

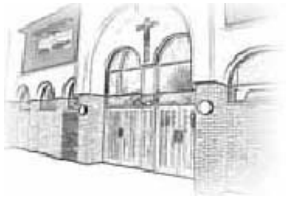
# Christ the King Parish, Coventry

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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.**

**Fourth 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.

Telephone Number 024 76591618

Dear Parishioners

This week we begin our final days of Advent leading us to our great Feast of Christmas. It is a special time for us all and a season of great grace. Let us all pray that we will be open to the ways in which Jesus can transform our lives and give us new birth and new beginnings. Christmas can be a sad time for the lonely and recently bereaved and we think of those people who will experience sad moments this Christmas. We think of course of those who were with us last Christmas and have died during this past year. Thanks for taking part in the various parts of our Advent programme. Thanks for coming to Confession in such good numbers especially at the two Penance services. It was good to have the help of so many visiting priests. All our parish groups will now have a break over the Christmas holidays and start again in the New Year. Our schools have closed and we hope that pupils and staff will have a well earned break. We thank our schools for the wonderful Christmas plays, concerts and services over the past weeks. They

have been excellent and have prepared us well for Christmas. Please do make a special effort to come to Mass over the Christmas period. All are welcome and please do invite non Catholic family members and friends.

A reminder that the Mass times for **Christmas Eve:**  
Christ the King 6pm Family Mass  
St Augustine's 7.30pm  
Christ the King 9pm

and for **Christmas Day:**  
Christ the King 9am  
St Augustine's 10.30am  
Christ the King 12 noon

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 10am. Please come along if you can. 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 !!!

We have a message from our new Archbishop who writes

" Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as Christmas approaches I want to thank you for the many letters cards and expressions of welcome that I have received on my arrival here in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. As I came into the Cathedral on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December for the Mass of Installation. I knelt at its threshold. I prayed with gratitude for the priests and deacons, the religious and the lay faithful of this Archdiocese. I prayed for you, your parish communities and your families and I asked the Holy Spirit to unite us in our common mission to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people of this region. Please continue to pray for me over the coming months and years. I hope that it may not be too long before I am able to meet you in your parish and I pray that you will have a blessed and holy Christmas ahead. Thank you for your faithful witness to Christ." Archbishop Bernard Longley.

There are the usual Christmas offertory envelopes for your Christmas offerings to your priests. Thanks for your generosity

A Happy and Holy Christmas to you all

God Bless

Fr Tom

| Christ The King Church |   |  |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Saturday               | 6.00 pm                                   | Richard & Winifred Lord. Anniv.                              |
| Sunday                 | 9.00 am<br>12.00 noon                     | Gerry McDonagh. Anniv.<br>Kay & Tom Graal. Anniv.            |
| Monday                 | 9.15 am                                   | Fr. Sean Farrell. Decd.                                      |
| Tuesday                | 9.15 am<br>12.30 pm                       | Mary Gillen Anniv.<br>Mary Orton. Funeral.                   |
| Wednesday              | 12.00 noon                                | P.J. Barrett. Ints.  |
| Thursday               | 6.00 pm                                   | Celebrants Intentions.                                       |
| Christmas Eve          | 9.00 pm                                   | Celebrants Intentions.                                       |
| Friday                 | 9.00 am                                   | Donal O'Shea. Anniv.   |
| Christmas Day          | 12.00 noon                                | Fr. John Bentley's Intentions.                               |
| Saturday               | 10.00 am<br>6.00 pm                       | John & Jane O'Callaghan. Anniv.<br>Margaret Bickerton. Decd. |
| Confessions            | Saturday                                  | NONE THIS WEEK.  |
| Holy Hour              | Saturday                                  | NOT THIS WEEK.   |
| St Augustine's Church  |   |  |
| Sunday                 | 10.30 am                                  | People of the Parish.  |
| Wednesday              | 9.00 am                                   | M.Montgomery & B. Roberts. Decd.                             |
| Thursday               | 7.30 pm                                   | Celebrants Intentions.                                       |
| Friday                 | 10.30 am                                  | People of the Parish.  |
| Confessions            | FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. NOT JANUARY. |  |

"We live in deeds not years, in thoughts not breaths and in feelings, not figures on a dial "

### COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your weekly offerings:  
13<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.

|             |         |                |
|-------------|---------|----------------|
|             | CTK     | St Augustine's |
| Loose Plate | £609.00 | £105.00        |
| Gift Aid    | £899.08 | £172.80        |

**Total.....£1,785.88**

The customary Christmas Offerings for your Priests will be gratefully accepted at all Masses on Christmas Day. Envelopes for this purpose are available at the back of the Church.

