



The Sacred Heart and St John Henry Newman Cluster

Parish Priest: Fr Simon Ellis

Office Number Until Further Notice: 0121 296 8979

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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	05/09/26	Feria in Week 23 of Ordinary Time	10.30 CTK	Baptism of Krue Kirby
			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	06/09/26	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Tea Coffee St Johns Centre After Mass (CTK)	08.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			09.30 CTK	Mary Hurley
			0.930 CTK	Children's Liturgy Returns Today
			11.00 CTK	Altar Servers Meeting – All to attend
			11:15 SMM	Christopher Iyida (RIP)
Mon	07/09/26	Feria in Week 23 of Ordinary Time	07.30 SMM	Anne O'Brien (RIP)
			08.00 Con	Private Intention
Tue	08/09/26	The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	09:30 MPS	Michael & Evelyn Kelly
			18.30 SMM	S.V.P Meeting- Newman Gallery
Wed	09/09/26	Feria in Week 23 of Ordinary Time	08.00 Con	Private Intention
			08.15 SMM	Adoration & Confession
			09.15 SMM	Hugh McConway (RIP)
			12.00 SMM	Mary Tully Funeral Service
			17.30 SMM	Sycamore
Thu	10/09/26		No Public Liturgy Today	
Fri	11/09/26	Feria in Week 24 of Ordinary Time	09.00 CTK	Eddie Walsh (RIP)
Sat	12/09/26	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Masses)	11.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
			12:30 CTK	Arthur & Gerald Berenan (RIP)
			17.15 OLAM	Confession before Mass
			18:00 OLAM	Declan Kennelly (RIP)
Sun	13/09/26	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	08.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			09:30 CTK	George Ferris (1 st Anni)
			10.30 CTK	Baptism Of Chidimma Ike
			11.15 SMM	Eamon Boylan

Fr Simon writes: Fr Simon writes: Continuing the reflection on St Claude de la Colombiere, it is worth remembering that the relics of both St Claude la Colombiere and St Margaret Mary Alacoque were welcomed to London as part of a Sacred Heart of Mercy Mission from 9 to 13 November 2016. The visit was led by missionaries from the Emmanuel Community in collaboration with the parishes of Farm Street, Soho Square and Our Lady of Victories, Kensington. At a Mass to welcome the relics, Bishop John Wilson (Archbishop of Southwark) reflected on the love story the mission celebrates: *'The love in this story is older than the heavens, but it's as fresh as the present moment. The love in this story stretches wider than the entire human race, but it's as personal as you and me...God's tremendous love comes through Jesus Christ, whose Sacred Heart is beating now to pump mercy throughout the whole of creation.'*

Centenary: St Margaret Mary Church Centenary Mass is on Friday 6th October at 17.00 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 296 8979.

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 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 Iyida, 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.

Last Chance - Do You Feel Lucky!!

Lucky Bag Raffle: This weekend is the last weekend you have to purchase raffle tickets for the Lucky Bag Raffle; sales have already closed at SMM. The cost is £5 per strip, and one strip will guarantee you one lucky bag prize that could be anything from 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

Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 5th/6th 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
Suzzane	TBC	Angela/Thandeka/Kaeside	Chisom Egboh
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Sue	TBC	Sisters	John

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. OLAM Sanctuary Lamp is still available. Should anybody wish to book please contact Claire in the office

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 *"If you do not speak to warn the wicked, his blood I will require at your hands."*
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95 (94): 1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9 *"O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts."*

2nd Reading: Romans 13: 8-10 *"Love is the fulfilling of the law."*

Gospel Acclamation: *"God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation."*

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20 *"If he listens to you, you have gained your brother."*

Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

CTK



Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose £303.55
Envelopes: £103.00

S/O £171.31
Total £577.31
Mass Count:342

OLAM



Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose £105.07
Envelopes £43.00

S/O £73.50
Total £221.57
Mass Count: 45

SMM – Ordinariate OLW



Last Weeks Collection

Loose £156.01
Building Fund £5.00
Gift aid £196.70
Total: £357.71
Mass Count:126

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 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 19:00 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,
Email: smsfbirmingham@gmail.com

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 29608879 during 8.30am – 16.00 Mon -Fri.
13/09/26	10.45	CTK Guild Room	St Francis Live Music Practice – Please see notice for further Information
15/09/2026	16.00	CTK Guild Room	Deacon Gary's Catechism Class begins
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

Forthcoming Funerals

09/09/2026	12.00	SMM	Mary Tully Requiem Mass
01/10/2026	16.30	CTK	Margaret King Received into Church
02/10/2026	11.30	CTK	Margaret King Requiem Mass

Phone & Internet: We have internet!! But alas we are still waiting for our usual number to be given back to us. So, for the time being please use the emergency number 0121 296 8979 as listed on the front page of the newsletter at the top. Some good news however you can now leave an answer phone message that the office can finally listen to.

Harvington Hall: Shrine of the English Martyrs are holding their annual Pilgrimage Mass on Sunday 6h September 2026. The principal celebrant is his excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia assisted by the most Reverend Bernard Longley. Confessions will be at 13.45 – 14.30 followed by mass at 15.00.

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 Mass.

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