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 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	10/10/2026	Feria in week 27 of Ordinary Time	**10.30 CTK**	**Baptism of Nathan Iwuchukwu**
			11.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			12.00 CTK	Rosary
		28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Masses)	12.30 CTK	Kathleen McKee
			17.15 OLAM	Confession before Mass
		Prisoners Week Begins	18.00 OLAM	Bernie Reilly
Sun	11/10/2026	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	08.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
		Children's Liturgy	09.30 CTK	Micheal Crann
			11.15 CTK	FHC Meeting
			11:15 SMM	John Kearney
Mon	12/10/2026	Feria in Ordinary Time	07.30 SMM	Holly Scott (RIP)
			08.00 Con	Private Intention
			18.00 OLAM	**Holly Scott Received into Church**
Tue	13/10/2026	Feria in Ordinary Time	**10.30 OLAM**	**Holly Scott Requiem Mass**
			16.00 CTK	Catechism Class – Guild Room
Wed	14/10/2026	Feria in Ordinary Time	08.00 Con	Private Intention
			08.15 SMM	Adoration & Confessio n
			09.15 SMM	Private Intention
			17.30 SMM	Sycamore
Thur	15/10/2026	Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus	19.00 CTK	RCIA + Group: Guild Room
Fri	16/10/2026	St Margaret Mary – Patronal Festival	09.00 CTK	Lee Butler
		Blessing of Stained-Glass Window	**19.00 SMM**	**Centenary Mass**
Sat	17/10/2026	Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch	11.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
		Prisoners Week Ends	12.00 CTK	Rosary
		29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Masses)	12:30 CTK	John & Theresa Downey
			17.15 OLAM	Confession before Mass
			18:00 OLAM	Sarah Deane (RIP)
Sun	18/10/2026	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	08.45 CTK	Confession before Mass
			09:30 CTK	Maria Nkenglefac Ngendia
			11.15 CTK	FHC Meeting - Guild Room
			11.15 SMM	M Ashcroft

Fr Simon writes: This week, on 12th October, we celebrate one of the most recently canonised Saints: **Carlo Acutis,** patron saint of the internet. An Italian teenager, born in London to lapsed parents, Carlo was encouraged in the faith by his Polish nanny. Carlo is remembered for his deep faith in the face of great suffering (he died in 2006 from Leukaemia aged only 15) and for his visionary approach to evangelisation through the internet. Carlo's resting place is in St Francis' town of Assisi. (*That reminds me here to thank all those who were involved last week in the 'Francis live' which was a beautiful and fitting celebration of his 800th anniversary!*). Back to St Carlo Acutis, here are three quotations from his many inspiring thoughts: 1."All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies", 2. "The only thing we have to ask God for, in prayer, is the desire to be holy" and 3. "By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy."

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: 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 Anne Cooper, Harry Bramma, Tony Savage. David Speller, Catherine Osawe Aideyan, Christine Ravensdale, Richard 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 Lyida, 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 Sanctuary Lamp for the month of October at CTK Maria Mc Cartan and OLAM is dedicated to the Ikwuka & Ubah Families.

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Ministry of the Word and Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for 10th /11th October 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**
Maxine	TBC	John/Mary	John Kearney
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**	**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**	**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**
Theresa	TBC	Sisters	John Kearney

Christmas Raffle Books: Books of Raffle tickets are now on sale each Saturday & Sunday after mass for each church. It is £1 per ticket or £5 for the book. The prizes are fabulous this year with 1st prize being £200 Cash Prize, 2nd prize £100 Cash Prize, 3rd prize is a Christmas Hamper and there are many more prizes to be won, please see the table below for the contact of each church where you can purchase your books tickets. We are also still in need of Tombola prizes such as boxes of biscuits and chocolates and bottles. We would also welcome any new volunteers who wish to join our exciting volunteers to help run this fabulous community event, please contact Claire in the parish office on 0121 3730988 if you think you can help or to drop off donations

Christmas Raffle Ticket Contact 10th/11th October 2026

CTK	Saturday	Patience (Sacristan)
CTK	Sunday	Jad (Piety Stall) Peter Holder (Church Warden)
SMM	Sunday	Christine Glasgow
OLAM	Saturday -**Before Mass**	Michael Collins

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10a ***"The LORD will make a feast, and he will wipe away tears from all faces ."***
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23 (22): 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 ***"In the LORD'S own house shall I dwell for length of days unending."***
2nd Reading: ***Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."***
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 22: 1-14 ***"Invite to the wedding feast as many as you find."***

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:	**331**

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Loose	£
Envelopes	£
S/C	£
S/O	£73.50
Total	**£73.50**
Mass Count:	**63**

Last Weeks Collection

Loose	£165.99
S/C	£73.39
Gift aid	£60.00
Total:	**£299.38**
Mass Count:	**135**

Count: Counts for CTK and OLAM for 05/10/2026 and W/C 12/10/2026 will be shown on 19/10/2026 due to our counters being on holiday.

St Francis Live: What a fantastic opportunity we had to be able to attend the St Francis Live production in CTK Church on 04/10/2026. We give thanks to the children, staff at CTK, CTK Choir, Volunteers and of course Sr Miriam and Sr Catalina for all your hard work and effort. Well done everyone!

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.

Retreat Day: The Franciscan Sisters invite you to their retreat day on 24/10/2026 15.00 – 18.00 at the Convent House, 192 Hawthorn Rd B448PU. It will be an afternoon of prayer, to listen to Gods word and spend time in his presence. For further information please speak to the sisters

Centenary Mass: The Centenary Mass for St Margaret Mary will be a big event in the life of the Cluster. **Mass is at 19.00 on Friday, 16th October**. Many thanks to all those who are helping with ministry of the word, with serving at mass, with refreshments, music and stewarding. We will witness the blessing of the new centenary stained-glass window. There will be time to see the new welcome centre dedicated to St Claude, St Margaret Mary's spiritual Director.

Archdiocese 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.

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

20/10/2026	16.00	CTK Guild Room	Deacon Gary's Catechism Class
21/10/2026	17.30	SMM Newman Gallery	Sycamore classes continue each Wednesday 17.30 at SMM, The Newman Gallery.
22/10/2026	19.00	CTK Guild Room	RCIA & Group Meeting
22/10/2026	19.00	CTK Guild Room	Q & A Session on the Church's Teaching on Our Lady
24/10/2026	15.00	Convent	Retreat Day
26/10/2026	N/A	Parish Office	The Parish office will be closed 26/10/2026 – 30/10/2026
28/10/2026	17.30	SMM Newman Gallery	Sycamore will close for half term and restart 04/11/2026
03/11/2026	16.00	CTK Guild Room	Catechism Class will not be running today, it will resume 10/11/2026
05/11/2026	19.00	CTK Guild Room	RCIA Class will not be running today, it will resume 12/11/2026
28/11/2026	13.30	CTK	Christmas Fayre

Forthcoming Funerals

18/10/2026	16.00	CTK	Sarah Somers Received into Church
19/10/2026	11.00	CTK	Sarah Somers Requiem Mass
20/10/2026	17.00	CTK	John Kinsella Received into Church
21/10/2026	11.00	CTK	John Kinsella Requiem Mass
22/10/2026	17.00	SMM	Patrick Shortall Received into Church
23/10/2026	11.30	SMM	Patrick Shortall Requiem Mass
06/11/2026	11.30	CTK	Anthony Michael Savage Requiem Mass

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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 Sacristans: We need more Sacristans to help with Sunday morning Masses and mid-week requiem funeral masses, please speak to Deacon Gary 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