

	Feast of the Holy Family	Mass Intentions
Saturday 29th December	10.00am Our Lady of Ransom Confessions : 9.00-10am (Christ the King) 5.00pm Christ the King	Anne Hudson RIP
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Sunday 30th December	9.30am St Joachim 11.30am Christ the King 4.00pm St Agnes	Peter Williams (RIP)
Monday 31st December	10.00am. Christ the King 7.30pm Our Lady of Ransom	Keshia de la Motte RIP
Tuesday 1st January 2019 Mary Mother of God	10.00am. Christ the King	Philip & Cynthia Bergin & Family
Wednesday 2nd January Ss Basil & Gregory	10.00am St Joachim	Fr Christopher Bergin
Thursday 3rd January Holy Name of Jesus	10.00am Christ the King	Patricia Hay-Will
Friday 4th January	10.00am Christ the King	Frs Raglan & Tristan
Saturday 5th January Epiphany	10.00am Our Lady of Ransom Confessions - Christ the King : 9-10am 5pm Christ the King	Tony Crouch RIP
Sunday 6th January Epiphany	9.30 am St Joachim 11.30am Christ the King 4.00pm St Agnes	Ella Smitherman RIP Les Mercy RIP (M.Brady)



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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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Readings at Mass: 1Sam.1:20-28; 1John 3:1-2,21-24; Luke 2:41-52.

Response to the Psalm : They are happy who dwell in your house, Lord.

Dear friends,

The focus is upon the family as imaged in the Holy Family. The Holy Family models for us something of the divine will, that we should all be part of the family of God.

The extended family has since humans have existed been the foundation of society from within which children are born and nurtured. One might be forgiven for thinking that the shape of the family is a rather outmoded model for modern living as we are told there are numerous variations of what 'family' can look like today.

The traditional family is almost at the point of being despised by wider society as a whole. There are many reasons for this but a major contributing factor has been the accepted use, even by most catholics, of contraception. Contraception has had the effect of disconnecting sexual intercourse from procreation as if the two have little to do with each other. It is why there is often shock and surprise at an unexpected pregnancy and a greater recourse to abortion.

We have also universally accepted a 'try before you buy' attitude to marriage, with the majority of couples living together before marrying.

The Holy Family challenges all these now cultural norms that have been accepted since the 60's and the 'free love' generation. It points us towards the inner life of God and how the family is called to be a domestic church within which life is conceived and nurtured. When the Domestic church fails so does the community of faith and society as a whole. Blessings Fr Neil

Next Sunday's Readings : Isaiah 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12.

200 Club

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

November

202 - Mrs M Crouch
103 - Mrs M Crouch
172 - John Carmody
80 - Elizabeth Taylor

December

52 - Parish number
175 - John Carmody
165 - Mrs Mary Robertson
198 - Valerie Danemann
194 - Chris Mockett
214 - Mr G Gibson

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, 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.

Those who have died :

Roy Dare

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. Contact Frank on 01323-655605 or f.hennelly@sky.com.

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 :

Sunday CTK : £415.91

Christmas CTK: £1117.00

Sunday St Jo's : £161.40

Christmas St Jo's: £777.44

Average weekly standing order

CTK : £ 180

St Jo's : £170

Mass Attendance :

Sunday CTK : 274

All Services Xmas CTK: 443

Sunday St Jo's : 126

All Services Xmas St Jo's: 250

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

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.

Happy New Year to all parishioners. May God bless you and your families in the year ahead.

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.

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.

The Knights of St Columba and SPUC have launched a year long Rosary for the unborn. They ask you all to begin on 28 December, Holy Innocents Day, and pray for those facing a crisis pregnancy at this time.

All the clergy would like to thank the parishioners for their generosity, kindness and support over the Christmas period, for their gifts, cards and best wishes. Many thanks, too, to those who helped out in any way over the Christmas season - cleaners, flower arrangers, servers, musicians, choirs, readers, ministers.

The A and B News ; The diocesan newspaper is available, free of charge. Please take a copy.

