] |
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| Ministers of the Word | Ministers of the Word | Ministers of the Word | Ministers of the Word |
| Aoife | TBA | Theresa and Patience | Kosiso Ugo |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion |
| Theresa | TBA | Marian | TBA |

Ministry of Catechist: We need some extra support for the valuable work the Loretto and the Sisters do with our parish children who are not in Catholic Schools. This will require formation and training. For an initial discussion about what this vital ministry entails, please contact Loretto on 07732474470 or speak to any of the Parish Clergy.

Ministry of Sacristan: We are very grateful to Many and Alex who after a number of years of service have indicated that they wish to step back from being Sunday Sacristans. Their work has been much appreciated. We wish them joy in their retirement from liturgical ministry. At their suggestion, and Patience's as well, we would like to invite other members of the congregation to pray this and ask themselves whether they can offer themselves for this role. It is a role open to anyone over 16 years of age. Full training and induction will be given.

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

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