

Christ the King Parish, Coventry

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

**Sunday 25th January 2009 3rd Sunday of the year
Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.**



Parish Clergy:

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

Today we are celebrating the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. We would not normally do this on a Sunday but because it is the Year of St Paul then we are making these special arrangements. The readings for the Mass are not in our Mass books this weekend. St Paul is an outstanding figure and his story of conversion is an inspiration to us all. We can see how our lives can be totally changed through the power of God. Next weekend we have an Evening Prayer in honour of St Paul. Please come along. There are details below. This weekend the children at St Augustine's and Christ the King schools along with some others in the parish will be presented with a Bible as part of the preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion. We pray for them and their parents who are asked to encourage them in the reading of the Bible. For us all it is an important reminder of the need to listen to the Scriptures and to read the Bible. Do we have a Bible in our home and do we read it regularly as individuals or as a family? There is now a funeral prayer board asking for prayers for the

deceased and with photos of those loved ones whose funerals are taking place during the week. Please remember these people and their families each week in your prayers.

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 course this year on the following Monday evenings: Feb 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd Please note these dates if you are interested.

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 Saturday 30th May returning on the same route. Total cost £575 all in. The extra day is because we were informed this week that Ryanair have changed their flight arrangements for Bristol. If anyone wants to change their mind about the trip we can claim a full refund. The trip is still very good value. There are now four more places available if anyone is interested. These will be held for one more week and then we

will have to let them go. 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.

On Sunday 1st February we are hosting at Christ the King an ecumenical Evening Prayer for the City of Coventry. We need your support. It is to mark the year of St Paul. Our own Catholic Bishop, Bishop Kenney will lead the prayers and the Anglican Bishop of Warwick John Stroyan will preach. It is at 6pm followed by light refreshments in the centre. We are the hosts so we need your support in good numbers please. I will remind you again next week. Any of our singers and musicians are welcome to join the choir. Practice Friday 30th at 7.30pm. We will be joined by others from St Osburg's and St Thomas More's. There is a good talk about training of priests on Thursday 29th Jan. See over for details. We are looking to increase the number of readers and Eucharistic ministers. I will be asking if people are interested or you may like to come forward yourself. Please have a word if you feel called to serve in this way. We need someone to help with cleaning church brass. Only one hour every two weeks are you able to help? Please see me if you can.

Could any recent Baptism families please let us have Baptism DVD's or Videos back as soon as possible as we need them urgently for the next group of families to use.

God Bless.

Fr Tom

Christ The King Church		
Saturday	6.00 pm	Kathleen Brady. Anniv.
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish.
	12.00 noon	Eamon Collins. Anniv.
Monday	9.15 am	Richard Whelan. Anniv.
Tuesday	9.15 am	Josie Woods. Anniv.
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Hugh McNally Decd.
Thursday	12.00 noon	Raymond Chalmers. Decd.
Friday	9.15 am	In Thanksgiving.
	7.00 pm	Mary Walsh. Anniv.
Saturday	10.00 am	Canon Farrell's Ints.
	6.00 pm	Thomas, Mary & Martin Burke 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	Jerry Durcan. Anniv.
Wednesday	9.00 am	Bryan Starkey. Decd.
Confessions	First Saturday of the Month. 7 th February.	

Pause for thought:
 A Christian:
 A mind through which Christ thinks
 A heart through which Christ lives
 A voice through which Christ speaks,
 A hand through which Christ helps

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your weekly offerings on 18th January, 2009.

	<u>Christ the King</u>	<u>St. Augustine's</u>
Loose Plate	£638.00	£145.00
Gift Aid	£631.46	£170.50

Total.....£1,584.96.

This week's diary:

Monday 26th January.

7.00 pm. Justice & Peace Meeting

Tuesday 27th 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 28th January.

9.00 am MOTHER & TODDLERS GROUP in the Library.

7.00 pm BIBLE CLASSES in the Library.
Topic This week "THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TRANSFIGURATION".

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 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.

The next BAPTISMAL COURSE for those who have seen a Priest, and booked to come on the course will be on Thursday 5th February, at 8.00 pm in the Library.



BABY CHANGING UNIT

Provided in the Disabled Toilet.

SEMINARY FORMATION TODAY (HOW DO THEY TRAIN PRIESTS?) a talk by Msgr.

Mark Crisp, Rector of St. Mary's College Oscott, on Thursday 29th January at 7.00 pm at All Souls Church, Coventry, Many changes have taken place in society and within the Catholic Church over the past 50 years, in his talk Msgr. Crisp will explain how this has affected the training of priests and the essentials of formation to-day.

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.

ST.AUGUSTINE'S BROWNIES meet on Tuesday Evenings 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm in the school hall. Places available for girls aged 7-10 years. If you are interested for your daughter to join please contact Sally Mawson on 76333239 for details.

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organization which helps single practicing Catholics meet up, either one to one or through social events. For more information please tel 0161 9413498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk.

PRINCETHORPE RETREAT CENTRE.

Quiet days with spiritual accompaniment available. Wed. 18th.Feb & Thur 19th March.

TAIZE - an hour of music, quiet prayer

Friday 6th Feb and Friday 3rd April.

THE GLORY OF GOD IS A PERSON FULLY ALIVE

A day of prayer and reflection Saturday 7th Feb directed by Fr Chris Thomas.

Please see notice board for all details.

COVENTRY TYRONE ASSOCIATION

CHARITY PRESENTATION DANCE. on Saturday 7th. February, music by IRENE & TOM AT Jaguar Sports & Social Club, Radford, Dancing 8.00. to 12.30. a.m. Admission £4.

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 Saturday 30th. May. Total cost £575, all in. Four places remaining.

Ecumenical Evening Prayer for

Coventry at C. T. K. Sunday 1st February 6.00pm.



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

24th/25th January.

6.00 pm K.Moroney. J. McNulty.

9.00 am E.Smith. P.J. Stephenson.

12.00 noon S.Needham. C.Molloy.

31st January /1st February.

6.00 pm P.Ward. S.Johnson.

9.00 am B.Byrne. J. Parnell.

12.00 noon M. Baldwin. T. Mack.

Readers Rota.

24th/25th January.

6.00 pm E.Hughes. T.Luff.

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

12.00 noon F.Needham. M.Baldwin.

31st January/1st February.

6.00 pm T.French. F.Lambert.

9.00 am J.Patterson. J. Griffin.

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

Parish Centre

Mercia Friendship Club (over 50's)

Every Friday at 1.00 pm. Admission 50p.

New members always welcome. Friday next 30th Jan. There will be Keep Fit with Pam Ireland.

Sunday night in the Centre

Bingo - music by "IRENE & TOM" OPEN THE BOX JACKPOT OF £613 on 4keys.

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 £800.

Member on the Spot Draw.

Remember to have your membership card with you for the "Free members Draw" The prize money this week is £74.

PARISH CENTRE Renewal of Membership commences this week-end.

12.00 noon to 2.00 pm.

£7 single membership. £2 over 65.

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.