



The Sacred Heart and St John Henry Newman Cluster

Parish Priest: Fr Simon Ellis

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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 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	29/08/26	The Beheading of st. John the Baptist, Memorial	11.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
		22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Masses)	12.30 CTK	Christine O'Neill
			14.30 CTK	Wedding of Jack Moat & Leanne Taylor
			17.15 OLAM	Confession before Mass
			18.00 OLAM	John Walsh
Sun	30/08/26	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Tea Coffee St Johns Centre After Mass (CTK)	08.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			09.30 CTK	Kathleen Bridger 1 Year Anniversary
			11.15 SMM	Tony Nixon & Deceased Members of the Nixon Family
Mon	31/08/26	Feria in Week 22 of Ordinary Time	07.30 SMM	Margaret Drewett
			08.00 Con	Private Intention
Tue	01/10/26	Feria in Week 22 of Ordinary Time	09.30 SMM	Private Intention
			10.30 CTK	Pauline O'Brien's Requiem Mass
Wed	02/10/26	Feria in Week 22 of Ordinary Time	08.00 Con	Private Intention
			08.15 SMM	Adoration & Confession
			09.15 SMM	John Johnson
			11.30 OLAM	Martin Sheehan's Requiem Mass
		The Newman Gallery	17.30 SMM	Sycamore
Thur	03/10/26	St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor, Feast	No Public Liturgy Today	
Fri	04/10/26	Feria in Week 22 of Ordinary Time	09.00 CTK	Deacon Gary on the 5 th anniversary of his ordination
Sat	05/10/26	Feria in Week 22 of Ordinary Time	11.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
		23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Masses)	12.30 CTK	Helena Kinsella (RIP)
			17.15 OLAM	Confession before Mass
			18.00 OLAM	Anne- Marie Butler Get Well
Sun	06/10/26	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	08.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			09.30 CTK	Mary Hurley
			10.30 CTK	Altar Servers Meeting – All to attend
			11.15 SMM	Christopher Iyida RIP

Fr Simon writes: I am sharing insights at this time from St Claude de la Colombiere, the French Jesuit spiritual director to St Margaret Mary. St Claude writes on prayer (from London letter of 1676) "Do not be either astonished or discouraged at the difficulties you find in prayer. Only be constant and submissive and God will be pleased with you .Perhaps the lights you have concerning your unworthiness are graces by which God prepares you for the dryness that follows".

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. For the month of September CTK Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated to the McCarty & Riley Families. OLAM Sanctuary Lamp is still available. Should anybody wish to book please contact Claire in the office

Phone & Internet: This week the office has been thrown into turmoil. As previously explained we have suffered issues with our phone lines. After having our new equipment fitted our supplier has since severed our connection with internet and phone. While the office has sort ways to reply to emails the phone line and live stream remains out of use. This should be remedied as soon as possible but should you wish to make contact with the office please use the emergency office number of **07947785609** until further notice. We would like to stress this is a provider fault and not the parish. Thank you for your understanding.

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, 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 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 Iyida, Ann Widdecombe, Betty Foley, Kath McMullan Paul Inglis, Anne O'Brien (Deacon Gary's mother) Joshua Hurd, and all who have recently died.

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 form 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
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Pink Tickets	OLAM	Jackie Scott
Green Tickets	SMM	Carmel

SMM: Following The Centenary there will be some fantastic memorabilia on sale from the Piety Stall from 6th September at CTK, OLAM and SMM. There will be Mugs, Fridge Magnets, Wallet Cards and Bookmarks. This is an opportunity to support our Parish Church and own a piece of history.

Centenary at St Margaret Mary: as the building project for the St Claude Welcome centre starts to gather pace, If anyone could help With funding chairs or tables for the new centre, please aim for £40 per chair, £150 per rectangular chair and £350 for a circular folding table

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. Pease let Sam or Mary know if you wish to attend.

Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 22nd/23rd 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
Aoife	TBC	John/Tahabani	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

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9 *"The word of the Lord has become me for a reproach."*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 63 (62): 12, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 *"For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God."*

2nd Reading: Romans 12: 1-2 *"Present your bodies as a living sacrifice."*

Gospel Acclamation: *"May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us"*

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27 *"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself."*

Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

CTK



Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose £340.99
Envelopes: £131.00

S/O £171.31

Total £643.30

Mass Count:350

OLAM



Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose £102.50
Envelopes £83.00

S/O £73.50

Total £259.10

Mass Count: 44

SMM – Ordinariate OLW



Last Weeks Collection

Loose £369.75
Piety £16.58
Gift aid £254.00
Total: £640.30

Mass Count:105

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, OLAM and SMM 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 Newman"**

Catechism in the Cluster: 2026-2027

Deacon Gary's Tuesday Catechism Class: This class will resume on 15th September and takes place on every Tuesday during the school terms. It is for any member of the congregation between the age of 11 and 16 who for whatever reason have not received one or other of the Sacraments of Initiation. The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. To enrol in the Class, please collect an enrolment form either from Deacon Gary after Mass or from the Parish Office. Please return it after completion to the Parish Office. The Rite of Enrolment will take place for those who have enrolled on Sunday 18th October at the 09.30 am Mass.

Sunday Morning Catechism for First Holy Communion for those not in Catholic Schools: We are very grateful to Loretto and Tracey Cattell who for many years now have shouldered the responsibility for preparing the parish children aged 7/8 who are not in any of our Catholic Primary Schools for First Holy Communion. Loretto has decided that it is time for her to retire. We are currently approaching a number of parishioners to take over from her. We are committed to maintaining the programme after the schools return from their Summer break. Please look out for further announcements.

Initiation of Christian Adults: We have had several enquiries from adults who are either already baptised or who are not yet baptised but in either case wish to become Catholics. Over the next few weeks, we ask all interested parties to complete an enrolment form and then we can discuss how best to make provision to meet this important pastoral need.

Updating our understanding of the Church's teaching on Our Lady

We may think there is nothing new to say about Our Lady, but Rome thinks otherwise. The Vatican has relatively recently published a new document clarifying a number of points. Pope Leo's concern is that there are still too many of us who have not kept pace with the development of the Church's teaching on the place of the Blessed Virgin Mary within the Church. During the month of October, Deacon Gary will post three videos on the new Sacred Heart and St. John Henry Newman website for you to read whenever convenient. He will then offer the opportunity for anyone who wishes to raise questions to meet with him on 22nd October at 7 pm in the CTK Guild Room.

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

06/09/26	9.30am	CTK St John Centre	The Children's Liturgy Group
06/09/26	10.30am	CTK	Alter Servers Meeting – All to attend please
07/09/2026	18.30pm	SMM Newman Gallery	S.V.P Meeting, please call 07704146930 for further information
15/09/2026	16.00pm	CTK Guild Room	Deacon Gary's Catechism Class begins
02/10/2026	17.30pm	SMM Newman Gallery	Sycamore classes begin and continue each Wednesday 17.30pm at SMM, The Newman Gallery.
03/10/2026	12.00pm	St Chads Cathedral	Mass of Thanksgiving for the Guild of Saint Stephen
04/10/2026	17:00pm	CTK Church	Walking with Francis – Please see newsletter notice for more information
16/10/2026	19.00pm	SMM Church	Closing Mass to the Centenary year & blessing of the new stained glass window
22/10/2026	19.00pm	CTK Guild Room	Q & A Session on the Church's Teaching on Our Lady

Forthcoming Funerals

01/09/26	10.30am	CTK	Pauline O'Brien Requiem Mass
02/09/26	11.30am	OLAM	Martin Sheehan Requiem Mass
09/09/2026	12.00pm	SMM	Mary Tully Requiem Mass

Sycamore: Please note Sycamore classes will commence on Wednesday 2nd October 2026 at SMM in The Newman at 17.30pm.

Walking with Francis (1226-2026): Join the Sisters for a special prayerful celebration in honour of St Francis of Assisi, with prayer, music, singing, live drama and reflection, as we remember his final journey to God and celebrate the joy and faith of his life. This event will take place 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. Rehearsals will take place on some Sundays in September after 9:30 Mass at Christ the King (dates to be confirmed). No previous experience is needed – just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved! If you would like to take part, please speak to one of the Sisters to sign up!

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