

# The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

Dear Friends,

Cardinal Robert Sarah was asked about the present crisis that seems to be touching much of the world.

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To summarise his response, he basically said that: 'The sense of humanities self confidence and certainty, the thought that we were master of all that we survey, our certainty of economic growth, that we could control all things and more assertively boast of our independence of any other, has been shaken to the core.'

This illusion has been shattered by a tiny virus. This small virus has woken us up rudely to the reality of our vulnerability. Life is beautiful, vibrant, and full of possibilities but is also fragile and fleeting. This virus has brought us face to face with the reality of our need of interdependence in the light of our mortality.'

Without God life becomes hollow, a fleeting moment that could be snatched away at any time. This sense of despair has the tendency to lead to hedonism, selfishness and fatalism.

We have had to face the fact that death is a certainty that none of us can escape. Our only hope is to acknowledge our need and dependence on God. In God alone are we able to face death and make sense of the otherwise meaninglessness of human existence. He is our Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, all life flows from God and returns to him.

Christ has shown in our celebrations over this Holy Week and Eastertide, that he alone has been able to face death and overcome it. The bodily resurrection of the God/man Jesus, reveals that death is unable to contain or withhold him. In fact our Lord's entering into the place of the dead was to bring to liberty those held in the captivity of death.

It is Jesus who has risen again and leads the way for those who look towards him. It is in the acknowledgement of our need of union and dependency upon him that begins to shine a light of understanding and hope in the midst of such a crisis that we face.

As St Paul so powerfully puts it in Romans 8:35-39

'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?  
As it is written, " For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."  
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

Prayers Fr Neil

## LIVE- STREAMING FROM THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY

In addition to the regular programme there will be the following:

**AN EIGHT DAY RETREAT**  
Monsignor John Armitage will lead an Eight Day Retreat. This will start after Compline at 8pm on Sunday 19th April and finish on Sunday 26th April. Details of the retreat programme are given on the Shrine website: [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

## CATECHESIS

The Shrine is very grateful to Father Stephen Wang for allowing us to use his Sycamore Program. We shall be showing the 20 half hour videos, starting on Monday 27th April. They will be shown at 10.30am and 4.00pm each day.

## Live streaming of Mass in the Parish

Given the ongoing crisis the mass will be streamed live on Facebook 10.00am Monday to Friday, Saturday 5pm and Sunday 11.30am. The two pages that mass will alternately be on is 'Christ The King with St Joachim, Eastbourne' and 'Eastbourne Ordinariate'.

We are hoping to put some, if not all, the masses on the Eastbourne Ordinariate YouTube channel soon after

their live broadcast. Sunday at 11.30am will be streamed direct to this YouTube channel.

## Magnificat

Many have the Magnificat booklet which is excellent for following the mass and with articles of interest. The Magnificat has been made free online for those with the tech. Here's the link below.

<https://us.magnificat.net/home/free-online>

## 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** -who have died recently: William O'Donnell, Johnnie O'Hara, Kathy Lewis, Bill Groves, Shirley Bollard. and for all our deceased relatives & friends. RIP

## 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.

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