

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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Dear Friends,

“But who do you say that I am?”

These words from today's gospel marked a defining moment in the relationship between Jesus and his disciples.

You can picture the scene as they walked along the banks of the River Jordan in or around the district of Caesarea Philippi. It would have been perhaps a very hot day and the river may have provided some coolness. They are talking with each other and Jesus is teaching them but he is also anxious to find out what other people were thinking and saying about him and in particular, he is keen to know whether his disciples understood his true identity.

The topic of 'who he is' was raised and they perhaps reflect on the names used to describe him which were many. The disciples say that some people think he is John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets but the reality is no one truly knows because he has yet to reveal his true identity, so the question is confusing "who do you say I am?" Names and titles help us to recognise people and to see how they fit into our lives but on their own, they do little to help us understand a person's inner identity. Very often we can believe that we know someone 'inside out' only to find later on usually after their death, that we don't know them as well as we thought we did.

This is true of Jesus; he had to die before he was truly recognised as God and Saviour. Before that he was a wandering prophet one of many at the time, it is no wonder therefore, why he was described in so many ways. People were trying to explain the mystery that surrounded him.

Our positions in life are clearly defined but this wasn't the case with Jesus because although HE was clear about who he was, others weren't, and for him to leave his legacy of salvation after his death he had to be sure that his disciples understood who he truly was; why he was sent by his Father and what he sacrificial death would mean for the Jewish people and the people of the world.

Jesus' question was not therefore just a casual remark, it was crucial to their understanding of him and his mission and represented a high point, a turning point in their relationship, particularly for

Peter. "You are the Messiah the Son of the living God".

This was the remarkable statement of faith that came from Peter's lips that Jesus was looking for and it is the statement of faith that God expects to come from our lips too because when we accept this truth our Faith takes a turning point in our relationship with God. We become like Jonah converted from disobedience into a faithful people.

Knowing people by their name or title very rarely leads us to understanding a persons identity we have to delve and enquire much further to truly come to know someone and this is particularly true in our relationship with God. If therefore we want to have the faith of Peter and change our lives, we too have to walk with Jesus as his disciples did along the shores of our life and to reflect daily on the sacrifice of the cross and the gift of salvation.

With every blessing, Deacon Eugene

There will be no 9.30am Mass at C.t.K. for the next few weeks. This may be reinstated if numbers require it.

Children's online activities

With the school holidays now taking over from the school lockdown, things may be getting a little challenging in terms of things to keep the youngsters engaged and having fun. So perhaps it's time for sharing some ideas in the cause of parental solidarity .

There are three fantastic packs from Aseel who works in youth ministry in the Guildford Parish which have got loads of activity ideas along with many ways of bringing faith into the summer holidays.

The final site cpg is full of videos, activities and faith. A great resource an a great piece of work from Guildford , I hope you find this useful.

The summer pack for school years 3-6 here: https://www.cpg.church/uploads/3/0/7/1/30716689/fearless_summer_activity_pack.pdf

The summer pack for school years 7-9 here: https://www.cpg.church/uploads/3/0/7/1/30716689/fusion_summer_activity_pack.pdf

[3/0/7/1/30716689/fusion_summer_activity_pack.pdf](https://www.cpg.church/uploads/3/0/7/1/30716689/fusion_summer_activity_pack.pdf)
The family pack here: <https://www.cpg.church/family.html>

CLASSICAL PIANO LESSONS @CTK
Tuition for those just beginning on their musical journey, or the improvers looking to hone their skills, rusty fingers welcome too!

Music study brings joy, teaches discipline, creative thinking, the value of hard work in achieving a goal.

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre." Psalm 92:1-3

First session is free

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CELEBRATIONS OF PUBLIC MASSES IS NOW PERMISSIBLE

There are strict regulations around how we celebrate and receive while keeping people as safe as possible. There is little or no singing, we are able to receive in one kind only, those who receive on the tongue please wait till others have come forward. There is no offertory but a retiring collection. Below are the mass times.

Mon	10am
Tues	7.30am (Latin)
Wed	(10am St. Joachim)
Thur	6pm for adoration mass at 7pm
Fri	12noon after mass adoration till 5pm
Sat CTK	adoration 9-11am
Sat CTK	11am & 5pm
Sun, CTK	11.30am
Sun, St Jo's	9.30am
Sun St Agnes	4pm

Toilets: there will limited access to a single toilet in each church as the toilet will have to be cleaned after each use. The kitchens will not be open or refreshments given until notified otherwise.

Mass Intentions:

22nd Aug Sat 5pm - As announced

23rd Aug 9.30 - The people of the parish

23rd Aug 11.30 - Blazej

24th Aug 10 - Paul

25th Aug 7.30 - Willbald

27th Aug 7 - Deena

28th Aug 12 - Rasto - R.I.P.

29th Aug 5pm - As announced

30th Aug 9.30 - As announced
30th Aug 11.30 - Stephen Graves, R.I.P.

Gift Aid Envelopes at CTK: David Cockett will be handing these out to the individuals that use them rather than leaving them at the back of the church.

The Friday Zoom parish prayer meeting is taking a summer break and will be back at the beginning of September.

We pray for: John Connolly, Chris Gimmons, Don Wilkins, Mary Bateman, Thelma Kemp, Stuart McCarthy, Helena Sagnelia, 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: Sheila Douds, Peter Sollis and Sidonia Camacho and for all our deceased relatives & friends.

Readings at Mass

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 **Isaiah 22:19-23**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David on my servant's shoulder. Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137(138):1-3, 6, 8

Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart: you have heard the words of my mouth.

In the presence of the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love, which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.**R**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R**

Second reading

Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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