

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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“And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.”

Dear Friends,

These are the words spoken by God through the prophet Nathan to King David. They are words of promise. In the full reading of this passage there are at least four things connected with this promise of God to David; Greatness, David's house and line will be secure, God will relate to his offspring as a father does to a son and his kingdom shall last forever.

This is wonderful and extraordinary promise, yet the lived out experience is that the Davidic kingdom almost a soon as Solomon, David's Son who reigned after David, died the kingdom began to fall apart. Within about 450 years it had disappeared altogether. By the time of Jesus there hadn't been a Davidic kingdom to speak of for 500 years. So what of the promise of God to David; are God's promises to be trusted?

The words of the archangel Gabriel to Mary at the Annunciation are deliberate and intentionally evocative of the words of promise to David. It is in Jesus that God fulfils his promise to David in a way that no-one could have expected. Gabriel tell Mary that not only will she bear a Son, who she must name Jesus, his name meaning 'the Lord saves' or 'saviour', but: "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

His greatness is not in establishing physically secure borders, but in his triumph over humanities greatest enemies sin and death. His Sonship is not adoptive but he is the second person of the Trinity - God made flesh. Christ takes the throne of David as his human line is traced back to David himself and the kingdom he establishes is for the people of God of who he is the chief shepherd. The kingdom is spiritual and heavenly and therefore eternal, it offers peace and eternal life to its citizens and shall never pass away.

This four fold promise made by God to David is fulfilled in the Nativity. What we celebrate in part is that we can be sure that God will always keep his promises. Certainly he will fulfil them in a manner that we cannot expect, after all our imaginations are far to small to perceive the ways of God. Yet we know that it will be glorious and should fill us with a wondrous sense of hope and joyful expectation that allows us the face the present with patience and a inner peace the world cannot give.

Every blessing Fr Neil

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, 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. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, please visit 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.

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!

The Christmas offering: could you please this year put your Christmas offering in an envelope mark as such and with your name on it. This then can be put into the offertory collection at anytime over the Christmas period. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Act now and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide

The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide.

It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

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/IVLzt3QpCCU>

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

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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 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.

Stamps: please collect you used stamps and put them into the box at the back of the church. They help fund Cancer research.

	4th Sunday of Advent	Mass Intentions
Saturday 19th December	CTK 9-11.00am adoration 11am Mass	Glenn
4th Sunday of Advent	CTK 5pm vigil mass	Fr Alan Griffith RIP
Sunday 20th December	St Jo's 9.30am mass CTK 11.30am mass St Agnes 4.00pm mass	Geraldine McCormack Annakulty Abraham RIP Beverley Cooper RIP
Monday 21st December	CTK 10am mass 7.00pm online mass Ordinariate Facebook	Priests Diarmuid McCormack (priv)
Tuesday 22nd December	CTK 7.30am mass (latin)	Holy Souls
Wednesday 23th December	St Jo's 10am mass	Glenn
Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve First mass of Christmas	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 midnight mass (DW)	Edathilakath Paul Raphael RIP Marjorie Worsley RIP Laura Habova, Michal Janka
Friday 25th December Christmas Day	9.30am St Jo's mass 9.30am CTK mass 11.30am CTK mass	Sangeetha Thomas Michael Wenner RIP Veronica Dolan RIP
Saturday 26th December St Stephen	CTK 11am mass CTK 5pm mass	Finbarr McCormack Frs Raglan, Tristan & Bruno
Sunday 27th December Holy Family	St Jo's 9.30am mass CTK 11.30 am mass St Agnes 4pm mass	Fr David King Esther Reson

We pray for: Liam Green, 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: Susan Payne

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!