

# The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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**“Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God..”**

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is called ‘Gaudete Sunday’ the Latin meaning ‘rejoice’. It is taken from the opening antiphon at this Sunday’s mass. This lightening of mood is also reflected in the colour rose for the vestments and 3rd candle in the advent wreath. St Paul, also tells us in the epistle reading that, prayer, thanksgiving and happiness or joy are the characteristics of those who are in Christ Jesus. Why? ‘Because he who calls you is faithful ‘ and has the ability to present us whole and blameless before the Lord on his return.

The advent theme of looking forward to the day of the Lord’s return is important because it shapes how we view the present. The future vision of union with Christ and heavenly glory enables us to face the present, with all its difficulties, knowing that it isn’t permanent but passing. Our joy resides in the gift of the eternal promise of a new heaven and earth without tears, sorrow or sadness that shall never pass away.

That heavenly reality is foretasted in the present through our communion with Christ in our active prayer, thanksgiving and celebration of the sacraments. It is in the very actions of prayer and thanksgiving that enables us to experience the reality of the future promise. It’s not ‘pie in the sky, when you die’ but the reality that we are children of God and citizens of the heavenly kingdom now. Once we have grasped this vision we are more able to wait patiently in faith, hope and love, for the fullness of that promise to be revealed.

It was this very reality that enabled John the Baptist to say that he was nothing, in this world, but ‘a voice crying in the wilderness’. He understood that the Christ to whom he would bear witness too, even to the point of giving up his life, was holy and the fulfilment of all God’s long given promises. Christ has been revealed therefore the future hope is assured.

John therefore clings to nothing in this world that is passing away, status, riches or honour and claims that he isn’t even worthy to untie the sandals of the Messiah. It was the servants or slaves job to take the sandals off his master’s feet and wash them when he had returned to the house - yet John says he not worthy to be even called a slave of the Christ.

John puts his trust in the one who is more than a master, indeed he is God made flesh. It is however this Messiah who will nevertheless kneel down and wash his disciple’s feet at the last supper. In doing so he reveals the nature of divine love as an example for all to follow and a glimpse of the kingdom to come.

**VIRTUAL PANTO Christmas 2020** Thanks to all who took part, we now have copies of the 'socially distanced' show, called 'The Trinity Players movie: Granny in Rainbowland'. DVDs are available for £5 each, to raise much needed funds for the Churches and the Drama Group. Email orders to [archaeologyplus@btconnect.com](mailto:archaeologyplus@btconnect.com), or phone Chris and Julia on 01323 507712 and say which Mass at which church we can drop them off and take the money. Many thanks, Chris and Julia.

**December 20th is Sea Sunday**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today’s second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church’s official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday). This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text ‘SEA’ to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

## Christmas Mass Times

We are uncertain as to what will happen at Christmas as it’s all an unknown. We intent to put on more mass times to help deal with any larger numbers of people we might usually expect Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

**We will require active stewards at both churches if we are to manage this time safely for all.**

**Xmas Eve**  
4.30pm CTK children’s liturgy  
6.00pm St Jo’s children’s Lit & mass  
7.30pm CTK mass  
9.00pm St Jo’s mass  
11.30pm CTK mass (DW)

**Xmas Day**  
9.30am St Jo’s mass  
9.30am CTK mass  
11.30am CTK mass

We are not allowed congregational singing within the church building. Xmas without carols is unthinkable. We will if the weather is kind to us sing a few carols before or after mass outside of the church. Bring a torch!

**Prayer is to the spirit what breathing is to the body - The Friday Zoom Parish Prayer meeting** will resume on the 4th September at 7pm. Then the prayer will continue every first and last Friday of the month.  
Meeting ID 343 302 3105  
Password 340767 you can join by phone by ring 0203 051 2874

**Sister Mary Rose has produced some resources for children** to help reflect on the Sunday Readings. Here is the link for 3rd Sunday of Advent <http://youtu.be/pHz7KNIMNCM>

## First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Everything is different this year. For those wishing to embark on the journey of faith through FHC and Confirmation should make attendance at mass, when we are allowed, a priority which reveals a true desire to follow the Lord.

**Lockdown and its consequences:** the ongoing affects of this extended ‘pandemic’ will be felt for months and even years after the restrictions are finally lifted. Our lot is difficult but maybe we can help in a small way others who are perhaps worse off than ourselves? Can we make our special intention to increase our donations to the Foodbank, Matthew 25, Aid to the Church in Need, CAFOD and Missio? A spiritual principle is the more we give the more it comes back to us in blessings. Fr Neil

## Can we, over this next week, bring food for Matthew 25 and the Foodbank?

### SHOPPING LIST AS AT 17TH NOVEMBER 2020

- SMASH TYPE DRIED POTATO
- SMALL TINS OF POTATOES
- JARS OF JAM
- MINCE PIES
- CHRISTMAS TINS OF SWEET

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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.

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**St Joachim :**  
**Wed 9-10am (Suspended)**

**Christ the King :**  
**Thursday : 6-7.00pm**  
**Fri : 1.00pm-5.00pm**  
**Sat : 9-11am**

**SUNDAY 13TH 10.30am PRAYER BEFORE MASS.** Join us in the church on this Gaudete Sunday for Advent prayer and reflection.

## SUNDAY THE 20TH 10.45am ADVENT STATIONS

Join us in the church to ponder the mystery of how God prepared the world to receive his Son at the moment of the Annunciation.

	3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	Mass Intentions
<b>Saturday 12th December</b>	<b>CTK 9-11.00am adoration 11am. Mass</b>	Glenn
<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>CTK 5pm vigil mass</b>	Eileen Cohen
<b>Sunday 13th December</b>	<b>St Jo's 9.30am mass CTK 11.30am mass St Agnes 4.00pm mass</b>	Noreen A. Janka's parents Laura Habova & Michal Janka
<b>Monday 14th December St John of the Cross</b>	<b>CTK 10am mass 7.00pm online mass Ordinatee Facebook</b>	Cathrine Mannix Sheila Greehy ('private)
<b>Tuesday 15th December</b>	<b>CTK 7.30am mass (latin)</b>	Margret Geraghty Brian & Bridie Geoghegan (pri)
<b>Wednesday 16th December</b>	<b>St Jo's 10am mass</b>	Augusthy Palatty RIP
<b>Thursday 17th December</b>	<b>CTK 6.00pm-7pm Adoration 7.00pm mass (DW)</b>	Maureen Underdown RIP
<b>Friday 18th December</b>	<b>CTK 12noon mass Followed by adoration till 5pm</b>	Debbie Tresise (Tre-cause) RIP Thomas McCormack (Private)
<b>Saturday 19th December</b>	<b>CTK 9am-11am Adoration, 11am mass CTK 5pm mass</b>	Glenn Fr Alan Griffin RIP
<b>Sunday 20th December</b>	<b>St Jo's 9.30am mass CTK 11.30 am mass St Agnes 4pm mass</b>	Geraldine McCormack Annakulty Abraham RIP Beverley Cooper RIP
<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>		

**We pray for:** Emma Raper, Eithne & Peter Lloyd, Peter Champion, Pam Chatfield, Sister Ogoo, John Walters, 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 recently deceased:** Tommy Tomlin.

## 200 Club

**We are going to review how we run the 200 club in these difficult times at the finance meeting this coming Wednesday.**

**There will be a relaunch and review of how we run, draw, collect and pay out draw winners.**

**Watch this space!**