

# Christ the King Parish, Coventry

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



Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>. December 2006  
 Feast of the Holy Family Mass Book page 40.  
 Parish Clergy:  
 Very Rev Canon Tom Farrell, Parish Priest  
 Father Richard Scott. Assistant Priest  
 Rev. Mr. G. O'Reilly, & Rev. Mr. P. Flanagan. Deacons  
 Telephone 024 76591618.



Dear Parishioners

I want to thank you all for your great support over the Christmas period. The Masses were well attended and the liturgy celebrated with dignity. Thanks to all who helped to clean and prepare the two churches with cribs, flowers, trees and decorations and for all who cleaned the church and prepared the sacristy. At this time of year it is good to thank the whole army of people who serve the parish in many ways. Work with our young people, our ministries of reading and the Eucharist. Altar Servers( including our weekday seniors!) Musicians, Church wardens, tea makers, Our various parish groups work hard throughout the year to visit homes and to support all ages. Thanks for the most

generous gift of your time. Myself and Fr Richard would like to thank you for your generous Christmas offerings and the many gifts and cards. We have enjoyed our first Christmas with you all. On your behalf we sent Christmas offerings to Fr Clarke, Fr Bentley and Fr Walker. We are starting the new rotas for Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist in the New Year and copies are now available from the sacristy. Please pick up a copy. We are preparing for our parish Visitation on the 13/14 January, and there will be a chance for us all to meet with Mgr John Moran our Vicar General after each Mass. In preparation I would like use to use the cards provided and

write down no more than three things we like about the parish and then on the other side of the card areas we could develop and improve, again no more than three points. We will use these comments to focus on our plans for the parish. It is important to have your views. Also could parish groups make some members available on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm to meet Mgr Moran and discuss your work. The time table for the visit will be

#### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan

2pm Tour of parish

3pm Meeting with Schools Headteachers and Chairs of Governors

4pm Tea with Parish Groups

6pm Evening Mass followed by meeting with parishioners

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan

On Sunday Mgr Moran will meet people after each of the Masses and talk about the parish at each Mass. As part of the weekend he will meet the clergy and the parish sisters. It is an important weekend so we need your support and your views. More details next week !!!

God Bless

Fr Tom

Christ The King Church		
Saturday	6.00 pm	Tom Hetherton. Anniv.
Sunday	9.00 am	Reginald & Elsie Parnell. Anniv.
	12.00 noon	John McGlynn. Anniv.
Monday	10.00 am	Barbara Stack Ints.
Tuesday	9.15 am	Josephine Clark. Anniv.
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Holy Souls.
Thursday.	12.00 noon	Montgomery & Cathcart. Fam. Decd.
Friday	9.15 am	Special Intentions. McHugh
	7.00 pm.	Johnny Burke. Anniv.
Saturday	10.00 am	John McHugh. Anniv.
	6.00 pm	Peter McDaniel. Anniv.
Confessions	Saturday	10.30 am to 11.30 am
Rosary & Benediction	Sunday	4.00 pm
Exposition	Friday	9.45 am to 10.15 am 6.30 pm. to 7.00 pm.
St. Augustine's Church		
Sunday	10.30 am	People of the Parish.
Wednesday	9.00 am.	NO MASS. See C. T. K. above.
Confessions	First Saturday of the month Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup> 11.00.- 11.30am	

#### Pause for thought

"There is no mortar that time will not loose"

French Proverb

### **Collections**

Thank you for your weekly offerings of 24<sup>th</sup>. December 2006

Christ The King	St. Augustine's
Loose Plate £622.00.	£160.00
Gift Aid £416.80.	£91.38.
Total £1,290.18.	

**SECOND COLLECTION** next week-end for **PROLIFE CHARITY**. This is a charity working within the Archdiocese of Birmingham, providing services for mothers & babies.

### **This week's diary:**

#### **Tuesday**

6.30 pm-8pm Youth club **NO MEETING THIS WEEK**. Next meeting in the new year

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

#### **BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH.**

We will be changing some of the arrangements for Baptism Preparation. Instead of the two sessions for parents, we will have a home visit and give out a copy of the Baptism DVD/Video and then there will be just one session to finalise details including the date for Baptism. If you need to arrange a baptism then as the first step please talk with one of the priests after Mass giving us details of address and phone.

#### **Parish Census**

This is going well, and in the new year we want to concentrate on the sick, elderly and housebound. We have a good list of contacts, but I know there are many more people we don't know of who may need our help. Think if there is anyone among family, friends and neighbours who need a visit and let us have details.

#### **Funerals in the Parish.**

Most people ask for the funerals to be arranged at Christ the King Church. However we are able to have funerals at St Augustine's if that is the preferred wish of the deceased or their family.

**PRINCETHORPE RETREAT CENTRE.** CHRISTIANITY REVISITED. A three part series.

part 1. Images of God to-day Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Images of Jesus to-day Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Holy Spirit to-day Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Herald new website is now up and running

[www.catholicherald.co.uk](http://www.catholicherald.co.uk). Updated every Friday for main news and features of the week. Also on sale in the paper stall.

West Ham and Coventry may be struggling at the moment but Christ the King Mens 1<sup>st</sup> Team won the Stan Ould Cup beating Witherley 1-0 in the Final. Well Done in the 60th anniversary year

**CHRIST THE KING PARISH CENTRE.**

CLEANER REQUIRED 4 mornings per week, to include week-ends. For further details please contact Frank at the Centre or on 76593444.

#### **FEASTS DURING THE WEEK.**

**MONDAY.**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.

**TUESDAY.**

ST. BASIL THE GREAT & ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN.

Basil was one of the four Doctors of the Eastern Church He wrote a monastic rule and is one of the main sources of the Fourth Eucharistic prayer.

GREGORY was a close friend of Basil. He became Patriarch of Constantinople, and was noted for his teaching and knowledge of Scripture

**WEDNESDAY.**

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

**FRIDAY.**

THE FIRST FRIDAY.

Italian Lessons . See Notice at back of Church and sign up if you want to join in the New Year .

Talks on the Faith resume on Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Next Justice and Peace Meeting on Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

### **Parish Centre**

**Mercia Friendship Club** (for the over 50's) in the Parish Centre at 1.00 pm Admission 50p. New members always welcome We resume after Christmas on January 5<sup>th</sup>. with a Quiz.

### **Sunday nights in the centre**

NO Bingo or music this week-end as all entertainment is TICKET ONLY and Open the Box will not take place as it is NEW YEARS EVE.

Pyramid Draw takes place every weekend in the Centre. Tickets are on sale from Friday lunchtime, through to Sunday 2.30pm when the draw takes place. The Jackpot is £575. You might be lucky Remember to have your membership card with you for the "Free Members Draw" which is £296. this week

### **Music at the 12 Noon Sunday**

**Mass** We hope to make a little music at this Mass. The music will be for the quiet times at Mass - not for making the Mass any longer. Fr Richard will be working with musicians - please see him if you could do a little singing or playing at this Mass

### **Sports & Community Centre at St Augustine's.**

Over the last few weeks we have been renovating the centre. There are facilities for squash, badminton, 5 a side football and a gym. No membership is required. There are now rooms for hire for children's parties with the option of sports and activities for the children as part of a party package more information. Tel 76 601118.

### **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

