



# Christ the King

with St. Augustine's

## Summary Report for 2014/15

### Welcome to our Annual Parish Report



This year we have changed the format to a more concise version of 8 pages, giving you a summary of parish activities and picking out some of the more important aspects and new developments. We will produce the full parish report and directory every four years and use this summary report as an annual update. We also have the weekly parish newsletter, regular newsletters from our schools, the parish groups and the associated websites.

The report helps us see the large and growing number of parish groups and activities and I want to take the opportunity to thank all the many volunteers who make it all possible. Myself, Fr Andrew, and our parish Deacons feel very blessed to work with such a generous and kind group of people. May God continue to bless us and guide us in our work.

*Fr Tom*

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### 'Active' Christ the King

Many aspects of parish life involve activity. The Football Club is well known throughout the Midlands, and as it prepares for its 70th Anniversary, the club fielded a record number of teams. This season there were 3 Senior teams and 33 Junior teams, involving a huge amount of work from coaches, parents and volunteers in making the Football club a success. A full list of Anniversary events will be published on the parish and football club websites by the middle of June 2015, and this year's Football Gala day is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July. The Boxing club is now well established and is organising regular events, entering boxers in ABA competitions with regular success. The Sports Centre at St Augustine's has recently been refurbished and has excellent facilities which are offered on 'a pay as you use' basis with no membership charges. There is a growing number of participants in the Walking Club with about 30 regulars, and it is hoped to organise walking trips and holidays as the next stage of growth. Many young and old enjoy yoga classes each week and there are a number of keep fit and dance classes at both centres.





## Christ the King 'on Tour'

In 2014, 46 people went to the Holy Land in October, and 50 to Poland in June.



This year 136 are going to Lourdes in May, and 100 are going to Medjugorje in June and October. 50 of the Youth Group are making plans for World Youth Day in Krakow 2016, and 12 young people are visiting a mission station in Brazil in July, following on from World Youth Day in Rio. The parish also made trips to Harvington Hall, Hednesford, Oscott College and Walsingham.

## Children and Young People

The growth of the Toddler group to five mornings a week shows that the number of young families in the parish is growing. There is a waiting list for most days and a good group of volunteers.

The Parish Youth Group meets once a fortnight on a Tuesday night with the older age group Youth Café meeting on every other Tuesday. A good number of the youth have been faithful to the group for many years, progressing through Youth Group to Youth Cafe and then becoming Junior Youth leaders. 40 of the youth group will be travelling to Lourdes to help disabled pilgrims and to work in the hospital. A number of the Youth leaders are travelling to Brazil in the summer to work on a parish mission in Petropolis near Rio de Janeiro. This is a follow on from the visit to Rio for World Youth Day in 2014. The group are also preparing for world youth day in Krakow, Poland for 2016. A good number from the youth group also attended Flame2 2015 at the Wembley Conference Centre.

Flame2 is the largest planned National Catholic Youth event of 2015. Over 8,000 young people from across the country attended the Wembley Arena. They received faith-filled



inspiration from world class speakers including Cardinal Luis Tagle from Manila, Philippines; Baroness Sheila Hollins; Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP; and David Wells. Throughout the day speakers gave talks, interspersed with world class music and drama, in an atmosphere full of joy. Music was provided by double Grammy award winning Matt Redman and his band. The day ended with a period of Adoration led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols.



The Brownies and Guide group are well supported and many of our youth are involved in our sports clubs and dance groups.



### Lenten retreat 2015

This year's retreat again allowed people to partake whilst carrying on with their daily routines, reaching out to those who may not have the time to go away. The retreat was spread over 3 consecutive days, starting on a Sunday afternoon.

