

Christ the King Parish, Coventry

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

Sunday 26th. April, 2009.
Third Sunday of Easter. Mass Book Page 135.



Parish Clergy:
 Very Rev Canon Tom Farrell, Parish Priest.
 Rev Mr G O'Reilly & Rev P Flanagan. Deacons.
 Telephone No. 024 76591618.

Dear Parishioners,

This week I have to be the bearer of sad news. Fr Richard will again be taking time away from the parish due to continued personal strain. He has left us this week but wanted me to include this note from him in this week's newsletter.

"It is with deep regret that I must inform you that this week the Archbishop has asked me to take time out of active ministry as a priest. I am very grateful for the overwhelming support that I have received here at Christ the King and St Augustine's, from Fr Tom, the deacons, the parishioners, the schoolteachers and children. I am very happy to have been able to return here last summer. I am taking this time out for personal reasons. These reasons have nothing whatsoever to do with my time here as a priest, indeed everything about parish life has been helpful and beneficial to me. We must thank God for this and pray for one another. My heartfelt apologies for not feeling able to say goodbye to you personally at this time" God Bless Fr Richard.

Many of you will be aware that the Parish Community Centre has been leased to a company from Birmingham for the last seven years. This lease comes to an end in June and the lease will not be renewed. The Parish will resume overall charge of the centre and I want to develop the community side of the centre again. We will be keeping all our staff and management with Mr Frank Keogh, who many of you know has run the club well for many years. In lots of ways there will be a smooth transition and we hope to make improvements that will benefit members and improve parish and school links as well as the local community. It still needs to be professionally and tightly run to ensure its future but I want to ask for your support in using the centre as much as you can for family occasions knowing that it is now supporting the church and its mission. All bookings made will of course be honoured and we hope to improve on all aspects of the service given to you. The same level of catering and service will be maintained and hopefully improved. We will be looking to improve the premises as

well. More details as we come closer to the time of handover. We will have our usual weekend camp for our Youth Groups with "It's a Knockout" We are also looking at a summer weekend for families. It would have the option of camping or overnight accommodation but be near enough to come home each night if that is preferred. Is this something that would be of interest? Have a think about it and we will start to see if there is enough interest over the next few weeks. I am sure it would be a good thing to do. We will be setting up a small planning group to look at dates, costs etc. It should only cost £30 per family for the weekend. There is a list at the back of church if you are interested. CJM have a concert at St Francis Kenilworth on May 10th at 6pm see poster for details. Thanks to all who support the parish financially each week it really helps us to continue the good work of the parish. We are really grateful to all who take envelopes and who are Gift Aiders. This is a really efficient way of giving and lets us claim money back from the government at no charge to you. So if you want to help in this way the new envelopes will be available soon to coincide with the new tax year. Please think about helping in this painless way. Current Gift Aiders will have had their envelopes delivered to them. Other envelopes available this weekend in the Church as well as envelopes for any new people who want to join the Gift Aid scheme. I want to thank Mr John Rock and all his team who work so hard to organise the gift aid scheme as well as Rhona in the office and the regular team of counters. There is a coach from Coventry to Walsingham for the diocesan pilgrimage on Sunday 3rd May. Details St Osburgs 76220402. There are now two more places for Lourdes and we need any outstanding monies this week. Please remember Fr Richard in your prayers. God Bless.

Fr Tom

Pause for thought:
 "To change and to improve
 are two different things"

Christ The King Church		
Saturday	6.00 pm	Paul Lyons. Anniv.
Sunday	9.00 am	Michael Hartnett. Anniv.
	12.00 Noon	Betty O'Sullivan. Anniv.
Monday	9.15 am	Terry Butterly. Anniv.
Tuesday	9.15 am	Joseph & Susan McKinney. Anniv.
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Michael Montgomery. Anniv.
Thursday	12.00 noon	Timothy & Betty Harmon. Funeral.
Friday	9.15 am	Special Intention. M.R.
	7.00 pm	Pat Madden. Anniv.
Saturday	10.00 am	John Prendergast. Anniv.
	6.00 pm	James Brady. Anniv.
Confessions	Saturday	10.30 am to 11.00 am N.B. 7.00 pm After Mass
Holy Hour	Saturday	10.30 am to 11.30 am
	Sunday	4.00 pm
St Augustine's Church		
Sunday	10.30 am	People of the Parish.
Wednesday	9.00 am	No Mass see Christ the King above.
Confessions	Saturday 2 nd .	11.00 am to 11.30 am

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your weekly offerings of 19th April, 2009.

Christ the King. St. Augustine's

Loose Plate.	£585.00	£115.00
Gift Aid.	£663.50	£144.76

TOTAL.....£1,508.26

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK.
FOR THE PRIEST'S TRAINING FUND.

