

Christ the King Parish, Coventry

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

Sunday 6th December, 2009.
Second Sunday of Advent.

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Parish Clergy:

Very Rev Canon Tom Farrell, Parish Priest.

Father Paul Johnson, Assistant Priest.

Rev Mr P Flanagan & Rev Mr G O'Reilly, Deacons.

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Dear Parishioners

Our journey through Advent continues in this second week of Advent and thank you for the efforts that you are making. It is a time for us to discover the real meaning of Christmas, which over these busy weeks can easily be forgotten. You will see from the leaflet provided that we have lots of things on in the parish to celebrate the season well. Please try to choose something extra for Advent so that Jesus is not forgotten. You will see that there are the Advent "Walk with Me" booklets and the calendars at the back of the church. Please make use of these each day. The Bishops of England and Wales have also asked us to express our concerns about the governments wish to promote Assisted Suicide. There is an explanatory leaflet for you all and we hope that you can express your views. I will write to our MP Mr Robinson to express our concerns as well. See the web site

www.catholicchurch.org.uk for more information. We have until only the 15th of December to make our views known. In Advent we will be formally launching our Bereavement Group. A number of parishioners have been trained to offer support to those who are bereaved and we hope this will be another important part

of parish life. One of the team will speak at the Masses this week. There are leaflets available to explain their work. With Fr Paul now with us we will be looking at ways of improving the parish life and worship. We will be meeting with the parish deacons and sisters, but want to know what you think. Thanks for all the helpful suggestions which I am now reading and will respond to over the next few weeks. There will be a second Advent Talk on Thursday 10th December from 7pm to 8pm. We will have our anointing for the sick and housebound for Advent this Sunday 6th December followed by a Christmas Tea. Could you let people know about this and arrange for them to come along. We can provide lifts for anyone who requires one. Please have a word with one of the priests or deacons We will also have the renewal of Marriage Vows on the Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas A reminder of the need to inform the hospital if we are a Catholic on admission as this is sometimes overlooked and is not considered a high priority. As Catholics it is our right to have our spiritual needs met when we are in hospital and we need to ensure that this is the expectation of the hospital

authorities as well.. We are in progress with work on new carpets and toilets over the next week in the Community Centre. I hope you like the changes. We have also ordered the new wheel chair lift for the first floor. This should be installed in the next couple of months. We have had a generous cheque for £1500 from Christ the King Football Club for the lift and we are very grateful for this. We will look to have Sunday Evening Prayer and Benediction on the first Sunday of the month in the New Year. For Advent we will have the Rosary at 8.40 am before the Angelus and the period before Mass at 9.15 am will be silent. Before the 12 noon Mass Rosary will be at 11.30 am. This will allow us a little more time for prayer. We are also changing one or two aspects of the way we serve and celebrate at Mass and I hope these will be an improvement. Next we want to look at our singing and participation!! We remember the phrase he who sings prays twice !!! I would encourage you to see the film "Nativity" filmed in Coventry and featuring many of our children and directed by Debbie Izzett from our parish. Fr Paul and myself really enjoyed it. Great for the whole family to watch together.

I want to encourage you particularly to remember our obligation to come to Confession before Christmas. We have nine priest to hear confession for us so that there will not be a long delay for confession. It is important for parents to set a good example and bring their children along. If we do not support the sacrament then it can soon slip out of our normal life as Catholics. It is a huge part of our tradition and needs to be taken seriously. A reminder that we have Confessions at St Augustine's on Tuesday 15th December at 7pm and at Christ the King on Wednesday 16th at 7pm. Please make a note for your diary.

God Bless

Fr Tom

"Never trouble trouble
'til trouble troubles you"

Christ The King Church		
Saturday	6.00 pm	Pat & Tony Keane. Anniv.
Sunday	9.00 am	Brian Doherty. Anniv.
	12.00 noon	Patrick Rice. Anniv.
Monday	9.15 am	People of the Parish.
Tuesday	9.15 am	Margaret Ryan. Anniv.
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Michael Flanagan. Anniv.
Thursday	12.00 noon	Anthony Baldwin. Funeral.
Friday	9.15 am	Camilo & Rita Pavone. Ints.
	7.00 pm	Mary & Patrick Connelly. Anniv.
Saturday	10.00 am	People of the Parish.
	6.00 pm	Brian Shields. Anniv.
Confessions	Saturday	10.30 am to 11.30 am
Holy Hour	Saturday	10.30 am to 11.30 am
St Augustine's Church		
Sunday	10.30 am	David Kelly. Decd.
Wednesday	9.00 am	Dan & Alice Gillespie. Ints.
Confession	FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.	

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your weekly offerings:
29th November 2009.

CTK St Augustine's

Loose Plate £600.00 £105.00
Gift Aid £803.84 £152.50

Total.....£1,661.34

COLLECTION FOR YOUTH SERVICE.

Loose Plate £340.00 £104.00
Gift Aid £264.89 £97.77

Total..... £806.66

SECOND COLLECTION TO-DAY FOR THE POOR PARISHES FUND.

This week's diary:

Monday 7th December.

7.00 pm LEGION OF MARY meet in the meeting room every Monday new members needed. Contact Deacon Pat 76335383 or Marie Cooke. 76590329.

Tuesday 8th December.

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

5.00 pm INSTRUCTION for children preparing for the sacraments & adults enquiring about the faith.