- On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 4pm, a Service of Healing was held with Anointing and Benediction. The preacher was Fr Michael Stack, the University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire Chaplain. He spoke movingly about many of his experiences as hospital chaplain drawing on over 20 years' experience. Following the talk, many of those in the congregation were anointed.
- On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm, David McLoughlin, a Senior Lecturer at Newman University gave a talk on 'The Call to Follow Jesus'. This was then followed by a reflection on the events of the day, in order to detect God's presence, and discern his direction for us. The evening closed with evening prayer led by Father Andrew Franklin.
- On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm, David McLoughlin was again the speaker and gave a talk called 'Being a Disciple'. In this talk he described how the Beatitudes can be thought of as our Magna Carta 'The Charter of the Disciples'. The Retreat was brought to a close with evening prayer led by the Christ the King Youth group as directed by Carmel Keane.

The 7am mass on Tuesday's / Thursday's during Advent and Lent has proven to be very successful. It is planned to continue with both of these.

### Life of Prayer and Sacraments

There is a very full weekly programme of Prayer and the celebration of the sacraments. The pastoral statistics below show the numbers of Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals in the parish, and the numbers receiving Communion and Confirmation. The daily mass attendance is around 100, and both parish primary schools are given the opportunity to attend mass each week. Both schools have regular retreats related to the sacraments and the seasons of the year. In the parish there are early morning 'breakfast' masses for Lent and Advent as well as extra opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and Stations of the Cross. These opportunities are also made available to each of the schools on Friday afternoons to mark the close of the school week. Each of the Youth Group sessions on Tuesday night end with Night Prayer. There are annual May Processions and a Blessed Sacrament Procession. There is a Lenten Retreat in Daily Life with guest speakers, and there will also be some Advent talks this year.

The preparation for the Sacraments is done in conjunction with the parish schools. Marriage preparation classes are held three times a year in the Library, and there is a Course on the Catholic Faith each Wednesday night from October through to Easter to prepare those who wish to become full members of the church. There is a Tuesday Group for children at non Catholic schools who need preparation for the sacraments. A good number help with the children's' liturgy group each Sunday. There is an up to date website and an Information board at the back of the church providing a lot of information about faith, prayer, lives of the saints and the sacraments. We are blessed with a faithful group of readers and ministers who help at all masses and who make sure over 100 people each week are able to receive holy communion at home. The are about 50 altar servers who assist

### Parish Statistics

Description	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Catholic Population	4300	4300	4300	4300	4300
Baptisms	94	115	102	111	116
Receptions	7	7	9	6	10
First Communions	90	86	95	89	95
Confirmations	96	85	84	85	75
Weddings	17	13	22	16	13
Funerals	57	62	71	67	54
Sunday Mass Attendance	1388	1383	1396	1353	1415
Weekday Mass attendance		98	102	101	98
Communion to Housebound		110	107	115	116

the priests and deacons each day. There is music and singing at all weekend masses and there is a strong team who make sure the church is clean, the sacristy well run, flowers arranged every week and displays around the church changed regularly. The church is open from 6.30am until 7.30pm and is well visited throughout the day.

 The 24/7 webcam is popular in both churches, particularly enabling the housebound to share the life of the church. It is also popular with friends and relatives living further afield, across the world.



### Fr Anthony Sims (RIP) 1924-2015



The funeral service for Father Anthony Sims took place at Christ the King in Coventry on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am. The service was led by Archbishop Bernard Longley. Many of the priests from the archdiocese were present. The Homily at the Mass was given by Canon Tom Farrell and the full version can be found on the website.

Father Anthony Sims was born on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1924 in the Parish of Christ the King. He was educated at Bablake School in Coventry where his family also lived. He joined the Royal Navy and served between 1943—1947. He then went to the University of Bangor between 1947—1950. Following this he taught at Christ the King Coventry between 1951—1955. He then studied at Grove Park for two years, 1955—1956, and then trained to be a Priest at Oscott College 1956—1962. He was Ordained on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1962, and served in a Parish at Great Barr between 1962—1965. Following this he taught at Cotton college between 1965—1987. Between 1987 and 2006 he served in parishes in Ilmington, Shipston and Brailes. In 2006 he retired to St Joseph's home in Harborne and lived there until he died on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015 just 4 days short of the Anniversary of his Ordination. Fr Sims regularly returned to the Parish to say Mass, and was well known by our parishioners.

