

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Thomas Merton, the renowned Cistercian monk, in his book of reflections on Advent and Christmas, describes Advent as the 'sacrament' of the PRESENCE of God in His world, in the Mystery of Christ at work in history. This mystery is revealed to us through his incarnate Son.

For many of us mere mortals it is a mystery beyond our understanding, but we must nevertheless try to be always open to God's call in our daily lives, for that is how he reveals Himself to us. This is not always easy, as life with its many pressures and demands causes our minds to stray from focusing on the mystery that is Christ.

But during Advent we have the opportunity to refocus and prepare ourselves for the Mystery that Thomas Merton describes, and it is important that we do this. Not by weak and notional gestures to our God but instead by allowing ourselves to be completely open to Him, placing ourselves in a state of metanoia and by laying ourselves bare before him in humility, acknowledging how *He must increase while we decrease*.

The coming of Christ and the birth of Jesus leads mankind to light and away from darkness. Let us pray not to allow the darkness that so often surrounds our lives leading us away from that light the Christ has brought to this world.

By opening our hearts to Him may we find His Mystical Presence that is within our hidden selves.

With every blessing, Deacon Eugene.

Prayer Before Mass All are welcome on the last Sunday of each month to the Chapel of Our Lady at Christ the King at 10.15. In Advent, we will meet for the Prayer every Sunday, i.e. on the 8th, 15th and 22nd December.

Advent Talks. Fr Neil and Fr Thomas will be talking about the 12 steps to humility of St Benedict on the Mondays of Advent after the 10am Mass in the parish room: Dec 9th/16th. On the Wednesdays of Advent, Fr Neil will be giving an introduction to the gospel of Matthew after the 10.00am Mass at St Joachim's; copies of the gospel will be available for the sessions.

Matthew 25 would be pleased to receive Christmas treats for the needy. The box is at the back of Christ The King church. All contributions appreciated.

Used stamps. Please hand in any use stamps over the Christmas period. They can be recycled and any money raised will go towards cancer research. There is a box at the back of Christ the King church.

NEW GROUPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

I am excited to announce the launch of two new groups, one aimed at young people in school Years 6-7, and the other - the Lumen Christi group - for those in Years 9, 10 and 11 (both run in conjunction with Our Lady of Ransom). Lumen Christi will launch with a retreat at Worth Abbey from **Friday 31st January – Sunday 2nd February**. Lumen Christi will also form the route through which teenagers may receive preparation for Confirmation.

Advent lunches will continue at Christ the King after 12noon Mass on 20th December. Money raised will go to CAFOD. Please note there is no lunch next Friday 13th December because of the funeral.

Advent Groups. There will be a group meeting in Christ the King parish room on Thursday Dec 12/19th 11.00am-12.30pm. All welcome. Contact -johnmh22@outlook.com or phone 726334.

Matthew 25 Christmas Fair. Saturday December 14th, 10am-2pm at Brodie Hall, Christ Church, Seaside. Entrance free but donations would be appreciated.

Advent booklets. There are Advent booklets available for infant and junior children. They have prayers and thoughts for Advent to help children prepare for Christmas.

James Douds' funeral is on Friday 13th December at Christ the King at 12noon. We also pray for Cordus Frietas and Jim Edwards who died recently. RIP.

Christmas Pointsettia Sale. Don't forget next week's Knights of St Columba 'Christmas Pointsettia Sale' fundraiser. Please help the Knights by buying a poinsettia next Sunday after Mass to help us to carry out our charitable work.

Advent Reconciliation Service. Our parish reconciliation service will be on 18th December at 7.30pm in Christ the King church. There will be visiting priests hearing confessions.

The Knights of St Columba will meet on Wednesday 11 December at 3pm at St Wilfrid's Church, Hailsham (in the small hall). All Catholic men are welcome to come. The Knights and SPUC thank all those who have been praying the Rosary for the unborn during the past year. Please continue to pray for this intention and we ask everyone across the country to especially pray on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on 28th December, after the Angelus at 12 noon.

Parish Christmas meal on Dec 12th. Please meet at the Moorings at 2.15pm.

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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.**
Tel. 01323 760048

Parish Hall Bookings
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**website [https://
christthekingchurch.org.uk](https://christthekingchurch.org.uk)**

**Facebook page: Christ The King with St
Joachim, Eastbourne**

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.

Last Sunday's Offertory :

CTK. : £368.67

St Jo's : £158.91

Average Weekly Standing Order :

CTK : £180

St Jo's : £170

Mass Attendance :

CTK : 230

St Jo's : 121

Eucharistic Adoration

St Joachim :

Wed 9-10am

Christ the King :

Thursday : 7-8.00pm

Fri : 1.00pm-7.00pm

Sat : 9-10am

	Second Sunday of Advent	Mass Intentions
Saturday December 7th St Ambrose	Confessions : 9-10am (CTK) 10.00am. Christ the King 5.00pm Christ the King	Mass Ted Sutherland RIP
Sunday December 8th	9.30am St Joachim	Mass
Second Sunday of Advent	11.30am Christ the King 4.00pm St Agnes	Mass Divine Worship
Monday December 9th Immaculate Conception	10.00am Christ the King 7.30pm Our Lady of Ransom	John Devlin RIP Divine Worship
Tuesday December 10th	7.30am Christ the King	Private intention
Wednesday December 11th	9.00am St Joachim 10.00am St Joachim	Exposition Ian Platt RIP
Thursday December 12th St Lucy	7.00pm Christ the King 8.00pm Christ the King	Exposition Divine Worship
Friday December 13th	12noon Christ the King	Requiem : James Douds
Saturday December 14th St John of the Cross	Confessions : 9-10.00am (CTK) 5.00pm Christ the King	Geraghty family
Sunday Dec 15th 3rd Sunday of Sunday	9.30am St Joachim 11.30am Christ the King 4.00pm St Agnes	Mass Mass Divine Worship

People we have been asked to pray for :

Chris Gimmons, Don Wilkins,
Mary Bateman, Thelma
Kemp, Stuart McCarthy, Sheila
Douds, Helena Sagnelia, Peter Sollis,
Frankie Farrell, Daisy Kelly, Sue & Mick
O'Driscoll, Eddie Burke, Rene Cook, Gill
Cooke, Jan Blake, Sandra McMeekin,
David Dwyer, Eileen Kehoe, Diana Smith,
Pat Raper, Colleen Stock, Sr Mary Keiley,
Charles El Mawas, Jane Hollands, Kirina
Blaty, Moira Morrison

For those who have died : James Douds,
Jim Edwards, Cordus Frietas who died
recently, and for all our deceased relatives
and friends. RIP



200 Club

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

October
30. Ilona Hollands
34. R.P. Sherlock
88. Geoffrey Blake
170. Parish Number

November
38. Debbie Adams
80. Beth Taylor
84 Faith Holland
135 Linda Mohl