

Christ the King Parish, Coventry

Churches of Christ the King and Our Lady of Lourdes, with St Augustine's

**Sunday 4th January 2009. Mass Book Page 49.
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.**



Parish Clergy:

Very Rev Canon Tom Farrell, Parish Priest.
 Father Richard Scott, Assistant Priest.
 Rev Mr. G. O'Reilly. & Rev Mr. P. Flanagan. Deacons.
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Dear Parishioners,

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year - and Christmas! Yes, it is still Christmas. This weekend we celebrate the visit of the Wise Men to the Christ Child. The feast of the Epiphany is traditionally on the 6th of January - after the 12 Days of Christmas. Our Bishops enable us to keep it on the nearest Sunday so we can celebrate it with more style. But, remember, the Christmas season continues until at least next Sunday, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Hopefully we can keep joyful without too many of the worries or sense of 'let down' that comes after the parties are over and we return to work, school, and paying the bills!

New Year can be a difficult and lonely time for some. We pray for all those who have died this last year. We have had a number of deaths these last few days and there are funerals arranged over the next two weeks, so we remember those families in particular. As a parish community it is very important for us all to support each other.

Thankyou for your generous Christmas

offerings for your clergy, and for all your cards, gifts, messages of support, and promises of prayer. We have sent gifts to Fr Bentley and Fr Clarke over Christmas.

I am sure that you noticed how well the Ordination went and Fr Dominic would like to thank everyone for their support and the many cards and gifts including the gift from the parish. The ceremonies went very well over Christmas and in particular I would like to thank Fr Richard for his work with the choir. The church is always kept so well and we want to thank all who work so hard throughout the year but especially at Christmas. All our groups and clubs rely on volunteers and we thank them all. Some of our parish groups and clubs begin again this week - details overleaf. In particular I want to thank Fr Richard, Deacons Gerry and Pat and Rhona in the office for their support and hard work. Without them a lot of things could not flourish in the parish. Thanks to all who worked so hard with the various Christmas events at Schools and in the parish. We will have a supper for all the parish helpers in the New Year - date to follow.

The Pastoral Care team are able to offer visits to more people now. So if you know of anyone who would welcome a visit then let me know please. Bereavement training next year on the following Monday evenings Feb 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd Please note these dates if you are interested.

The Archbishop has asked us to sign an on line petition objecting to the government's wish to charge churches commercial rates for water. Could you object by email to <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/ChurchWaterBills/>

We have now booked over 90 people on our trip to Lourdes in May. We will fly from Bristol to Lourdes on Saturday 23rd May until Friday 29th May returning on the same route. Total cost £515 all in.

Last week I left for India for two weeks with my friends Fr Dominic Kavanagh and Fr Michael White. It is to celebrate our 25th ordination anniversary and we will be visiting an Indian priest whom we know called Fr Anthony who is also celebrating 25 years as a priest. Please keep us in your prayers. We will be in Delhi for one week and they go south to Kerala.

A very warm welcome once again to Fr Tom Raftery from Maynooth who will be helping out in the parish with Fr Richard while I am away. Fr Raftery will be happy to visit parishioners at home if you would like a visit.

A Very Happy Christmastide and New Year
 God Bless.

Fr Tom

Christ The King Church		
Saturday	6.00 pm	Agnes Deasy. Anniv.
Sunday	9.00 am 12.00 noon	Fintan O'Donoghue. Anniv. John Joseph McGlynn. Anniv.
Monday	9.15 am	Rene Grey. Decd.
Tuesday	9.15 am	Sylvia Clifford. Ints.
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Liz Tacey. Funeral.
Thursday	10.30 am 12.00 noon	Tony Hagan. Funeral. Canon Farrell's Ints.
Friday	9.15 am 7.00 pm	Raymond McDowell. Anniv. Bridget Friel. Anniv.
Saturday	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Tony O'Donoghue. Anniv. Aiden & Phyllis O'Flanagan. Anniv
Confessions	Saturday	10.30 am to 11.30 am 7.00 pm After the Mass.
Rosary & Benediction	Sunday	4.00 pm
St. Augustine's Church		
Sunday	10.30 am	People of the Parish.
Wednesday	9.00 am	Tony & Nora O'Malley. Anniv.
Confessions	First Saturday of the Month.	

Pause for thought:
 "When the hand is not generous the mouth ceases to praise" Irish Proverb

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your weekly offerings on 28TH. December, 2008

Christ the King St. Augustine's
Figures will be available next week.

SECOND COLLECTION TO-DAY FOR PRO-LIFE CHARITIES.

This week's diary:

Tuesday 6th January.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP meet in the Meeting Room after the 9.15 am Mass
10.00 am MOTHER & TODDLERS GROUP RESUMES in the Library.

5.00 pm INSTRUCTION IN THE FAITH FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS in the Library.

7.00 pm YOUTH CAFÉ. in the Library.

7.30 pm Charismatic Prayer Group
For prayer and praise commencing with the Rosary. New members are very welcome for further information please 'phone 76334574 or 76676232

Wednesday 7th January.

