

Christ the King Parish, Coventry

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

Sunday 13th December, 2009.

Third Sunday of Advent.

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Parish Clergy:

Very Rev Canon Tom Farrell, Parish Priest.

Father Paul Johnson, Assistant Priest.

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

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Dear Parishioners

We begin the Third Week of Advent and very importantly this week we have our two Penance Services when we will have the opportunity to come to Confessions. It is a part of our Catholic tradition and a way of passing on the faith to the next generation. We are asked as Catholics to make it part of our Christmas preparations. Please make every effort to come along. There will be lots of visiting priests so there will not be a long wait and we will give priority to the younger children so they are not too late. The Penance Services are both at 7pm. St Augustine's on Tuesday at 8pm and Christ the King on Wednesday at 7pm. We have avoided any clashes with plays etc at school so that people can come along.

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. We will have the renewal of Marriage Vows on the Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas. There is special Mass for all our servers on St Stephens Day (Boxing Day) at 10pm. Please come along if you can. 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. Most of the work at the Community Centre has been

completed and we will have a break from the work over the Christmas and New Year period. 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 and Angelus a little earlier so that a short time before Mass at 9.15 am will be silent. Before the 12 noon Mass Rosary will be at 11.30am. 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.

We had a lovely day at St Chads for the Installation of Archbishop Bernard Longley on Tuesday. It was the diocesan feast of the Immaculate Conception. We pray for him as he begins his work for the diocese.

I hope that you like the painting of the Church at Christ the King. I think that that white colour has brightened up the church and I am very grateful to the painters who worked around all the weddings and funerals to complete the work and still allow us use of the church. It is good to have it finished in time for Christmas. There is a Carol Service at Christ the King on Thursday at 6pm.

God Bless

Fr Tom

Christ The King Church		
Saturday	6.00 pm	Brian Shields. Anniv.
Sunday	9.00 am	Benny & Jim McGovern. Anniv.
	12.00 noon	Marcela Cahil. Anniv.
Monday	9.15 am	Maureen Gallagher, Ints.
Tuesday	9.15 am	Ernie Willoughby. Anniv.
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Ryan & Hobbs Family.
Thursday	12.00 noon	Dennis Titmus Anniv.
Friday	9.15 am	Tony & Eileen Caldwell.
	7.00 pm	Mary Cronin Anniv.
Saturday	10.00 am	Tony Hagan. Anniv.
	6.00 pm	Richard & Winifred Lord. 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	Neil Goan. Anniv.
Wednesday	9.00 am	Danny Lambe. Anniv.
Confessions	FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.	

"Three ingredients of happiness. Something to do, someone to love and something to hope for"

Parish Website: www.ctk-cov.org.uk

Email: father-tom@ctk-cov.org.uk

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your weekly offerings:
6th December, 2009.

	CTK	St Augustine's
Loose Plate	£539.00	£135.00.
Gift Aid	£782.70	£190.00.
Total.....	£1,646.70	

SECOND COLLECTION FOR POOR PARISHES FUND.

Loose Plate	£357.00	£81.00
Gift Aid.	£356.01	£88.08
Total.....	£882.09	

This week's diary:

Monday 14th December.

7.00 pm JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING in the Library.

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 15th December.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP meet in the Meeting Room after the 9.15 am Mass

10.00 am MOTHER & TODDLERS GROUP no meeting until January 12th.

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

YOUTH GROUP /YOUTH CAFÉ. No

meetings

until January.

7.00 pm PENANCE SERVICE AT ST.

AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, with visiting Priests for hearing individual Confessions.

7.30 pm Charismatic Prayer Group

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

Wednesday 16th December.

9.00 am MOTHER & TODDLERS GROUP. No meeting until January 13th.

7.00 pm BIBLE TALKS - NO MMETING. resumes on January 13th.

7.00 pm PENANCE SERVICE AT CHRIST

THE KING CHURCH, with visiting priests. for hearing individual Confessions.

Thursday 17th December.

6.00 pm CAROL SERVICE in Christ the King Church.

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

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 Ian Kerr, Mgr Patrick Kilgariff, Fr Lawrence King, Mr. Michael Knight, Fr. David Lacy, Mr Mark. Lagorio, Fr Douglas Lamb. The full list is on the Notice Board, but we will name Priests on a weekly basis here.

PIETY SHOP, 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.
NEW ROTA NOW AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY.

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 TO-DAY 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.

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.

CATHOLIC SINGLES. is an organization which helps single, widowed, separated and divorced Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) either one to one or through social events. All members receive a monthly bulletin, called Catholic Networking. For more information please tel. 0161 941 3498, or visit the website www.catholicssingles.org.uk, or email info@catholicssingles.org.uk

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:

12th /13th December.

6.00 pm K.Millage. C.Corkerry.
9.00 am A.Hobbs. J.McElroy.

12.00 noon L.Baldwin. M.Brennan.

19th/20th December.

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

Readers Rota:

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.Ryan.

19th/20thDecember.

6.00 pm R.Ladbury. F.Needham.
9.00 am D.Parnell. J. Ruddy.
12.00 noon M.Baldwin. L. Baldwin.

Parish Centre www.ctk-parishcentre.co.uk

Mercia Friendship Club (over 50's) New members welcome. 1.00 pm Adm. 50p. No Meetings until January.

Member on the Spot Draw is £32. remember to have your membership card with you to win the prize.

Sunday night in the Centre Bingo OPEN THE BOX - JACKPOT of £200. on 14. keys. **Pyramid Draw JACKPOT OF £1,380.**

Tickets on sale from Friday lunchtime to Sunday 2.30 pm when the draw is held. **SUNDAY NIGHT MUSIC, IRENE & TOM.**

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@ctk-cov.org.uk with subject newsletter.

Items for the newsletter email

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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.

