

## The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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Dear Friends,

A reflection by Fr Scott Hahn

Jesus exaggerates in today's Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He will come again. He occasionally makes such overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss. His point here is that the exact "hour" is not important. What is crucial is that we not postpone our repentance, that we be ready for Him—spiritually and morally—when He comes. For He will surely come, He tells us—like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah. In today's Epistle, Paul too compares the present age to a time of advancing darkness and night. Though we sit in the darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light of our Lord who has come into our midst. He is the true light, the life of the world. And His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem. From the Church goes forth His word of instruction, the light of the Lord—that all might walk in His paths toward that eternal day when night will be no more. By our Baptism we have been made children of the light and day. It is time we start living like it—throwing off the fruitless works of darkness, the desires of the flesh, and walking by the light of His grace.

Blessing, Fr Neil

**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 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December.

**Caretaker.** St Thomas a Becket School is looking to appoint a permanent caretaker. Please see notice at the back of the Church.

**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 2nd/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.

**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). The Year 6-7 group will meet for fun activities regularly throughout the year, beginning with a **film screening on Saturday November 30th from 2.30pm till 5.30pm**. 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 take place at Christ the King after 12noon Mass on 6th, 13th, 20th December. Money raised will go to CAFOD.

**Parish Christmas Childrens'** party will be on Sunday 8th December after the 11.30am Mass.

**Feast of Title/30th Anniversary.** Thanks to all who came to the parish celebration last Sunday. It was great occasion with over 100 people enjoying an excellent shared meal. We are planning to have another brunch on January 5th, the feast of the Epiphany.

**Advent Groups.** There will be a group meeting in Christ the King parish room on Thursday Dec 5/12/19, 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. Cake stall, ideas for Christmas gifts, raffie. Refreshments available. All profits go towards feeding the homeless and the vulnerable locally.

**Bishop Richard** has sent a pastoral letter for Advent; a CD will be played at Masses this weekend. There is a printed version available at the back of the church.

**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.

**Patcham Silver Band** are having a Christmas concert at Patcham Methodist Church on December 8th at 2.30pm. See the poster at the back of the Church.

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

**Parish Clergy:**  
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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](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. : £296.05  
St Jo's : £181.81  
**Average Weekly Standing Order :**  
CTK : £180  
St Jo's : £170

**Mass Attendance :**  
CTK : 235  
St Jo's : 151

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
St Joachim :  
Wed 9-10am

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

	First Sunday of Advent	Mass Intentions
<b>Saturday November 30th</b>	<b>Confessions : 9-10am (CTK)</b>  5.00pm Christ the King	James & Emma Moulding RIP
<b>Sunday December 1st</b>	9.30am St Joachim	Becky
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	11.30am Christ the King	Eileen Neil RIP
	4.00pm St Agnes	Divine Worship
<b>Monday December 2nd</b>	10.00am Christ the King	Hermes
	7.30pm Our Lady of Ransom	Divine Worship
<b>Tuesday December 3rd St Francis Xavier</b>	7.30am Christ the King	Valeria
<b>Wednesday December 4th St John Damascene</b>	9.00am St Joachim 10.00am St Joachim	Exposition Mass
<b>Thursday December 5th</b>	7.00pm Christ the King 8.00pm Christ the King	Exposition Diarmuid & Bernadette McCormack
<b>Friday December 6th</b>	12noon Christ the King	Helena Sagnella
<b>St Nicholas</b>		
<b>Saturday December 7th St Ambrose</b>	<b>Confessions : 9-10.00am (CTK)</b> 10.00am Christ the King 5.00pm Christ the King	Mass Ted Sutherland RIP
<b>Sunday Dec 8th 2nd Sunday of Sunday</b>	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 Sagnella, 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,  
Nelius Donovan, Eileen Neil, Jesse  
Thompson, Lawrence Spencer, 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