

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

**I will pray the Father,
and he will give you
another Counsellor, to
be with you for ever.**

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Dear friends,
In his Resurrection, Christ ends one era but also opens a new era. The era where we are kept away from God, where our sins place a blockage between us and Him, where we are stuck with only our own resources to bridge that gap (which we cannot even begin to do) – that era is done away with. The new era is one where we can approach God, where we can be at peace with him in a relationship of love – where our sins can be cleansed and forgiven. But this is not just an event; it isn't a one-off reconciliation with God, it is the beginning of a new relationship with Him, a relationship which will continue – indeed it will continue for ever. For that relationship to continue for ever, we need help and fortunately God is more than willing to give us that help.

The time straight after the resurrection, when Christ was reunited with his Apostles, was a particularly blessed time for them – they had chance to meet with him, to have all of their sorrows done away with, to be prepared for the mission of carrying his Name to the ends of the world. But it was also a short time, and a time which had to come to an end. Christ was still on a journey – a journey which had brought him back from death into new life, but a journey which was to continue as he ascended into heaven – the Ascension which we celebrate this Thursday.

But the Ascension is not just the end of Christ's personal ministry on earth, it is a prelude to the new ministry of the Holy Spirit. Christ promises his apostles before his ascension that they will not be left alone – that they will have support, guidance, power from on high. That promise is fulfilled on Pentecost when the gift of the Holy Spirit's presence among them begins. A gift which continues to this very day, and will continue in the Church until that final day when Christ returns to bring an end to all of history.

This presence of the Holy Spirit is to give us the strength to accomplish the mission which Christ has for us. That mission is, first of all, to be faithful to him. To keep his commandments, to show our love for God by listening to his word and striving to make it the centre of our lives. In Christ's death and resurrection we were set free from sin,

and today he reminds us that we are to leave it behind us – to journey on with freedom from sin, freedom from our past – if we love him, we will keep his commandments – and the Holy Spirit is given to us to help in this journey. He never pretends that this is easy, this is why we have our helper, our counsellor, in the Holy Spirit. It isn't the easy path – but it is the path to our eternal happiness, it is the path which leads us to God. As we celebrate the ascension of Christ on Thursday, let us join with those first followers of Christ as they prayed for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray that he will aid us to love God, to be faithful to him, and so to come to eternal happiness with him.
Blessings, Fr. Thomas.

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

Bishop Richard's Podcast
<https://vimeo.com/413915450>

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. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday you will find on the 'Christ The King with St Joachim, Eastbourne' page and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday on the 'Eastbourne Ordinariate' page.

Sunday at 11.30am will be streamed direct to the Eastbourne Ordinariate YouTube channel.

Other things of interest

BBC 2 The Pilgrimage, follows 6 celebrities, on a walking pilgrimage to Istanbul. **YouTube** has a film called 'All or Nothing', it's the true story of St Clare Crockett.

Also the **National Theatre** is streaming on demand past productions, this next week is the 'Barber Shop Chronicles'.

Radio 4 each Monday at 4pm has the religious programme, 'Beyond Belief'.

**Live interactive material for
Children provided by CAFOD
each Sunday Morning 10am**

[https://cafod.org.uk/Education/
Children-s-liturg](https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturg)

You have to register (just name and email address) then you get emailed a link to the live webinar. Webinar does need installing onto your browser or download the app for phones/tablets. This is all instructed once you receive the first link. But if it's your first session, I would recommend doing this in advance as not to miss the 10am start.

PE with Joe

For those who continue to have their children at home with them. PE with Joe found on YouTube is a very good 30 minute work out for all the family. It is good for using up some that build up energy that children have first thing in the morning. It is live at 9am Monday to Friday but can be replayed later in the day if it suits your family better.

If you don't have children Joe Wicks also does armchair work outs for seniors and adapted exercise programmes across the generations.

Thursday 21st is Ascension Day

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>

Zoom parish prayer meetings:

We will continue our Sunday morning prayers every Sunday at 10.30am and also we are going to have our Fridays chats including a short evening prayer, on Fridays at 7.00pm.

Meeting ID: 343 302 3105
Password: 340767

If you know someone who would like to join us, but they do not use the internet, it is possible now to join by phone:

Dial from landline:
0203 481 5240 United Kingdom
0131 460 1196 United Kingdom
0203 051 2874 United Kingdom
0203 481 5237 United Kingdom
Meeting ID: 343 302 3105#
Password: 340767

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: Mary Bennett, Terry Maud, Pauline Brangwyn and for all our deceased relatives & friends.

Mary Bennett RIP

Parishioners of the Parish and especially at St Joachim, will be sad to learn that Mary Bennett died during the past week in a Nursing Home in Robertsbridge. Mary was a parishioner at St Joachim's Church for many years and supported it in many ways particularly serving as both Sacristan and Treasurer for many years. Despite her own concerns and sufferings she was always thoughtful of others and kind towards them. Please keep her in your prayers and may she rest in peace.

An online petition for Churches it open for private prayer

<https://www.citizengo.org/en-gb/rt/179408-open-our-churches-and-restore-worship?>

6th Sunday of Easter**Readings at Mass**

.Sunday 17 May 2020

Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading**Acts 8:5-8,14-17**

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles

he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20****Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. R

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. R

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. R

Second reading**1 Peter 3:15-18**

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation**Jn14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel**John 14:15-21**

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate
Jesus said to his disciples:
'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.

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