

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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“She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus...”

Dear friends,
It has struck me this year more than most how all our readings seem to constantly repeat, especially in gospel according to Matthew, how this mystery of the Nativity was to fulfil a purpose promised long ago. Isaiah, ‘The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden shall be with child.’

The clue to what that purpose is is revealed in the name that the archangel Gabriel repeats to both Mary, in Luke, and Joseph in Matthew. They are both told quite clearly that the boy born to Mary must be named Jesus, the same name as Joshua in the Old Testament, and it means Saviour.

However, we need to ask; What are we to be saved from and how? Gabriel in his announcement to Joseph states, “he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.” At the very basic level sin is anything that separates and stands in the way of our relationship with God. The longing of the human heart is to know the embrace of our Heavenly Father. Sin has caused a rupture with that communion of being we are made for - the enfolding love of the Lord.

Alienation since the Fall has been our normal mode of operation, but God would not abandon us and a part of the ‘how we are saved’ is found in the second title of Jesus as Emmanuel - ‘God is with us.’ Our salvation by the Saviour didn’t begin at the Cross but was set into motion at the Incarnation. God shares in our humanity that we might be able to share in his divinity. The babe in Bethlehem, the house of bread, reconciles in himself heaven and earth. The beginning of this mystery of our journey of salvation found in the new born baby in the crib, seems to me something worth celebrating!
Blessings Fr Neil

Prayer Before Mass The next meeting will be at 10.15am on 22nd December in the Lady chapel at Christ the King; all welcome. Our next meeting will be on the last Sunday of the month, i.e January 26th.

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.

Knights of St Columba wish to thank all for their participation in the Christmas Pointsettia sale. It was a great success - over 122 sold- which means we can make a substantial donation to Children with Cancer.

Diocesan Directories for 2020 are available at the back of the church. They contain information about priests, deacons, parishes, convents, schools and Mass times in our diocese. Price : £5.

Christmas Mass times

Christ the King

24th December

4.30pm Children’s Xmas Liturgy

9.00pm First Mass of Christmas

11.30pm Midnight Mass (Divine Worship)

25th December

11.00am Mass

St Joachim

24th December

6.30pm First Mass of Christmas (with Children’s liturgy)

25th December

10.00am Mass

Lumen Christi group: for those teenagers in Years 9, 10 and 11 wishing to explore the faith and perhaps seek Confirmation. Applications for the Retreat must be handed in by 31st December. The first meeting (with parents) is on Friday 10th January at 7:30pm at St Agnes.

Pantomime : This year’s performance is Robinson Crusoe - a great story with all the traditional gags and lots of sing-along songs to gladden every heart. Performances will be on Saturday 25th Jan at 7.00pm, Sunday 26th Jan at 3.00pm. Tickets : £5 adults, £2 children under 14, on sale this weekend after Mass at Christ the King and St Jo’s. Also by calling Chris and Julia : 01323.507712.

Advent Prayer for Young Adults and Students: Sunday 22 December at Our Lady of Ransom. 7.30pm - Sung Mass (Extraordinary Form)
8.30pm - Adoration & Confessions
9pm - Mulled wine/hot chocolate
All 18-40 year-olds welcome - please come for the whole evening or for any part of it.

Parish lunch. There will be a lunch after the 11.30 Mass on January 5th; please come along and celebrate the Epiphany and the New Year as a parish. Lunch will be provided - chicken, jacket potato, side salad : £1.50. (£5 per family) Tea and coffee available. There is a list at the back of the church to sign up so we know the numbers.

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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
Enquiries: 01323 760048

website <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. : £268.73
St Jo’s : £200.48
Average Weekly Standing Order :
CTK : £180
St Jo’s : £170

Mass Attendance :
CTK. : 184
St Jo’s : 104

Eucharistic Adoration
St Joachim :
Wed 9-10am

Christ the King :
Thursday : 7-8.00pm
Fri : 1.00pm-7.00pm
Sat : 9-10am

	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Mass Intentions
Saturday December 21st	Confessions : 9-10am (CTK) 5.00pm Christ the King	Tony Crouch RIP
Sunday December 22nd	8.00am. Christ the King 9.30am St Joachim	Private Intention Good estate of Denis Lineham
Fourth Sunday of Advent	11.30am Christ the King 4.00pm St Agnes	McDonagh & Lyon families Divine Worship
Monday December 23rd	10.00am Christ the King 7.30pm Our Lady of Ransom	Mass Divine Worship
Tuesday December 24th	7.30am Christ the King 4.30pm Children’s Lit. CTK 6.30pm St Joachim 9.00pm. Christ the King 11.30pm Christ the King	Private intention First Mass of Christmas Marjorie Worsley RIP Midnight Mass (Divine Worship)
Wednesday December 25th Christmas Day	10.00am. St Joachim 11.00am. Christ the King	Mass Mass
Thursday December 26th St Stephen	10.00am. Christ the King	Mass
Friday December 27th St John	10.00am. Christ the King	Mass
Saturday December 28th Holy Innocents	Confessions : 9-10.00am (CTK) 5.00pm Christ the King	Mass
Sunday Dec 29th Feast of the Holy Family	9.30am St Joachim 11.30am Christ the King 4.00pm St Agnes	Mass Mass Divine Worship

We 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 the deceased. Patrick Bowker, recently dead, & for all our deceased relatives relatives & friends RIP



200 Club

Supports the Sisters of Mercy in Kenya, and The Infant Jesus Sisters in Nigeria

December
47 Corazon Felicitas (£50)
82 Eileen Neil (£50)
37 Eugene Adams (£25)
197 Marie Williams (£25)
65 Peggy Welsh (£25)
53. David Hellicar (£25)