

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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“I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets...but to complete them.”

Dear Friends,

There is a deep mystery to God's self revelation and his call upon us to life. The revealing of God is shown clearly in the law and through the prophets long before the Incarnation.

For example, the 10 Commandments stubbornly refuse to go away and become irrelevant. Somehow, despite our modern sophistication they speak to the heart of humanity and call us to acknowledge that a life following the commandments can be nothing other than a good and holy one. Of course the rub is that they have the annoying habit of also showing us where we go wrong and need to put things right.

The law of the Lord consistently seeks to point us into the way of life which is towards God himself. No wonder Jesus said he wasn't about to abolish the law which is the very thing that directs us towards him. Indeed he states he has come to complete them and toward that end his whole ministry is directed.

Jesus is God made flesh and reveals more clearly everything the law and the prophets anticipated. Nowhere is the mind of God clearer than in the words and actions of Jesus. Therefore it is important that we listen to what Jesus has to say and what he goes on to do. Here in the Sermon on the Mount Jesus is unfolding the deeper meaning of the law, its call to holiness and what that looks like in practice.

“Your righteousness must exceed that of the pharisees”, Jesus says. Surely that is impossible? Our righteousness will only exceed that of the Pharisees once we realise the key is love. Love can make us do extraordinary things and a heart devoted in love to God is the raw ingredient needed to make saints. Our Blessed Lady is a perfect example of what is possible but perhaps first we have to grasp more clearly the depth of God's love for us. ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.’ (John 3:16)

Every Blessing, Fr Neil

Prayer Before Mass All welcome to the Lady chapel at Christ the King at 10.15am. We will meet next on Sunday 23rd February.

Newman Association. There is a meeting at Christ the King parish room on February 18th, 7.00 for 7.30pm-9.00pm. Topic : ‘Mercy and the Migrant Crisis’. Speaker : Georgia Clarke from Catholic Voices. All welcome.

Annual Catholic Men's pilgrimage to Walsingham. On April 19th, from 9.30am; for more information, visit www.catholicmenspilgrimage.uk.

Applications for Lourdes 2020 are live!

The online application form for those applying as a pilgrim who needs no assistance, ring 01403 740110. If you would like to come to Lourdes as an Assisted Pilgrim, please contact the Pilgrimage Office who will post a form to you; Email: office@ablourdes.org. T: 01403 740110

Readers' Meeting. There will be meeting on February 22nd at Christ the King church, 10.30-11.00ish. This is a meeting for readers at both churches.

Lenten Small Groups. Anyone interested in joining a small group for prayer and reflection on scripture readings during Lent please contact John Carmody at johnmh22@outlook.com or tel 01323 726334.

Holy Rood Church has at last been sold. We will be moving the font and altars to Christ the King to mark the continuity of the Catholic Church in this area; to facilitate this, the repository and parish library are being relocated. Please be patient with us over the next few months as we reorder various parts of the church. You are welcome to browse through the religious books in the porch and help yourself.

During the remainder of February, you are invited to remember your baby, who may have been born too early. Cards have been provided if you would like to place one on the memorial tree in the Lady chapel with your child's name on it. All families that have lost a young child are welcome to do the same. On the last Sunday in February, during the 10.15 prayer meeting, a decade of the Rosary will be said in remembrance of our lost children/ babies.

A gentle reminder that pancakes will be on sale after the 11.30 Mass on 23rd February. If we are lucky, we may see our clergy challenge each other to a pancake race! All proceeds will go towards parish funds.

Lent is fast approaching. Ash Wednesday is on February 26th; it is day of fasting and abstinence. Stations of the Cross : Fridays at 6.30pm, CTK. Cafod family fast day is on March 6th, envelopes will be available. The Lenten Penitential Service is on 13th March at 7.30pm at CTK. Lenten lunches will be on Fridays after the 12noon Mass. Frs Neil and Thomas will give a lenten talk after Monday 10am Mass, continuing the theme of 12 steps of humility of St Benedict.

Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary. England has been called the Dowry of Mary since 1381, showing the strong devotion of the English to the Mother of God. The Bishops of England have decided to rededicate our country to the care and protection of Our Lady. The rededication is taking place on March 29th, the Sunday after the Solemnity of the Annunciation. There will be 30 days of prayer to prepare us for this event, starting on Feb 29th.

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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. : £

St Jo's : £175.72

Average Weekly Standing Order :

CTK : £180

St Jo's : £170

Mass Attendance :

CTK : 201

St Jo's : 94

Eucharistic Adoration

St Joachim :

Wed 9-10am

Christ the King :

Thursday : 7-8.00pm

Fri : 1.00pm-7.00pm

Sat : 9-10am

	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
Saturday February 15th	Confessions : 9-10am (CTK) 5.00pm Christ the King	Fr David Rhys RIP
Sunday February 16th	9.30am St Joachim	Constance Barber RIP
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am Christ the King 4.00pm St Agnes	Thomas Cusak RIP Divine Worship
Monday February 17th	10.00am Christ the King 7.30pm Our Lady of Ransom	Romani de La Motte Divine Worship
Tuesday February 18th	7.30am Christ the King	Fr Simon Dray
Wednesday February 19th	9.00am St Joachim 10.00am St Joachim	Exposition Edward Echlin RIP
Thursday February 20th	7.00pm Christ the King 8.00pm Christ the King	Exposition Brian Hitcisson RIP
Friday February 21st St Robert Southwell	12noon Christ the King	Fr Gerard Hatton
Saturday February 22nd Chair of St Peter	Confessions : 9-10.00am (CTK) 5.00pm Christ the King	Janet Clancy
Sunday February 23rd	8.00am Christ the King 9.30am St Joachim 11.30am Christ the King	Thanksgiving Simon Farrant RIP Anne Kelly RIP
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4.00pm St Agnes	Divine Worship

We pray for : Chris Gimmons, Don Wilkins, Mary Bateman, Thelma Kemp, Stuart McCarthy, Sheila Douds, Helena Sagnelia, Peter and Pauline 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, Irene Adams, For the deceased. Angie Spinelli (Fr Spinelli's mother), Anacleto Lamela, & for all our deceased relatives & friends

200 Club

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

February Winners
52. Parish
53 David Hellicar
76. Fr Neil
218. Janet Platt