9.00 am MOTHER & TODDLERS GROUP RESUMES in the Library.

7.00 pm BIBLE CLASSES in the Library.
Topic This week "THE PARABLES OF JESUS".

1.30 pm ITALIAN CLASSES

(intermediate) in the Library.

7.00 pm ITALIAN CLASSES (beginners) in the Meeting Room.

Thursday 8th January,

7.00 p.m. ITALIAN CLASSES. (advanced) in the Library.

Baptisms in the Parish.

If you need to arrange a baptism then as the first step please talk with Fr. Tom after Mass giving us details of address and 'phone number. We will then have a home visit and give out a copy of the Baptism DVD/VIDEO. There will be just one session at the church to finalise details including the date for Baptism. There will be NO BAPTISM CLASS in January, the next class will be held on Thursday 5th February, at 8.00 pm in the Library.

Baptism DVD/VIDEOS.

We lend these to couples preparing for their child's Baptism, if you have one please return it to the Presbytery as we need them for couples arranging for the next course. Still some have not been returned.



BABY CHANGING UNIT

Provided in the Disabled Toilet.

TO ALL AT CHRIST THE KING AND ST AUGUSTINE'S

I would like to thank you all for the wonderful support and prayers you have shown me over the past two years and for making me feel very much at home when I've come back to the Parish from seminary. Having my Ordination to the Priesthood at Christ the King was very special for me and my family, along with being able to celebrate my Mass of Thanksgiving among you the following day. I am also very touched and deeply grateful for the many cards, messages and gifts that people have given to me and the very generous cheque of £1,000. This will serve to be a wonderful reminder of my time in Coventry. Be assured of my continuing prayers and please remember the people of St. George's Worcester, where I am to begin my work in the Archdiocese. God Bless, Fr. Dominic.

PRINCETHORPE COLLEGE. Co-educational Catholic day school, 11 to 18 years. OPEN MORNING on Wednesday 14th January 10.30 am to 12.30 pm a chance to look around the college prior to Entrance Examinations Day - January 24th.

CHRIST THE KING FOOTBALL CLUB
Results of Tote draw for December.
1st PAUL QUINN. NO. 64.
2nd PAULA DOLAN. NO. 162.
3rd JOE CUNNINGHAM. NO. 92.
4th BILL CRAWFORD. NO. 143.

Reminders.

Bereavement Training Course.
Mondays, Feb 23rd and March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Flying from Bristol Saturday 23rd May and returning on Friday 29th May. Total cost £515.

Parish groups and classes will all resume on week commencing 5th January. Please see diary for week on left for full details.

Second Collection To-day

For Pro-Life Charities.



An Induction Loop System is provided in the church to assist Hearing Aid Users Please switch your Hearing Aid to the 'T' Posn

Eucharistic ministers rota

3rd/4th January.

6.00 pm P. Ward. S. Johnson.

9.00 am B.Byrne. J.Parnell.

12.00 noon M.Baldwin. T.Mack.

10th/11th January.

6.00 pm K.Millage. J.McElroy.

9.00 am J.Patterson. A.Hobbs.

12.00 noon L.Baldwin. M.Brennan.

Readers Rota.

3rd/4th January.

6.00 pm T.French. F.Lambert.

9.00 am J.Patterson. J.Griffin.

12.00 noon C.Coyle. M. O'Farrell.

10th/11th January.

6.00 pm K.Lambert. H.Blanche.

9.00 am C.T.K. CHILDREN. F.Hoey.

12.00 noon J. O'Farrell. P. Ryan.

Parish Centre

Mercia Friendship Club (over 50's)

Every Friday at 1.00 pm. Admission 50p.

Sunday night in the Centre

Bingo - music by "FRANKIE".

OPEN THE BOX JACKPOT OF £488. on 7 keys.

Pyramid draw takes place every weekend in the Centre. Tickets are on sale from Friday lunchtime, through to Sunday 2.30 pm when the draw takes place. The JACKPOT this week is £825.

Member on the Spot Draw.

Remember to have your membership card with you for the "Free members Draw" The prize money this week is £49.

PIETY STALLS. The new edition of the Diocesan Directory is on sale £2.35 each. Up to date information about our Diocese.

CATHOLIC PAPERS are on sale in the Paper Stall at the back of the Church every week-end. Proceeds help the St. Vincent de Paul Society to continue its work in the Parish. Please support us by buying a Catholic Paper.

FAIR TRADE GOODS on sale each week-end in the paper shop.



Items for the newsletter email to: rhona-ctk@tiscali.co.uk by Thursday night

Parish Phone Numbers

Presbytery: 76591618

Parish Centre: 76593444

Christ the King Infants: 76592047

Christ the King Junior: 76335790

St Augustine's Primary: 76596988

Sports & Community Centre: 76601118

Gift Aid Organiser J.Rock: 76594318



Please switch off your mobile phone, whilst you are in the church. Thank you.