Many of his parishioners, students and colleagues will all have very happy memories of a kind and gentle Priest.

*His intelligence and ability never distanced him from people, but rather did the opposite, drawing them into a life full of interest and wisdom.*

There are so many stories that can be told of 'Simmo' as he was affectionately known, but it is enough to say that, any time anyone speaks of him, they do so with a smile on their face.

He loved the simple things in life and enjoyed wherever God had called him to be. His good friend Father David Lloyd, spoke of a nightly routine that Father Sims had. He would finish his pint of beer, polish his shoes for the Mass the next morning, finish his pipe, complete the Time's Crossword and say Night Prayer. Each of those things tell you a little about him.

### Future Planning in Coventry Deanery

With 15 parishes in Coventry several parishes have reduced the number of weekend Masses. Full details can be found on the Coventry Deanery website.

### Coventry Deanery Visitation



The 3rd Coventry Deanery Visitation took place during the last year. The visitation started on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church with evening prayer.

Christ the King Parish Visitation took place with Bishop Kenney on the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> November. Over the weekend the Bishop met many of the groups at Christ the King as well as representatives from all our schools. Parishioners were very generous in providing the tea for the Parish Groups, meals for Bishop Kenney and transport for visits to the sick and house-bound.

Some six months later the closing Mass was held at Christ the King on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Many of the Priests in the Deanery attended the Mass, and all the parishes were represented. The church was full and music was provided by Dorothy Field and her able choir, supported by members from other parishes. The main celebrant was Archbishop Bernard Longley with Bishop William Kenney and Canon Garry Byrne, the Dean of Coventry.

### St. Augustine's

We are looking at strengthening the parish community at St Augustine's. It is a growing community and the school is expanding. We have made some improvements and alterations to the church building, and there will be an extra weekday mass on Monday evenings at 7pm. Fr Andrew will also be available on Wednesday mornings at that side of the parish. We are also forming a Centre committee to help run and organise events. The group will be made up of two of the clergy, school representative and parish members. Events already organised include an International Mass and an Open Day.



The Sports Centre has also been refurbished with the help of grants to the value of £150,000. There are now excellent new facilities which will benefit the local

community, schools, and parish. It is planned to have an Open day in June, for all to visit and see the improvements made. The Family Centre is also a valuable resource, supporting young families in the area.



## Financial Summary 2014

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2014, includes income from Parish activities of £281,153 made up of the following:

Parish receipts	2013	2014
Offertory, donations, tax refunds etc	£185,481	£220,725
Operating Income (votive candles, papers etc)	£20,301	£21,512
Other Income	£0	£9,320
Investment Income	£200	£196
Repayment of Loans	£12,400	£29,400
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£218,382</b>	<b>£281,153</b>

Parish related expenditure totalled some £305,740 as follows:

Parish payments	2013	2014
Liturgical, pastoral etc	£136,331	£170,537
Operating expenditure (purchase of candles, papers etc)	£11,717	£10,650
Administrative costs	£29,950	£30,285
Buildings maintenance and running costs	£110,053	£59,512
Loans	£15,000	£0
Donations	£8,860	£34,305
Misc	£685	£451
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£312,596</b>	<b>£305,740</b>

This resulted in a deficit from Parish based activities of £24,587 which was offset by rental income from the Parish Centre and St. Augustine's Sports Hall of £92,000. This also contributed to the purchase of £90,000 worth of units in the Diocesan Investment fund. Overall the Parish had assets of £514,670 at the year end, which provides a pool of resources to finance unforeseen events and major building repairs in the future.

The detailed breakdown of the above numbers is available on the website.

## Gift Aid scheme

This enables the parish to recover money from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) from tax paid by Parishioners.