This week's diary: Monday 27th April.

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

7.00 pm JUSTICE & PEACE meeting in the Library.

Tuesday 28th April.

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

6.30 pm YOUTH GROUP meeting 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 7667623

Wednesday 29th April.

9.00 a.m. MOTHER & TODDLERS GROUP meets in the Library.

Thursday 30th April.

7.00 pm Pastoral Care Volunteers and Bereavement Group meet in the Library

Saturday 10.30 am to 11.30 am Holy Hour, Rosary, & Prayers. to pray for the sick and housebound and their carers.

BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH. If you need to arrange a baptism then as the first step please talk with Fr Tom or Fr Richard 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 the Baptism date.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE.

For those who have seen a Priest and have registered for the course will be on Thursday 1st May at 8.00 pm in the Library.

Baby changing facilities

Are provided in the Disabled Toilet.



Gift Aid Envelopes. If any gift aid Parishioner has not received their envelopes please contact our Gift Aid Organiser John Rock, Tel. 76594318.

NON GIFT AID ENVELOPES are available for collection before and after every Mass THIS WEEKEND in the Library.

EASTER CHOIR

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: Music afternoon for the Archdiocese at St. Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 10th. May, 2.30 pm to 6.30 pm Rehearsals

1. This Evening at 5.00.p.m. short rehearsal followed by CHOIR PARTY!!
2. Sunday 3rd May at 5.00 pm

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME. Sunday 4th October for 5 nights, full itinerary and tours included Price £690. per person sharing. Full details from Fr. Michael Brandon at All Souls Church, 76674161. Vapour Trails Direct are the Travel Guides, who led our Pilgrimage last year.

SIGHT SAVERS Despite the "Credit Crunch" donations during the first quarter of the year Jan 1st to March 31st amounted to £706. £110 of which was in memory or the late Winnie Robson. Grateful thanks to all concerned.

"VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS" an opportunity for young people to have a challenging experience in serving vulnerable people, and living in a community with like-minded volunteers. Accommodation & living expenses provided. Year is Sept 2009 to July 2010. For more details contact Sr Barbara Quilty DC, 01612269561, or email barbaraquilty@hotmail.co.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 28th. Sept to 8th. October flying BA from Heathrow to Tel Aviv. Pilgrimage Leader Bishop David McGough, and Spiritual Director Canon Mervyn Tower. Price £1,480. per person sharing a room for two. See notice board for further details.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM.

Saturday 9th May. Led by Bishop Kenney. There will be a coach from Coventry, please contact St. Osburg's for details.

PRINCETHORPE RETREAT CENTRE.

Beginning Experience weekend 15th/17th May a time to begin again having experienced loss, by separation or death etc SATURDAY 2nd May praying when stressed by busy lives, the first casualty is often daily prayer. The day will be led by Fr. John Cross. Parish Priest, Leamington Spa.

CAKE SALE 2nd/3rd MAY at all Masses, Money raised will help send our young people to Lourdes. Also donations of cakes from bakers, will be gratefully received.

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

25th/26th April.

6.00 pm. K.Moroney. J.McNulty.
9.00 am E.Smith. R.Askew.
12.00 noon C.Molloy. S.Needham.

2nd/3rd May.

6.00 pm W.O'Sullivan. J. Burke.
9.00 am J. Parnell. B. Byrne.
12.00 noon M.Baldwin. T. Mack.

Readers Rota.

25th/26th April.

6.00 pm T.Luff. E.Hughes.
9.00 am F.Hoey. J.Patterson.
12.00 noon J.Jennette. M.Baldwin.

2nd/3rd May.

6.00 pm F.Lambert. A. French.
9.00 am J. Griffin. O.Payne.
12.00 noon M. O'Farrell. C.Covle.

Parish Centre

Mercia Friendship Club (over 50's)

Friday 1.00 pm. Admission 50p.
New members welcome. No meetings until 1st May due to Easter Holidays.

Sunday night in the Centre

Bingo OPEN THE BOX has a jackpot of £621. On 4 keys. Music by "MAL CAIRNS"
Pyramid draw. Jackpot £1,125. Tickets on sale from Friday lunchtime to Sunday 2.30pm when the draw takes place.

Member on the Spot Draw. Prize £69.

Remember to have your membership card with you for the "Free members Draw"

ROSARY PRAYERS every Friday in Lent at 1.40 pm at 'Our Lady of Coventry' statue in Priory Gardens, near Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate. All welcome.

PIETY SHOP First Holy Communion, and Confirmation cards and gifts available.

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

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Thursday night



Parish Phone Numbers

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Parish Centre: 76593444

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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.

