

## The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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### PASTORAL MESSAGE 24th March 2020

Dear brothers and sisters,

Following the Government announcement yesterday, mandating the closure of places of worship, I have informed all our parish priests that, with immediate effect, all churches, halls and associated facilities must be closed until further notice.

This requirement has been made with a heavy heart, for I am very conscious of the importance of our churches for all of us. They are places where we celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacraments and hear the Word of God proclaimed and explained. They are places of prayer, reflection, rest and peace. They are places where we gather as communities, offering a welcome to so many.

This closure comes at a very difficult time for us all, but it is vital that we work with everyone else in society to do everything we can to respond to the crisis caused by the Coronavirus, Covid-19. The more effective we are in observing the present restrictions, the more effective will be the response.

It goes without saying that it is very difficult for us not to be able to join in the celebration of the Eucharist. The fact that Masses are being celebrated day by day in all our churches – albeit behind locked doors – will, I know, be a comfort to us all. The Mass reaches beyond those closed doors, for the whole world, together with the angels and saints, is present whenever the Eucharist is celebrated.

Join in these celebrations through live-streaming whenever you can. The churches providing this service are listed on the Diocesan Website and information is also available on e-news. If you are not signed up to our Diocesan e-news, please do so now.

I cannot encourage you strongly enough to continue your lives of prayer and your reflection on the Scriptures. Pray the Rosary and, in this Season of Lent, reflect on the Stations of the Cross. There are many resources available on-line.

Many of you will have taken part in the Nation-wide moment of prayer on Saturday-last. I call on you all to join in this practice each week; the lighted candles in your windows offering a beacon of hope to others.

Know, too, that the Lord is with us on this difficult stage of our journey. He never leaves us and – perhaps as never before – we are called upon to follow Him, persevering in faith, hope and love for the good of all.

May Mary, the Mother of Christ and our Mother too, intercede for us.

Be assured of my own prayers for you all, especially those who are affected personally by the Coronavirus and all working in healthcare in our hospitals and communities.

With every Blessing,



Dear Friends,

I once promised some parishioners that I would keep saying the same homily each week until we had together begun to put into practice that which the Lord has called us to do.

Our faith is in so many ways is a simple faith with its guiding principles summarised by Our Lord Jesus when he said Love God with all that you have and to love your neighbour as yourself.

In many ways all homilies are really meant to be an exploration of these two great commandments. In our present crisis the visible sign of our love of God is the manner in which we treat our 'neighbour'. We must at this time think of 'our neighbour' especially those most vulnerable. The clergy will not remember everyone at this time and a phone call can make all the difference to a person alone. Please can you think of one or two people who might need a friendly ring or some practical help which either you can help with or pass the details onto myself or Fr Thomas. With all my prayers Fr Neil

### Money Matters

We live in extraordinary times with being unable to access so much of what we have taken for granted and though would be always available to us. Who would have thought that we would see public masses suspended and churches closed? Normal life has ceased for the time being. Businesses and non-essential shops are closed. We cannot meet up with our friends for coffee and cake. There are many businesses that are seeing their trade collapse to a point that many wonder if they will be in existence after this crisis is over. People are having to take mortgage and rental breaks for the next 3 months to try and survive financially. Those who help feed the homeless and the good work of the Foodbank are also being effected quite dramatically. All of which should be a concern for us all.

More than one person has asked about the church's finances. Inevitably the church will with others take a big hit on its finances and its ability to pay its way in the short term. Those who normally do their giving through the plate collection obviously aren't able to at the moment. The loss of this income equals to about £2,000 a month across CTK and St Jo's. This may not be so dramatic if some are able to find another means of contributing to the churches.

Those who are able to get to the bank or have internet access to their accounts can set up a standing order and the bank details below will help. Other may like to send cheques to the office at 3 Princes Road for either church. Cheques can be made out to either :

Christ the King, Catholic Church, Eastbourne,  
St Joachim's Catholic Church, Hampden Park,  
Eastbourne

Bank details:

A&B Diocesan Trust, Eastbourne, Langney, Christ the King. Sort Code 40-05-20

Account No 91127012

A&B Diocesan Trust, Hampden Park, St Joachim's. Sort Code 40-05-20. Account No 51077058

I am aware that people should be cautious and this post is offered because people have been enquiring about the issue.