*giftaid it* If you are a tax payer please help us increase your offering by joining the Gift Aid Scheme. This boosts a person's offering by 25%. For example if a person gives £5 a week (£260 per year), the parish is able to reclaim £65 from HMRC raising the actual donation to the parish to £325 per annum. You do not need to be working to pay tax, and may be paying in other ways for example interest on savings. If so you can contribute through the Gift Aid scheme.

For the tax year 2015 we will recover about £14,500, as at present there are over 300 parishioners in the Gift Aid scheme.

The scheme is strictly confidential and contributions can vary week by week depending on the individuals financial status. If not all already in the scheme please sign up!!



## Financial Highlights

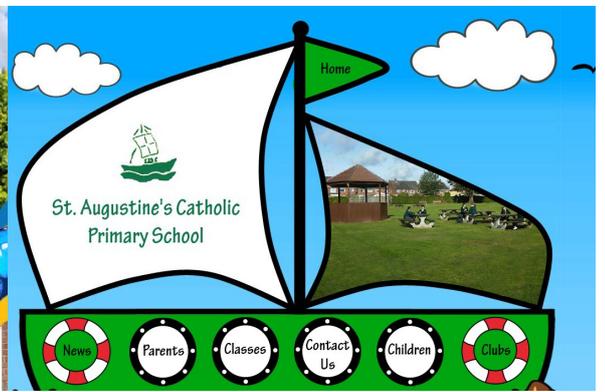
1. Total income £281,153
2. Total Expended £305,740
3. Tax Reclaimed (Gift Aid) £14,303

## How can you help

1. Sign up to Gift Aid your donation.
2. Increase your regular offertory donation.
3. Remember the Church in a Will or Bequest.
4. Support the various activities in the parish.

## This year we donated

- £5,000 for the Holy Rosary Sisters Ebola Appeal.
- £5,000 to Ibba School in Sudan.
- £10,000 for CAFOD.
- £25,000 to the Diocesan School Board.
- £3,000 to a needy local parish.
- £23,000 to other Diocesan Charities such as Apostleship of the Sea, Cathedral maintenance, Poor Parish Fund and Father Hudson's Society.
- Both schools also supported Lenten Charities for CAFOD and Father Hudson's Society.



## Schools

We work very closely with our two primary schools and both are fully involved in the life of the parish. Both support the 'Passport to Faith' programme helping parents and children prepare for the sacraments and helping to establish a regular pattern of commitment to church. The schools have excellent children's choirs who sing at Sunday Mass. The children take a regular turn on the Sunday readers list and staff assist as



readers and ministers of the Eucharist. The schools have liturgy councils planning school masses and retreats which are organised in conjunction

with Cardinal Newman. Cardinal Newman staff and students are great supporters of the Youth ministry in the parish.



Tiverton and Sherbourne Fields Schools are also in the parish. The clergy are invited to these schools on a regular basis to help with

assemblies and to sometimes prepare students for the sacraments. There are regular visits to the church by a number of local schools and nurseries.



Cardinal Newman Catholic School  
"Knowledge Through the Light of Faith"

## Outreach

The parish is involved in a number of projects at home and abroad.



The parish has committed £25,000 over five years to the Ibba Girls school in South Sudan. Sudan



has been a war torn country for many years and South Sudan is the world's newest nation. It is trying to

rebuild it's infrastructure after the destruction of war. Education and particularly the education of girls is a priority. Less than 2% of South Sudanese children complete primary education. We



are half way through our pledge. We also have an active Justice and Peace group who support Cafod campaigns, organise cards

to Prisoners of Conscience and help run the Fairtrade shops in both churches.

CAFOD is a favoured charity of the parish, receiving around £10,000 each year. The parish also offers interest free loans to local parishes who are in need of help with repairs and improvements and grants of £11,000 were given to two parishes who had need of emergency building work.

The Community Centre and the Sports Centre are well used by local community groups and schools.

