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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Second Collection: Second Collection Fr Hudsons Society

Sat	26/09/26	Feria in Week 25 of Ordinary Time	10.30 OLAM	Baptism: Jacques Daly
			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 Tea Coffee St Johns Centre After Mass (CTK) A Liturgy of the Word for Children is celebrated in the St. John's Centre during the 09.30 Mass	08.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			09.30 CTK	Richard O'Connor & Deceased Members of the O'Connor Family
			10.45 CTK	St Francis Live Rehearsals
			11:15 SMM	Hugh McConway (RIP)
Mon	28/09/26	Feria in Ordinary Time	07.30 SMM	Edward Bambe
			08.00 Con	Private Intention
Tue	29/09/26	Feast of St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	09.30 MPS	Mark Cunningham
			16.00 CTK	Catechism Class – Guild Room
Wed	30/09/26	Memorial of St Jerome	08.00 Con	Private Intention
			08.15 SMM	Adoration & Confession
			09.15 SMM	Private Intention
			17.30 SMM	Sycamore Resumes
Thur	01/10/26	Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus Virgin Doctor of the Church	16.30 CTK	RIC of: Margaret King
			19.00 CTK	RCIA + Group: Guild Room
Fri	02/10/26	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels	09.00 CTK	Patrick Faherty
			11.30 CTK	Requiem Mass: Margaret King
Sat	03/10/26	Feria in week 26 of Ordinary Time	11.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
		27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Masses)	12:30 CTK	Sheila Ferns
			14.30 CTK	Baptism of Harrison Forster
			17.15 OLAM	Confession before Mass
			18:00 OLAM	Kathleen Lysaght (RIP Anni)
Sun	04/010/26	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection: Harvest Fast (CAFOD) FHC Meeting for those not in Catholic Schools in the Guild Room, CTK	08.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			09:30 CTK	Christine O'Neill (RIP)
			11.15 CTK	FHC Meeting - Guild Room
			11.15 SMM	John Fitzpatrick

Fr Simon writes: The Archbishop of Southwark, Bishop John Wilson, once commented about our culture, that that many people have 'decommissioned God' despite his constant search for us. 'They are closed to his message and to the love story which he longs for us to embrace in and through his Son.' He then noted that St Margaret Mary and St Claude de la Colombiere were chosen by God to bring new vision to his people. *'Together, their human hearts were united with Jesus' Sacred Heart, to bring afresh to the Church and world of their day the love that is pure and gentle, the love that teaches God's blessed will, the love that shows us the print of Jesus' footsteps, the love that stays close to us when we fall.'*

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.

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.

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

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Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 26th/27th 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	Theresa/Thandeka	Kosio Ugo
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**	**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**	**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**
Theresa	TBC	Marian/Joyce	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.

Preparation for the Month of October

By tradition, October is a month during which we pay special attention to the praying of the Rosary. The origin of this devotion goes back to Pope Pius V who in 1571 instituted the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on 7th October. In 1883, Pope Leo XIII extended the devotion to the whole of the month of October. Each month, the Pope has a special prayer intention with which we can associate ourselves when we pray the first three Hail Mary's before the Mysteries proper .For October this year, our current Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV has the following special intention: Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses, In addition, in the light of a new document from the Vatican's doctrinal guardians, Deacon Gary will be posting videos on his Deacon's Corner section of the website on the Church's teaching on Our Lady for you to view at your leisure. Once you have viewed these, please join the RCIA + Group for the Q & A session on 22nd October noted above.

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28 ***"When a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed, he shall save his life."***
Responsorial Psalm: PS 25 (24): 4-5b, 6-7, 8-9 "*Remember your compassion, O LORD."*
2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11 "*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.*"
Gospel Acclamation: "*My sheep hear your voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me.*
Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32 "*He changed his mind and went. The tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you."*

Cluster, Deanery and Diocesan Notices

CTK

OLAM

SMM – Ordinariate OLW

Last Week's Collection CTK

Loose	£
Envelopes:	£
S/C	£
S/O	£171.31
Total	**£ 171.31**

Mass Count:301

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose	£
S/C	£
S/O	£73.50
Total	**£ 73.50**

Mass Count:53

Last Weeks Collection

Loose	£
S/C	£
Gift aid	£
Total:	**£**

Mass Count:

Counts: There were no counts done this week, but the relevant figures will be shown next week.

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

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 11.15.**

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 17.00, 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.

Parish Office: The parish office will be closed from 26/10/2026 until 30/10/2026 and will re-open on Monday 02/11/2026 at 8.30. Emails and calls to the Parish Office will not be monitored during this time.

Deacon Gary's unavailability: Deacon Gary will be out of contact completely between 30th October and 8th November inclusive and will not be accessing his emails, WhatsApp messages or parish texts during this time. He thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Clergy and Religious Sisters in the Cluster

- Parish Priest: Fr Simon Ellis **fr.simon.ellis@rcaob.org.uk**
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- 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

04/10/2026	17:00	CTK Church	St Francis Live – Please see the notice below for more information.
06/10/2026	16.00	CTK Guild Room	Deacon Gary's Catechism Class
07/10/26	17.30	SMM Newman Gallery	Sycamore classes continue each Wednesday 17.30 at SMM, The Newman Gallery.
08/10/2026	19.00	CTK Guild Room	RCIA & Group Meeting
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
26/10/2026	N/A	Parish Office	The Parish office will be closed 26/10/2026 – 30/10/2026
28/11/2026	13.30	CTK	Christmas Fayre

Forthcoming Funerals

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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Ministry in the Cluster

Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion: We are very short of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the 12.30 pm Mass at CTK. Please pray about whether you can undertake this ministry. If you decide that you can, please make yourself known to Deacon Gary.

Ministry of Catechesis: Our heartfelt thanks go to Wendy Gasson and Anthony Sherrington who have stepped forward to join our catechist's team. Their contribution enables us to run the FHC programme and RCIA Group+.

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