

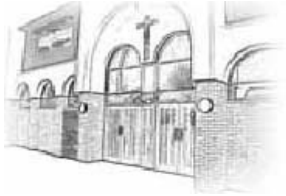
# Christ the King Parish, Coventry

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

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.**

**First Sunday of Advent.**

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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

This weekend we begin our journey through Advent. It is a time for us to discover the real meaning of Christmas, which over these busy weeks can easily be forgotten. You will see from the leaflet provided that we have lots of things on in the parish to celebrate the season well. Please try to choose something extra for Advent so that Jesus is not forgotten. You will see that there are the Advent "Walk with Me" booklets and the calendars. Please make use of these each day. Funeral Arrangement sheets are available at the back of church for you so that those making arrangements for our funerals know our wishes. The Bishops of England and Wales have also asked us to express our concerns about the governments wish to promote Assisted Suicide. There is an explanatory leaflet for you all and we hope that you can express your views. I will write to our MP Mr Robinson to express our concerns as well. See the web site [www.catholicchurch.org.uk](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk) for more information We have until only the 15<sup>th</sup> of December to make our views known. In Advent we will be formally launching our Bereavement Group. A number of parishioners have been trained to offer support to those who are bereaved and we

hope this will be another important part of parish life. One of the team will speak at the Masses next week.

We will be having planning meetings in Advent for youth who would like to find out about the World Youth Day in Madrid 2011. We want to plan well ahead and keep parents well informed of the arrangements for the trip. If you will be 16 years of age by July 2011 then you can come on this trip. Give it some thought. The World Youth Day events will be in Madrid from 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2011. We hope to travel to Taize and Spain before the Papal Mass and so will be away from 10<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of August about two weeks. We have a list at the back of church for you to sign up and find out more or you can give you name to Miss Keane at Cardinal Newman. With Fr Paul now with us we will be looking at ways of improving the parish life and worship. We will be meeting with the parish deacons and sisters, but want to know what you think. Thanks for all the helpful suggestions which I am now reading and will respond to over the next few weeks. For Advent we will have an afternoon for Readers and Ministers on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 4pm to 5.15pm. Reflection followed by Tea. There will be Advent

Talks on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm to 8pm. In the next few weeks we will publish a leaflet giving details of all the Masses and Services for Advent and Christmas. We will have our anointing for the sick and housebound for Advent on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December followed by a Christmas Tea. Could you let people know about this and arrange for them to come along. We can provide lifts for anyone who requires one. Please have a word with one of the priests or deacons We will also have the renewal of Marriage Vows on the Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas A reminder of the need to inform the hospital if we are a Catholic on admission as this is sometimes overlooked and is not considered a high priority. As Catholics it is our right to have our spiritual needs met when we are in hospital and we need to ensure that this is the expectation of the hospital authorities as well.. We are in progress with work on new carpets and toilets over the next week in the Community Centre. I hope you like the changes. We have also ordered the new wheel chair lift for the first floor. This should be installed in the next couple of months. Thanks to all who supported the events for the feast of Christ the King. 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 at 8.40 am before the Angelus and the period 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 !!! I would encourage you to see the film "Nativity" filmed in Coventry and featuring many of our children and directed by Debbie Izzett from our parish. Fr Paul and myself really enjoyed it. Great for the whole family to watch together. God Bless

Fr Tom

"There was no room at the inn for Jesus, can we make room for him in our hearts?"

Christ The King Church		
Saturday	6.00 pm	Mc. Sheffrey Family Deceased.
Sunday	9.00 am	Patricia Stowe. Anniv.
	12.00 noon	Tony Ormsby. Anniv.
Monday	9.15 am	Doherty Family. Deceased.
Tuesday	9.15 am	Phyllis O'Connor. Months Mind.
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Elizabeth Shanahan. Decd.
Thursday	12.00 noon	Kathleen Byrne. Anniv.
	7.00 pm	Tom O'Malley. Anniv. Frank McKeever. Anniv.
Friday	9.15 am	Molly & Josephine Goan. Anniv.
	6.00 pm	Pat. & Tony Keane. Anniv.
Confessions	Saturday	10.30 am to 11.30 am
Holy Hour	Saturday	10.30 am to 11.30 am
St Augustine's Church		
Sunday	10.30 am	People of the Parish.
Wednesday	9.00 am	Anne Boyle. Decd.
Confessions	Saturday next	6 <sup>th</sup> December, 11.00 am to 11.30am

## COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your weekly offerings:  
22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009.

	CTK	St Augustine's
Loose Plate	£535.00	£130.00
Gift Aid	£666.75	£149.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>£1,481.25</b>	

COLLECTION FOR YOUTH SERVICE.  
Figures will be available next week.

### This week's diary:

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> December.

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 for children preparing for the sacraments & adults enquiring about the faith.

