

	3rd Sunday of Advent	Mass Intentions
Saturday 15th December	10.00am Our Lady of Ransom Confessions : 9.00-10am (Christ the King) 5.00pm Christ the King	Jack & Anne Edwards & family (RIP)
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Sunday 16th December	9.30am St Joachim 11.30am Christ the King 4.00pm St Agnes	Elza Fioresi (RIP) McCarthy family in thanksgiving
Monday 17th December	10.00am Christ the King 12 noon Our Lady of Ransom 7.30pm Our Lady of Ransom	Bridget & David Parkes and family
Tuesday 18th December	7.30am Christ the King 10.00 am St Agnes 12 noon Our Lady of Ransom	Latin Mass: Pauline & Rachel Joshi and Family
Wednesday 19th December	10.00am St Joachim 12.00 Our Lady of Ransom	Michael & Raquel Bergin and Family
Thursday 20th December	7.00pm Christ the King 8.00pm Christ the King	Exposition Mass: Stephen Bergin
Friday 21st December	12.00 Christ the King 7.30pm Christ the King	Patrick & Katherine Bergin and Family Advent Reconciliation Service
Saturday 22nd December	10.00am Our Lady of Ransom Confessions - Christ the King : 9-10am 5pm Christ the King	Maria & Walter Bland RIP
Sunday 23rd December	9.30 am St Joachim 11.30am Christ the King 4.00pm St Agnes	Fr Joe Ware (RIP) Geraghty family (RIP)
4th Sunday of Advent		



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Sacramental Confession on Saturday 9-10am as well as either before or after most Masses; please ask Fr Neil or Fr Thomas

For enquiries for baptism, first communion, confirmation, and marriages please speak to either Fr Neil, Fr Thomas or Deacon Eugene and also ring the office.

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3rd Sunday of Advent : Yr C

Readings at Mass: Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3: 10-18.

Response to the psalm : Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Dear friends,

The antiphon for the mass this Sunday states with the tone of command, 'Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice! Indeed the Lord is near.'

Amidst the serious work of preparing the way for the Lord, making straight a pathway for him in our lives during Advent, the mood shift and lightens. The rising excitement of the coming of our Lord pauses the work and allows a moment of joy to break forth. Our faith not only tells us to take seriously our sins and thus come to the sacrament of confession but also to take seriously our rejoicing and sing with joy the praises of our God, as our day of liberation draws near!

This sense of anticipation, joy and lightening of mood is also indicated in the Advent wreath as we light the pink candle and reflected in the priest's vestments which again move from deep purple to rose or light pink.

Let there be no somber mood among us then as we praise our God with joy. Let us, as the gospel tells us, also reveal that joy by sharing from the riches we have, 'for the Lord loves a cheerful giver'(2 Cor 9:7). Let us also be just in our actions and dealing with others and always be mindful of the many things we have and give thanks with joy to the God who has blessed us so richly.

Blessings,
Fr Neil

Next Sunday's Readings : Micah : 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.

200 Club

Supports the work of
**Sisters of Mercy at
Mutomo Hospital, in
Kenya, and The Infant
Jesus Sisters School in
Nigeria.**

August

197. Marie Williams
77. Colm Muldoon
118. George Gibson
164. John Carmody

September

107. John Truman
31. Justyna Simpson
196 Angela Rawlinson
171. Deane Smith

October

17. M.P. Farrant
170. Parish
67. J.A. Rhys
15. Audrey Shadbolt

Banking Matters

For parishioners who would like to set up a monthly standing order with their bank to cover their regular offertory to the Parish our bank details are:

CTK - Sort Code:
40-05-20 Account No:
91127012

St. Joachim's - Sort
Code: 40-05-20 Account
No: 51077058.

People we have been asked to pray for:



At Home: John Y, Chris G, Mary B, Pat Q, Don W, Roy D, Mary B, Thelma K, Stuart Mc. John W, Vincent E.

Those ill: James D, Helena S, Peter S, Frankie F, Daisy K, Sue + Mick O'D, Eddie B, Rene C, Jan B, Mary B, Philip & Helga E, Gill C, Katharine N,

In Hospital/Hospice:

Sandra Mc, David D, Sheila D, Eileen K.

Due to new Data Protection (GDPR) we cannot now put full names of the living on the newsletter if it reveals sensitive information.

Parish Annual Pantomime:

The Trinity Players proudly present "Cinderella". Performances on Saturday 26th January at 7pm and Sunday 27th January at 3pm. Tickets £4. This is a popular event so reserve your tickets asap. Contact Frank on 01323-655605 or f.hennelly@sky.com.

Advent lunches. There will be an Advent lunch on 21st December after the 12.00 Mass.

Bereavement Support

Our Parish now has in place a Bereavement Support facility led by Lauren Henty a parishioner at St. Joachim's. This initiative has been encouraged by our Diocese who have provided the appropriate training to Parishes to set up and run such a facility.

The service is free and totally confidential. Lauren can be contacted via the Parish Office.

Christmas Crib Offering. Crib offerings will go to the Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund which provides emergency support for families in our diocese.

Hospital Patients and visitors :

If you are going into hospital and would like a chaplain visit before or during your stay, please contact one of the parish clergy, or phone the hospital chaplaincy - 01323. 41700, ext 4145.

Offertory :

CTK :
St Jo's : £207.63
Average weekly standing
order :
CTK : £ 180
St Jo's £170

Mass Attendance :

CTK : 247
St Jo's : 121
Many thanks

Eucharistic Adoration

St Joachim's :
Wed : 9.00am-10.00am

Christ the King:

Thursday 7.00pm-8.00pm
Fri ; 1.00pm-7.00pm
Sat : 9.00am-10.00am

Advent Reconciliation Service.

We will be holding a reconciliation service at CTK on Fri 21st December at 7.30pm. There is no better way to prepare for the Lord than through Confession.

Confirmation candidates 2019.

Those year 10's who wish to be confirmed in Summer 2019 need to speak to Fr Neil, Fr Thomas or Deacon Eugene. Anyone else wishing to join the Catholic Church should also speak to one of the clergy.

Advent Small Group continues this Monday, Dec 17th, after the 10am Mass with tea and coffee in the parish room. We will be reflecting upon the 4th part of the Lord's Prayer.

Wk 4: 'thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'

Altar Servers. On the Feast of Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday January 6th 2019 a gathering will be held in the Parish Room at Christ the King Church after the 11.30 a.m. Mass for ALL our altar servers. It's the Parish's way of thanking our servers for their ministry at Mass. Please let Fr. Neil or Deacon Eugene know if you can attend.

Christmas Mass Times:

24th December

4.30pm Children's Nativity - CTK
6.00pm Children's Nativity - St Jo's
6.20pm First Mass of Christmas - St Jo's
9.00pm First Mass of Christmas - CTK
11.30pm Midnight Mass (Divine Worship) - CTK

25th December

10.00am Family Mass of Christmas - St Jo's
11.00am Family Mass of Christmas - CTK

Used stamps. Please donate your used postage stamps to support Cancer Research. Place in the box at the back of the Church.

Family bible study : There will be a family bible study group meeting on Jan 5th, 11-12.30pm in the parish room. All welcome.

Matthew 25 : We have received a letter of thanks for our contributions during the past year to 'Matthew 25', an Eastbourne charity which supports the homeless and needy in the town.

Parish Diaries for 2019 are available at the back of the Church. Suggested donation £1.

Cleaning Rota. A new cleaning rota is available for those who clean Christ the King Church.