6.00 pm to 7.30 pm YOUTH GROUP

CHRISTMAS PARTY.

7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. YOUTH CAFE Christmas party.

7.30 pm Charismatic Prayer Group

For prayer & praise commencing with the Rosary. for further information please 'phone 76334574 or 76676232.

Wednesday 9th December.

9.00 am MOTHER & TODDLERS GROUP in the Library

1.30 pm ITALIAN CLASSES (Post Intermediate) in the Library.

5.30 pm ITALIAN CLASSES. (Intermediate) in the Library.

7.00 pm BIBLE TALKS - in the Library.

TOPIC THIS WEEK "SALVATION THROUGH JESUS 2. A New Life in Christ."

Thursday 10th December.

7.00 pm ITALIAN CLASSES (Advanced) in the Library.

7 to 8pm Advent Talk by Fr Paul

Future Dates for your Diary.

- Renewal of Marriage Vows. 27th December. At all Masses, Feast of the Holy Family.
- First Confessions 9th March. (CTK) 10th March (St. Aug's)
- First Holy Communion 8th May (St. Aug's) 15th May (CTK).
- Confirmations 19th June 9.30 am at St. Augustine's and 12 noon at CTK. Bishop Kenney will administer the Sacraments

BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH. if you wish to arrange a baptism then as the first step please talk with Fr Tom or Fr Paul after Mass giving your name, address and 'phone number. We will then have a home visit and give you a copy of the Baptism DVD/VIDEO There will be just one session at the church to finalise details including Baptism date.

Baby changing facilities

are provided in the Disabled Toilet.



YEAR OF THE PRIESTS 2009-2010.

This year we are praying for all Priests, Our Diocese has allocated a specific day for us to pray for each priest individually. This week we pray for Fr Thomas Kelly, Fr Gerard Kelly, Fr Eric Kemball, Fr Oliver Kemp, Fr David Keniry, Fr Anthony Kenny, Bishop William Kenney. The full list is on the Notice Board, but we will name Priests on a weekly basis here.

PIETY SHOP Advent Calendars, varied, many children's Christmas Books, & a selection of cribs, & Christmas Cards all at various prices, now available in the shops.

TEA ROTA - Saturday 6.00 pm & Sunday 12.00 noon. As some of our volunteers for the tea rota are now involved in other tasks, we need more people for the above Masses. It will only mean helping every couple of months.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT SERVICE. Bishop John Stroyan Bishop of Warwick and Bishop William Kenney invite you to join them for an Advent Service at St. Thomas More Church on Sunday 13th December 3.00 to 4.00 pm. This is an opportunity to contemplate with Peace Hope and Joy a "World in Waiting". - Bishop Stroyan was so impressed with the Service for 'The Year of St. Paul' that he promoted this service.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

has published guidelines governing the prosecution of cases of assisting suicide. It is very important that Catholics should know what these guidelines say. A short briefing note having your say on Assisting Suicide can be found in the Church porch explaining what this is all about. There are also details on line at www.catholicchurch.org.uk

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION.

Fr. McKiernan Memorial Mass will be held in the Pioneer Hall Broad St. Friday 11th December at 8.00 pm. Pioneers & friends welcome.

CHRIST THE KING FOOTBALL CLUB.

Results of November Tote Draw.

1st D. PARNELL. no. 17.

2nd P.DAVIS. NO. 77.

3rd S. MURPHY. NO. 119.

4th A.&J. HART. No.160.

COVENTRY COMHALTAS are holding a Christmas Ceili in the Parish Centre on Saturday 19th December, at 7.30 pm admission £4 adults. Children/OAP £2.50. and a family (2 adults, 2 children) £10. Music by "Innisfail" ceili band.

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



Eucharistic ministers rota:

5th/6th December.

6.00 pm P.Ward. S.McNulty.

9.00 am J.Parnell. B.Byrne.

12.00 noon M.Baldwin. T.Mack.

12th/13th December.

6.00 pm K.Millage. C.Corkerry.

9.00 am A.Hobbs. J. McElroy.

12.00 noon. L.Baldwin. M.Brennan.

Readers Rota:

5th /6th December.

6.00 pm A.French. F.Lambert.

9.00 am O.Payne. J.Griffin.

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

12th/13th December.

6.00 pm K.Lambert. M. McCreech.

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

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

Parish Centre

www.ck-parishcentre.co.uk

Mercia Friendship Club (over 50's)

New members welcome. 1.00 pm. Adm. 50p. On 11th Dec there will be a QUIZ.

Member on the Spot Draw is £19

remember to have your membership card with you to win the prize.

Pyramid Draw JACKPOT OF £1,340.

Tickets on sale from Friday lunchtime to Sunday 2.30 pm when the draw is held.

Sunday night in the Centre Bingo OPEN

THE BOX - was won last week so we start again this week with a JACKPOT of £150 on 15 keys. Music by "Frankie".

ROSARY PRAYERS' every Saturday at 8.00 pm at 'Our Lady of Coventry' statue in Priory Gardens, near Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate. All welcome.

PIETY SHOP Assorted Cards and gifts available. Open at all week-end Masses.

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.

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If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, email admin@ck-cov.org.uk with subject newsletter.

Items for the newsletter email

rhona-ctk@tiscali.co.uk

by Thursday night



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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.