**7.30 pm** YOUTH GROUP in the library.

**7.30 pm** Charismatic Prayer Group

For prayer & praise commencing with the Rosary. for further information please 'phone 76334574 or 76676232.

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

**9.00 am** MOTHER & TODDLERS GROUP in the Library

**7.00 pm** BIBLE TALKS - in the Library.

TOPIC THIS WEEK "SALVATION THROUGH JESUS 1. From What & How?"

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**7.00 pm** BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE.

In the Library, for those who have seen a Priest and have registered for the course.

**Advent Talk. 7 to 8pm** by Fr Paul

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**7.30. p.m.** Pioneer Association Meeting

for parishes of C.T.K. St. Osburg's, All Souls, St. Elizabeths, Holy Family in the Library

#### Future Dates for your Diary.

- Renewal of Marriage Vows. 27<sup>th</sup> December. At all Masses, Feast of the Holy Family.
- First Confessions 9<sup>th</sup> 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 including Baptism date.

#### Baby changing facilities

are provided in the Disabled Toilet.



### YEAR OF THE PRIESTS 2009-2010.

This year we are praying for all Priests, Our Diocese has allocated a specific day for us to pray for each priest individually. This week we pray for Fr Michael Jordan, Fr Patrick Joyce, Fr Anthony Joyce, Fr Dominic Kavanagh, Fr Kevin Kavanagh, Fr Kevin Keane, Fr Bernard Kelly. The full list is on the Notice Board, but we will name Priests on weekly basis here.

**PIETY SHOP** Advent Calendars, varied, many children's Christmas Books, & a selection of cribs, & Christmas Cards all at various prices, now available in the shops.

### BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS CRIB IN TOWN.

Takes place to-day, First Sunday of Advent, at 4.00 pm in Smithford Way, near the Library. Children from our schools will join in the Carols. Everyone is invited to this act of witness in the meaning of Christmas, prior to the switching on of the City Christmas lights.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOV** at Holy Family Church Hall, Penny Park Lane, 12.00 noon to 3.30 pm. All welcome free admission.

**CHRIST THE KING PTA.** will be selling raffle tickets in aid of School Funds after all Masses to-day. The Draw will take place at the Christmas Bazaar on 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please support.

**THANK YOU** for your generosity in giving to the TOILET TWINNING CAMPAIGN. The certificates and Photos are now displayed in the toilets at the back of the Church.

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR.** There is NO choir practice this Sunday. The next practice will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00 pm. All welcome.

**TEA ROTA - Saturday 6.00 pm & Sunday 12.00 noon.** As some of our volunteers for the tea rota are now involved in other tasks, we need more people for the above Masses. It will only mean helping every couple of months.

**ECUMENICAL ADVENT SERVICE.** Bishop John Stroyan Bishop of Warwick and Bishop William Kenney invite you to join them for an Advent Service at St. Thomas More Church on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 3.00 to 4.00 pm. This is an opportunity to contemplate with Peace Hope and Joy a "World in Waiting". ~ Bishop Stroyan was so impressed with the Service for 'The Year of St. Paul' that he promoted this service.

### NEW NATIVE WOODLAND AT COUNDON HALL

**PARK.** On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. we are aiming to plant 500 trees in one hour as part of BBC's Breathing Places Tree O'clock world record attempt. Come along join in this national event and have fun. Please wear appropriate footwear for digging, spades will be available, but if you have one bring it along. Just turn up, close to Tamworth Rd. car park and the Old Hall.

**THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS** has published guidelines governing the prosecution of cases of assisting suicide. It is very important that Catholics should know what these guidelines say. A short briefing note having your say on Assisting Suicide can be found in the Church porch explaining what this is all about. There are also details on line at [www.catholicchurch.org.uk](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk)

**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:

#### 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> November

6.00 pm P. Ward. C. Booth.  
9.00 am J.Patterson. P.J. Stephenson  
12.00 noon S.Fish. D. Malone.

#### 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> December.

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

#### Readers Rota:

#### 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> November.

6.00 pm D. Sandy. M. Duke.  
9.00 am J. Ruddy. D. Parnell.  
12.00 noon L. Baldwin. M. Baldwin.

#### 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> December.

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

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

**Mercia Friendship Club** (over 50's)  
New members welcome. 1.00 pm. Adm. 50p. On 4<sup>th</sup> Dec "WYKEN MALE VOICE CHOIR"

**Member on the Spot Draw is £12.**

Remember to have your membership card with you to win the prize. Sunday 2.30pm **Sunday night in the Centre Bingo** OPEN THE BOX - JACKPOT OF £450 on 9 KEYS.

**Music** by "MALACHY CAIRNS"

**Pyramid Draw JACKPOT OF £1,300.**

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

**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.

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



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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.

