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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Second Collection: Catholic Evangelisation

Sat	19/09/26	Feria in Week 24 of Ordinary Time	11.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
		25th 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	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Tea Coffee St Johns Centre After Mass (CTK) Children's Liturgy of the Word Delivered	08.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			09.30 CTK	The Gorman Family
			11:15 SMM	Dave Matthews (RIP)
Mon	21/09/26	Feast of St Matthew	07.30 SMM	Mass Cancelled for Today
			08.00 Con	Private Intention
Tue	22/09/26	Feria in Week 25 of Ordinary Time	09:15 MPS	All Volunteers in The Cluster
			16.00 CTK	Catechism Class – Guild Room
Wed	23/09/26	Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina	08.00 Con	Private Intention
			08.15 SMM	Adoration & Confession Cancelled
			09.15 SMM	Private Intention
			17.30 SMM	Sycamore Cancelled for today
			19.00 SMM	Mass with the Anointing of the Sick
Thu	24/09/26	Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham Meeting for Adults seeking full initiation into the Catholic Faith	No Public Liturgy Today 19.00 CTK	 RCIA Group Meeting – Guild Room
Fri	25/09/26	Feria in Week 25 of Ordinary Time	09.00 CTK	Bridget Guest
Sat	26/09/26	Feria in week 56 of Ordinary Time	11.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
		26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Masses)	12:30 CTK	Barnabas Nchengla Agendia
			17.15 OLAM	Confession before Mass
			18:00 OLAM	Luke Ryan
Sun	27/09/26	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection Fr Hudsons Society	08.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			09:30 CTK	Richard O'Connor & Deceased Members of the O'Connor Family
			11.15 SMM	Hugh McConway (RIP)

Fr Simon writes: *When we seek the heart of Jesus, we encounter the deep truth of who he is. In the simple words of St Claude de la Colombiere, Jesus "heart is still the same, always burning with love, always open so as to shower down graces and blessings upon us, always touched by our sorrows, always eager to impart its treasures to us and to give himself to us, always ready to receive us, to be our refuge, our dwelling place, and our heaven even in this world"*

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 Rixhard Lyon, Patrick "Paddy" Shortall, John Kinsella, 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 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.

Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 19th/20th 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**
Kathleen	TBC	John/Chioma	Andrew Usowicz
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**	**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**	**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**
Sue	TBC	Sisters/Angela	John

Christmas Donations: The parish calls upon the good nature of its parishioners once more. We are now collecting bottles, gift sets, boxes of chocolates and biscuits to start off our annual Christmas Fayre which we are please to announce will be taking place on Saturday 28th November 2026 13.30-16.30. The Fayre will be hosted between CTK Church, CTK School and St Johns Centre. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange drop off any donations. If you are a congregation member of SMM or OLAM and cannot make it to CTK to complete drop off, please let the office know who can arrange an alternative way. We are also more than happy to welcome new volunteers to work alongside existing volunteers to help organise this family and community event.

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 the Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated to Skellum & Swift Families.

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.

Lucky Bag Raffle: Please collect prizes from the back of church.

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9 "My thoughts are not your thoughts."
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145 (144): 2-3,08-9, 17-18 ***"The LORD is close to all who call him."***
2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a ***" For to me to live is Christ."***
Gospel Acclamation: ***"Open our hearts, O LORD, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son."***
Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16 "*Do you begrudge my generosity."*

Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

CTK

OLAM

SMM – Ordinariate OLW

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose	£445.64
Envelopes:	£231.19
S/C	£222.97
S/O	£171.31
Total	**£899.98**
Mass Count:390	

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose	£132.88
S/C	£93.61
S/O	£73.50
Total	**£299.99**
Mass Count:53	

Last Weeks Collection

Loose	£182.36
S/C	£81.26
Gift aid	£55.00
Total:	**£318.62**
Mass Count:141	

Education Sunday
An Invitation from Archbishop Bernard Longley

Last Sunday we gave 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.

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.

First Holy Communion for those not in Catholic schools: Preparation for First Holy Communion for those not in Catholic schools is delivered by the parish. We are very grateful to Wendy Gasson who has generously agreed to lead this programme. We offer our heartfelt thanks to Loretto Cattell who after many years of dedicated service to this ministry retires from this role. Parents of children who wish to enrol on this programme are asked to attend a meeting with their children in the Guild Room on **Sunday 4th October at 11.0**

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 3730988 during 8.30 – 16.00 Mon -Fri.
27/09/26	10.45	CTK Church	St Francis Live Music Practice **–** Please see notice for further Information
29/09/2026	16.00	CTK Guild Room	Deacon Gary's Catechism Class
30/09/26	17.30	SMM Newman Gallery	Sycamore classes begin and continue each Wednesday 1**7**.30 at SMM, The Newman Gallery.
01/10/2026	19.00	CTK Guild Room	RCIA & Group Meeting
03/10/2026	12.00	St Chads Cathedral	Mass of Thanksgiving for the Guild of Saint Stephen
04/10/2026	11.15	CTK Guild Room	First Holy Communion meeting for those not in Catholic schools
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
28/11/2026	13.30	CTK	Christmas Fayre

Forthcoming Funerals

01/10/2026	16.30	CTK	Margaret King Received into Church
02/10/2026	11.30	CTK	Margaret King Requiem Mass
05/10/2026	12.00	CTK	Richard Lyon Requiem Mass
09/10/2026	11.30	SMM	Darren Hollywood Requiem Mass
12/10/2026	17.00	OLAM	Holly Scott Received into Church
13/10/2026	11.00	OLAM	Holly Scott Funeral Service
20/10/2026	17.00	CTK	John Kinsella Received into Church
21/10/2026	11.00	CTK	John Kinsella Requiem Mass

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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 5.00, 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 if you think you can help

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