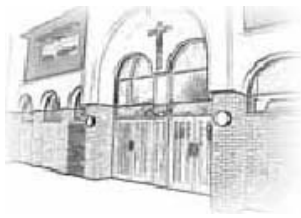


# Christ the King Parish, Coventry

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

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2009    Mass Book   Pg 51**  
**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**



**Parish Clergy:**

Very Rev Canon Tom Farrell, Parish Priest.  
 Father Richard Scott, Assistant Priest.  
 Rev Mr P Flanagan. & Rev Mr G O'Reilly, Deacons.  
 Telephone No. 024 76591618

Dear Parishioners,

You will have noticed that the Christmas Crib is still up in church - because today's feast, the Baptism of the Lord, is part of the Epiphany which we celebrated last week. In the visit of the Wise Men God showed His Son to the non-Jewish peoples; in the Baptism of Jesus He showed Him to be the Son of God as He began His public ministry.

New Year can be a difficult and lonely time for some. We pray for all those who have died this last year, and at the beginning of this year. We have a number of funerals arranged at the present time. To help us remember those who have died, and their families, there is a new notice board in CTK church porch with names and sometimes photos of those loved ones whose funerals are taking place.

Thank you 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.

The Ordination of Fr Dominic Cosslett to the Priesthood, which took place on the Saturday before Christmas, was a

wonderful event in the life of our parish. Fr Dominic is now beginning his ministry as assistant priest (curate) at St George's, Worcester. This week our Catholic newspapers - on sale at the back of church - feature his ordination here. Please do have a read!

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 this year on the following Monday evenings: Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May returning on the same route. Total cost £515 all in.

We are blessed to have a very active Justice & Peace Group in the parish. Mrs Lambert, who co-ordinates the group, and her colleagues, are giving us an opportunity after the Masses this weekend to support prisoners of conscience by sending them postcards. Next Sunday is, appropriately enough, a Day of Prayer for World Peace and the Day of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Last week Fr Tom left for India for two weeks with his friends Fr Dominic Kavanagh and Fr Michael White. It is to celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary and they will be visiting an Indian priest whom they know called Fr Anthony who is also celebrating 25 years as a priest. Please keep them in your prayers. They will be in Delhi for one week and then 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 Fr Tom is away. Fr Raftery will be happy to visit parishioners at home if you would like a visit. He returns to Ireland before Thursday this week, and Fr Tom will be back in the parish by Friday.

A Very Happy New Year

God Bless.

Fr Richard, for

*Fr Tom*

Christ The King Church		
Saturday	6.00 pm	Aiden & Phyllis O'Flanagan. Anniv.
Sunday	9.00 am	Tim & Una Durning. Anniv.
	12.00 noon	Thomas Graal. Anniv.
Monday	9.15 am	Lavinia Healy. Funeral.
Tuesday	9.15 am	John Degnan. Anniv.
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Neil Goan. Funeral.
Thursday	12.00 noon	Edmund Sheehan. Anniv.
Friday	9.15 am	Patrick & Christine Egan. Anniv.
	7.00 pm	Jackie Ridley. Anniv.
Saturday	10.00 am	Bridget O'Toole. Anniv.
	6.00 pm	Jean Hyland. Anniv.
Confessions	Saturday	10.30 am to 11.30 am 7.00 pm After the Mass.
Rosary & Benediction	Sunday	4.00.p.m.
St. Augustine's Church		
Sunday	10.30 am	People of the Parish.
Tuesday	10.30 am	John Canavan. Funeral.
Wednesday	9.00 am	Betty Hetherton. Ints.
Confessions	First Saturday of the Month.	

**Pause for thought:**

*"Today the heavens are opened, the waters of the sea are made sweet, earth is glad, the mountains and hills rejoice, because Christ is baptised in the Jordan by John"*  
 (Roman Breviary)

### COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your weekly offerings on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2008  
Christ the King St. Augustine's  
Loose Plate £615.00 £140.00  
Gift Aid £672.88 £134.50  
Total.....£1,562.38

4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2009.

Loose Plate £576.00 £85.00  
Gift Aid £708.01 £205.50  
Total.....£1,574.51

### This week's diary:

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

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 IN THE FAITH FOR CHILDREN (who are attending non-catholic schools) AND ADULTS (who wish to know about the Catholic Faith) in the Library.

6.30 pm YOUTH GROUP 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 14<sup>th</sup> January.

9.00 am MOTHER & TODDLERS GROUP in the Library.

7.00 pm BIBLE CLASSES in the Library.  
Topic This week ". THE KINGDOM IN THE GOSPELS"

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

7.30 pm Patrician Meeting 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. The next class will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### SIGHT SAVERS INTERNATIONAL.

The generosity of parishioners donated £1,730 in 2008 to helping to save or restore the sight of many people throughout the world. Some needed cataract operations to restore their sight, while others just required a simple tablet to protect them from severe blindness. In the present economic climate this was a magnificent effort. With grateful thanks to all concerned, especially to Leo Baldwin for his collecting and accounting. Keep up the good work.

### PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

There is an opportunity to support men and women who have been imprisoned in other countries for defending the rights of people in their communities or country. Please send a card to one or more of them. Details available at the back of the Church.

### PIETY STALLS.

Still available a few calendars and diaries at half-price.

### PRINCETHORPE COLLEGE.

Co-educational Catholic day school, 11 to 18 years. OPEN MORNING on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 10.30.a.m. to 12.30.p.m. a chance to look around the college prior to Entrance Examinations Day - January 24<sup>th</sup>.

### SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEK FOR PRO-LIFE CHARITIES.

Christ the King St. Augustine's  
Loose Plate. £385.00 £93.00  
Gift Aid. £298.04 £102.44  
Total.....£878.48.

### Reminders.

#### Bereavement Training Course.

Mondays, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

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

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTAS.

The Church is always kept clean by voluntary helpers, would all who help on Thursdays in this way please come to the Library on Thursday next 15<sup>th</sup>. at 9.00.a.m. to enable us arrange rota's for 2009.

### Eucharistic ministers rota

10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> January.

6.00 pm K.Millage. J. McElroy.  
9.00 am J.Patterson. A.Hobbs.  
12.00 noon L.Baldwin. M.Brennan.  
17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> January.

6.00 pm C.Booth. M. Hamlyn.  
9.00 am P.Hobbs. B.Brennan.  
12.00 noon J. Needham. M. Baldwin.

### Readers Rota.

10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> 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.  
17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> January.

6.00 pm W. O'Sullivan. R.Ladbury.  
9.00 am J. Ruddy. D.Parnell.  
12.00 noon P. Dolan. I. Baldwin.

### Parish Centre

Mercia Friendship Club (over 50's)  
Every Friday at 1.00 pm. Admission 50p.  
New members always welcome. Friday next 16<sup>th</sup>. there will be BINGO & LINE DANCING.

### Sunday night in the Centre

Bingo - music by "WILD ROVER" OPEN THE BOX JACKPOT OF £521.. on 6.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 was won last week, so we start again this week with a JACKPOT OF £750.

### Member on the Spot Draw.

Remember to have your membership card with you for the "Free members Draw"  
The prize money this week is £53.

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](mailto: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



### BABY CHANGING UNIT

Provided in the Disabled Toilet.



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



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