Prayers and blessings

Fr Neil

### Mass Intentions

Intentions for mass can still be offered as mass each day will be said by both priests, but in private. If you want an intention for the mass for any reason, either email, post or phone the office.

**Parish Clergy:**  
**Fr.Neil Chatfield**  
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**emergency 07718123304**  
**[priest.ctl@icloud.com](mailto:priest.ctl@icloud.com)**

**Fr. Thomas Mason**  
**Tel. 01323 760048**  
**[fr.thomas.mason@gmail.com](mailto:fr.thomas.mason@gmail.com)**

**Rev'd Deacon Eugene Adams**  
**Tel. 07917276140**  
**[revdeacon@icloud.com](mailto:revdeacon@icloud.com)**

**For enquiries for baptism, first**  
**communion, confirmation, and marriages**  
**ring the office. Tel. 01323 760048**

**Parish Hall Bookings**  
**Enquiries: 01323 760048**

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

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

### RESOURCES PAGE

Here are few resources to help you feed your spiritual life in these difficult times. I will be adding to them as time goes on. Once the builders have finished I will be recording and using Facebook live to make available the celebration of the mass. These will be a variety of both Novus Ordo and Divine Worship. Please check into the parish Facebook page to look out for details.

A sample of what is possible is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/eastbourneordinate-yt>

You can access the A&B diocesan paper via the link below <http://www.churchpaper.co.uk/>

Also for resources for Lent in Isolation - See <https://www.lentinisolation.com/>  
To join saying the Rosary 8pm each day:  
Click on the link to join online:  
<https://zoom.us/j/847775958>

Fr Tristan is posting a daily reflection on the psalms, linked to his parish website. (Don't worry, he's not using the same irritating music every day) Feel free to share the link. <http://ourladyofransom.org.uk/daily-meditations-on-the-psalms/>

Scott Hahn, an American Catholic biblical scholar has made free his study online, Mass and the Scriptures: this indeed might an opportune time to have a deeper reflection on the mass. <https://stpaulcenter.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2105b9ae357c6e5425a6abcf9&id=3f2c855597&e=323229ced9>

	5th Sunday in Lent	Mass Intentions
<b>Saturday March 28th</b>	<b>5.00pm Facebook Live</b>	John & Kathleen Geraghty RIP
<b>Sunday March 29th</b> <b>5th Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>11.30 Divine Worship live streaming</b>	
<b>Monday March 30th</b>	<b>7.30pm Facebook live Divine Worship</b>	
<b>Tuesday March 31st</b>	<b>7.30am Mass</b>	Latin Mass
<b>Wednesday April 1st</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	For Godchildren : Julia, Natalia, Anthony, Patrick
<b>Thursday April 2nd</b>	<b>6.30pm Mass Facebook live</b> <b>7.00pm Adoration Facebook live</b>	
<b>Friday April 3rd</b>	<b>12noon Mass Facebook live</b>	Fr John Pearson RIP
<b>Saturday April 4th</b>	<b>5pm Facebook live</b>	Dermot Neilan RIP
<b>Sunday April 5th</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>11.30am Divine Worship live streaming</b>	

### Mass via the Web and Social Media

A mass will be said everyday by both priests and from next week 6 out of 7 days it should be available to follow live or to play back at a time that suits you.

Most will be done via Facebook live. We are also experiencing with better quality live streaming via the website,

These masses will be a variety of Novus Ordo (usual) and Divine Worship. They will be recorded in a variety of locations. Please bear with us as we try our best in difficult circumstances to provide as best we can access to visually seeing the mass and make spiritual communion even though you cannot attend in person.

Facebook live will be by the parish facebook page and the Eastbourne Ordinate Facebook page. Please like and follow both!

**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,



**For the deceased - Irene Adams, Archbishop Peter Smith, Juan-Jose Arto, Fr David Rea** who have died recently, and for all our deceased relatives & friends. RIP

**Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary.** The rededication is taking place next Sunday, 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.