### This week's diary:

#### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

**5.00 pm** INSTRUCTION for children preparing for the sacraments & adults enquiring about the faith. NOT THIS WEEK.

**YOUTH GROUP /YOUTH CAFÉ.** No meetings until January.

**7.30 pm** Charismatic Prayer Group For prayer & praise commencing with the Rosary. for further information please 'phone 76334574 or 76676232. NO MEETING UNTIL JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

**9.00 am** MOTHER & TODDLERS GROUP.

No meeting until January 13<sup>th</sup>

**7.00 pm** BIBLE TALKS - NO MEETING. resumes on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Future Dates for your Diary.

- Renewal of Marriage Vows. 27<sup>th</sup> December. At all Masses, Feast of the Holy Family.
- First Confessions 9th March. (CTK) 10<sup>th</sup> March (St. Aug's).
- First Holy Communion 8<sup>th</sup> May (St. Aug's) 15<sup>th</sup> May (CTK).
- Confirmations 19<sup>th</sup> 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 g Baptism date.

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORY FOR 2010** is now on sale in the Piety Shop and Paper Shop. Price £2.35 each. Full up to date information about our Diocese.

### Baby changing facilities

are provided in the Disabled Toilet.



### CHRISTMAS MASSES ROTA.

**6.00 pm CHRISTMAS EVE.**

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS.

K. Millage. M. McEnerney.

#### READERS.

H. Blanche. J. Ruddy.

**9.00 pm CHRISTMAS EVE.**

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS.

P. Hobbs. J.Parnell.

#### READERS.

E.Hughes. P. Ryan.

### CHRISTMAS DAY.

**9.00 am**

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS.

B. Brennan. P.J.Stephenson.

**12.00 Noon**

T. Mack. L.Baldwin.

#### READERS.

**9.00 am**

J.Patterson. J.Griffin.

**12.00 noon.**

M. Baldwin. M.O'Farrell.

**FR.PAUL** needs someone good with a needle & thread to help "repair" some of our vestments.

**YEAR OF THE PRIESTS 2009-2010.** Our Diocese has allocated a specific day for us to pray for each priest individually. This week we pray for Fr Stefan Lasczyk, Fr Nicholas Latham, Fr John Laybourn, Mr Michael Leadbetter, Fr Gerard Lennon, Fr Kevin Lennon, Fr Louis le-vang-Hong. The full list is on the Notice Board, but we will name Priests on a weekly basis here.

**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](http://www.catholicssingles.org.uk), or email [info@catholicssingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicssingles.org.uk)

**YOGA CLASSES** starting a Christ the King Centre learn to relax get fit, and have fun, starts 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> January Tuesday mornings 9.15 am to 10.45 am and Wednesday Evenings 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm. All welcome, beginners, men & women. £5.per session first session FREE for more information contact Maureen 76415586 or 07507 636623.

**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:

**19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> December.**

6.00 pm M.Hamlyn. C.Booth.

9.00 am P.Hobbs. B.Brennan.

12.00 noon B.Edgar. J. Needham.

**26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> December.**

6.00 pm K.Moroney. J.McNulty,

9.00 am E. Smith. R. Askew.

12.00 noon. C.Molloy. S. Carlin.

#### Readers Rota:

**19<sup>th</sup> /20<sup>th</sup> December.**

6.00 pm R.Ladbury. F. Needham.

9.00 am D.Parnell. J. Ruddy.

12.00 noon M.Baldwin. L. Baldwin.

**26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> December.**

6.00 pm T.Luff. E. Hughes.

9.00 am F.Hoey. J.Patterson.

12.00 noon J. Jennette. M.Baldwin.

**Parish Centre** [www.ck-parishcentre.co.uk](http://www.ck-parishcentre.co.uk)

**Mercia Friendship Club** (over 50's)

New members welcome. .No Meetings until January.

**Member on the Spot Draw is £38.**

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

**Sunday night in the Centre Bingo OPEN**

THE BOX - JACKPOT was won so we start again with £150 on 15 keys.

**Pyramid Draw JACKPOT OF £1,420.**

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

**SUNDAY NIGHT MUSIC** "DOLORES & NORMAN".

**'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.

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

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, email [admin@ck-cov.org.uk](mailto:admin@ck-cov.org.uk) with subject newsletter.

**Items for the newsletter** email

[rhona-ctk@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:rhona-ctk@tiscali.co.uk)

by Thursday night



### Parish Phone Numbers

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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.

