

Christ the King Parish, Coventry

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

Sunday 27th December, 2009.

Feast of the Holy Family.

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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

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. It is a time for us to give thanks to God for all his blessings and to look forward to the New Year. We know that for some Christmas and New Year can be a difficult or lonely time and we remember those who are lonely or bereaved. Thanks for your generous offerings for the priests of the parish. We have sent off gifts to Fr Clarke, Fr Richard and Fr Bentley. We have had a letter from Fr Bentley's parents thanking us for prayers and Masses for him and the family. He is doing well and is cared for by an excellent group of carers in a home near to his family. His family say that our prayers are a great support to them. All the Masses at Christmas went very well and I want to thank Fr Paul and Deacons Pat and Gerry for all their hard work. The choir did very well with the support of Fr Paul and the parish sisters provided the meditations on the Advent antiphons before Mass. Thanks to Sr Ruth in particular. There are many people who work hard to make sure the ceremonies go well. I want to thank the

choir the organists the servers the sacristans the cleaners the flower arrangers the wardens and all who help in so many ways. If you haven't picked up a box of chocolates as a parish helper please call into the library to collect one.

We had a lovely Mass on St Stephens Day for our Servers. Michael Baldwin and Lisa Brooks were given long service medals as well as others servers receiving their first medal. Thanks to all who serve regularly and we are pleased to have so many new servers.

This weekend at all of the Masses we have the Renewal of Marriage vows and prayers for family life. We are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family so it is a very appropriate day on which to do this.

We will look to have Sunday Evening Prayer and Benediction on the first Sunday of the month in the New Year. We will also try to mark the important Feasts of the church in this way as well. In the New Year we will be having a student for

the priesthood coming to live in the presbytery. His name is John Paul Lyttle and he will be helping around the parish and schools. We hope that he will help us with our singing and music.

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 8th 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.

Fr Paul will be away for a few days next week and then I will be away when he returns. We are so pleased to welcome Fr Tom Raftery back to the parish. He will be going out visiting with the deacons when he is with us. If there is anyone you know who would like a visit then please let us know. We are looking at a parish trip to Lisbon and Fatima in October. Have a think about it. We will look to see if enough are interested in the New Year

A Happy and Holy Christmas to you all and many blessings in the New Year.

God Bless

Fr Tom

| Christ The King Church | | |
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| Saturday | 6.00 pm | Margaret Bickerton. Decd. |
| Sunday | 9.00 am | Reginald & Elsie Parnell. Anniv. |
| | 12.00 noon | Bernadette Peyton. Anniv. |
| Monday | 9.15 am | Thomas Hetherton. Anniv. |
| Tuesday | 9.15 am | Thomas & Nora Brady. Decd. |
| | 12.00 noon | Joseph Cairns. Funeral. |
| Wednesday | 12.00 noon | Steven Clarke. Decd. |
| Thursday | 12.00 noon | John Joseph McGlynn. Anniv. |
| Friday | 12.00 noon | Annie Jane Foy. Anniv. |
| | 7.00 pm | John O'Sullivan. Decd. |
| Saturday | 10.00 am | Martin Wadsworth. Decd. |
| | 6.00 pm | Agnes Deacy. Anniv. |
| Confessions | Saturday | 10.30 am to 11.30 am |
| Holy Hour | Saturday | 7.00 pm After the Evening Mass. |
| St Augustine's Church | | |
| Sunday | 10.30 am | People of the Parish. |
| Wednesday | 9.00 am | NO MASS. SEE CHRIST THE KING. |
| Confessions | FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. | |

"Kind words can be short but their echoes are truly endless"
Mother Teresa

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your weekly offerings:
20th December, 2009.

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| | CTK | St Augustine's | |
| Loose Plate | £575.00 | £145.00 | |
| Gift Aid | £849.58 | £211.00 | |
| Total..... | £1,780.58 | | |

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY
FOR PRO-LIFE.**

This week's diary:

Monday 28th 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 29th 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. 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 5th

Wednesday 30th December.

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

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

Future Dates for your Diary.

- 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

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.



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 Jacob Lewis, Fr Tadeusz Lizinczyk, Fr David Lloyd, Fr Gwilym Lloyd, Fr Marisz Lorenc, Fr Brogdan Lukuc, Fr James Lutwama. 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.catholicsingles.org.uk, or email info@catholicssingles.org.uk

YOGA CLASSES starting a Christ the King Centre learn to relax get fit, and have fun, starts 5th/6th 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.

COLIN FISHER wishes to thank everyone for their good wishes, gifts, cards, & prayers on the occasion of his 80th Birthday. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for his family & friends.

POPPY APPEAL. The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal at the Church amounted to £62.29 for which they are very grateful.

Thanks for your support of the Community Centre. We are continuing to make improvements and we will be looking to renew membership in the New Year. Details to follow next week.

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Mgr Tom Gavin who passed away in the early hours of Christmas Day. Mgr Gavin was the Parish Priest of St Thomas More for many years.

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:

26th/27th December.

6.00 pm K. Moroney. J. McNulty.

9.00 am E. Smith. R.Askew.

12.00 noon C.Molloy. S.Carlin.

2nd/3rd January.

6.00 pm W. O'Sullivan. J. Burke.

9.00 am J.Parnell. B.Byrne.

12.00 noon. M. Baldwin. T. Mack.

Readers Rota:

26th/27th December.

6.00 pm T. Luff. E. Hughes.

9.00 am F.Hoey. J. Patterson.

12.00 noon J. Jennette. M. Baldwin.

2nd/3rd January.

6.00 pm F.Lambert. A.French.

9.00 am J.Griffin. O.Payne.

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

Parish Centre www.ctk-parishcentre.co.uk

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

Member on the Spot Draw is £52.

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

Sunday night in the Centre Bingo OPEN THE BOX - JACKPOT £200 on 14 keys.

Pyramid Draw JACKPOT OF £1,460.

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

SUNDAY NIGHT MUSIC "CELTIC GOLD"

ROSARY PRAYERS' every Saturday at 8.00 pm at 'Our Lady of Coventry' statue in Priory Gardens, near Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate. All welcome.

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

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.

PIETY SHOP Assorted Cards and gifts available. Open at all week-end Masses

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, email admin@ctk-cov.org.uk with subject newsletter.

Items for the newsletter email

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.