There are catholic societies that reach out to those in need and many groups welcome non catholic members from the area. Groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Gateway Ladies, CEROC dancing, Crochet Class, Italian Lessons, and Mercia Friendship meet every week. Good work is also done by St Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, Pioneers, Knights of St Columba, the Pastoral Care Group and the Bereavement team. Services are offered not just to the catholic community and if there is a need one of the groups try to respond.

## Youth Group having fun!!





### Parish contact details

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#### St Augustine's:

Heathcote Street, Coventry, CV6 3BL

Live: <http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-augustine/>

### Over the next 12 months

We aim to develop the new facility at St Augustine's Sports Centre.

We are planning a Summer Open Day where both churches will be open, offering hospitality to local neighbours and inviting them to have a look around the Church. This will be advertised in the local media and supported by a leaflet drop to local houses.

There are plans to improve the landscaping around St Augustine's Church and Christ the King, and look at improving the front aspect of Christ the King Church.

The school at St Augustine's is due to continue its expansion to fully two form entry.

### Useful Resources online

Parish Website [www.ctk-cov.org.uk](http://www.ctk-cov.org.uk)

Coventry Deanery [www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk)

Archdiocese website [www.birminghamarchdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamarchdiocese.org.uk)

Catholic News in UK [www.indcatholicnews.com](http://www.indcatholicnews.com)

News from Rome [www.zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)

Pray as you go [www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org)

Catholic Herald [www.catholicherald.co.uk](http://www.catholicherald.co.uk)

Christ the King Primary School [www.ctk.coventry.sch.uk](http://www.ctk.coventry.sch.uk)

St Augustine's Primary School [www.staugustinesprimary.net](http://www.staugustinesprimary.net)

Cardinal Newman Secondary School:

[www.cardinalnewman.coventry.sch.uk](http://www.cardinalnewman.coventry.sch.uk)

### Christ the King Services

Sunday	9.00am	Mass
	12 Noon	Mass
Monday	9.15am	Mass
Tuesday	9.15am	Mass
Wednesday	12 Noon	Mass
Thursday	12 Noon	Mass
Friday	9.15am	Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30-7.00pm	Exposition Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Saturday	10.00am	Mass
	10.30-11.30am	Holy Hour & Confessions
	6.00pm	Mass followed by Confessions

### St Augustine's Services

Sunday	10.30am	
Monday	7.00pm	From June 2015
Wednesday	9.00am	
Saturday	11.30-12 noon	Confessions-1st Sat. of month

### Your Contact details

If you have recently moved into Christ the King or St. Augustine's or if we do not have your address, please let us know. There are forms for new parishioners and forms to let us know of any changes.

### Baptism, Wedding, and Funerals

Information leaflets are available online and from the Information Board in the church porch. To arrange a baptism, wedding or a funeral service please speak to one of the priests.



### How useful did you find this report?

If you have any suggestions as to how this report could be improved in the future, please contact Father Tom email: father-tom@ctk-cov.org.uk Tel: 024 76591618



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The Pioneers	Gerry O'Reilly 024 76333881
Mercia Friendship Club	Pat Flanagan 024 76335383
Italian Classes	Freda Lambert 01676 522908
Crochet Club	Myra Breslin 024 76590165
Community Centre	Frank Keogh 024 76593444
Sports Centre	Tim Evans or Alan Kerr 024 76601118
Boxing Club	Brendan Malone 07950 690122
St Augustine's Family Centre	024 76785300
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## Simple Prayers

### Our Parish Prayer

God our Father you call us together to make our Parish a sign of the heavenly kingdom. Help us through this Church and our lives to be a fountain of faith, a beacon of hope and a haven of charity and prayer. We ask these prayers through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Christ our King, rule our hearts, our minds, our wills. Amen.

St Augustine, You brought the Christian faith to England, help us throughout our day to spread the good news. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray for all those who are sick and those who are devoted to their care. Amen.