

Christ the King Parish, Coventry

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

Sunday 28th December, 2008.
Feast of the Holy Family. Mass Book page 41.



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,

I want to wish you all a very Happy Christmastide and New Year. It is a special time and we give thanks to God for all his blessings. We think of the special way in which God shares our life and concerns. We feel his presence especially in times of most need. It is a wonderful time for us to give thanks to God for all his gifts and blessings to us especially those that come to us from our families and loved ones. Christmas and New Year can be a difficult and lonely time for some. We pray for all those who have died this last year. We miss them especially at Christmas. We have had a number of deaths these last few days and there are funerals arranged over Christmas and into the New Year so we remember those families in particular. As a parish community it is very important for us all to support each other. Thankyou for your generous Christmas offering for your clergy and we will be sending gifts to Fr Bentley and Fr Clarke over Christmas. I am sure that you noticed how well the Ordination went and Fr Dominic would like to thank everyone

for their support and the many cards and gifts including the gift from the parish. The ceremonies went very well over Christmas and in particular I would like to thank Fr Richard for his work with the choir. The church is always kept so well and we want to thank all who work so hard throughout the year but especially at Christmas. All our groups and clubs rely on volunteers and we thank them all. The groups and clubs will have a Christmas break too and resume in January. In particular I want to thank Fr Richard, Deacons Gerry and Pat and Rhona in the office for their support and hard work. Without them a lot of things could not flourish in the parish. 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 training next year on the following Monday evenings Feb 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd Please note these dates if you are interested. The Archbishop has asked us to sign an on line

petition objecting to the government's wish to charge churches commercial rates for water. Could you object by email to <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/ChurchWaterBills/> Thanks to all who have worked so hard with the various Christmas events at Schools and in the parish. We have a little gift for all the parish helpers flower arrangers, choir, cleaners children's liturgy, tea makers so please see us over the next week or so that we can say thanks for all your hard work which is really appreciated and makes all the good work in the parish possible. We will have the supper for all the parish helpers in the New Year date to follow.

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 Friday 29th May returning on the same route. Total cost £515 all in.

Later this week I will be going to India for two weeks with my friends Fr Dominic Kavanagh and Fr Michael White. It is to celebrate our 25th anniversary and we will be visiting an Indian priest we know Fr Anthony who is also celebrating 25 years as a priest. Please keep us in your prayers. We will be in Delhi for one week and they go south to Kerala. Fr Richard will be holding the fort and will be helped by Fr Tom Rafferty who is coming over from Maynooth for a couple of weeks. We are very grateful for his help at this busy time.

A Very Happy Christmastide and New Year
 God Bless.

Fr Tom

Christ The King Church		
Saturday	6.00 pm	Hynes Family. Anniv.
Sunday	9.00 am	Reginald & Elsie Parnell. Anniv.
	12.00 noon	Tom Hetheron. Anniv.
Monday	9.15 am	Michael Quinn. Anniv.
Tuesday	9.15 am	Private Intention.
Wednesday	12.00 noon	People of the Parish.
Thursday	12.00 noon	May McGovern. Ints.
Friday	9.15 am	Josephine Clark. Anniv.
	7.00 pm	William & Teresa Doherty. Anniv.
Saturday	10.00 am	John McHugh. Anniv.
	6.00 pm	Agnes Deasy. Anniv.
Confessions	Saturday	10.30 am to 11.30 am 7.00 pm After the Mass.
Rosary & Benediction	Sunday	NO DEVOTIONS TO-DAY.
St. Augustine's Church		
Sunday	10.30 am	Jane Soden. Anniv.
Wednesday	9.00 am	NO MASS TO-DAY.
Confessions	Saturday 3 rd	11.00 to 11.30 am

Pause for thought:
 "They must often change who would be constant in happiness and wisdom"
 Confucius

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your weekly offerings on 21st December, 2008

	<u>Christ the King</u>	<u>St. Augustine's</u>
Loose Plate	£665.00	£105.00
Gift Aid	£706.73	£162.50

TOTAL.....£1,639. 23

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR PRO-LIFE CHARITIES.

This week's diary:

Tuesday 30th December.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP meet in the Meeting Room after the 9.15 am Mass
10.00 am MOTHER & TODDLERS GROUP
RESUMES ON JANUARY 6TH.

5.00 pm INSTRUCTION IN THE FAITH FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS 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 31st December.

9.00 am MOTHER & TODDLERS GROUP
RESUMES ON JANUARY 7th.

BIBLE CLASSES resume of January 7th.

ITALIAN CLASSES resume of January 7th and 8th.

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. There will be NO BAPTISM CLASS in January, 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.

TO ALL AT CHRIST THE KING AND ST AUGUSTINE'S

I would like to thank you all for the wonderful support and prayers you have shown me over the past two years and for making me feel very much at home when I've come back to the Parish from seminary. Having my Ordination to the Priesthood at Christ the King was very special for me and my family, along with being able to celebrate my Mass of Thanksgiving among you the following day. I am also very touched and deeply grateful for the many cards, messages and gifts that people have given to me and the very generous cheque of £1,000. This will serve to be a wonderful reminder of my time in Coventry. Be assured of my continuing prayers and please remember the people of St. George's Worcester, where I am to begin my work in the Archdiocese. God Bless,



Fr. Dominic.

PRINCETHORPE COLLEGE. Co-educational Catholic day school, 11 to 18 years. OPEN MORNING on Wednesday 14th. January 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. a chance to look around the college prior to Entrance Examinations Day - January 24th.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SPORTS CENTRE.

The Centre will be closed on NEW YEARS EVE WEDNESDAY AND NEW YEARS DAY THURSDAY.

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 Friday 29th May. Total cost £515.

Parish groups and classes will all resume on week commencing 5th January.

Second Collection Next Sunday.
For Pro-Life Charities.

Eucharistic ministers rota

27th/28th December.

6.00 pm K.Moroney. J. McNulty.
9.00 am E.Smith. P.J. Stephenson.
12.00 noon S.Needham. C. Molloy.
3rd/4th January.

6.00 pm P.Warad. S. Johnson.
9.00 am B.Byrne. J.Parnell.
12.00 noon M. Baldwin. T.Mack.

Readers Rota.

27th/28th December.

6.00 pm T.Luff. E. Hughes.
9.00 am H. Hoey. F. Hoey.
12.00 noon M.Baldwin. F. Needham.
3rd/4th January.

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 no meetings during holidays.

Sunday night in the Centre

Bingo - music by "CELTIC GOLD"
OPEN THE BOX JACKPOT OF £440. on 8 keys.

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 was won AGAIN last week so we start again this week with a JACKPOT OF £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 £39.

PIETY STALLS. The new edition of the Diocesan Directory is on sale £2.35 each. Up to date information about our Diocese.

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



BABY CHANGING UNIT

Provided in the Disabled Toilet.



An Induction Loop System is provided in the church to assist Hearing Aid Users Please switch your Hearing Aid to the 'T' Posn



Please switch off your mobile phone, whilst you are in the church. Thank you.