

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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‘Watch therefore - for you do not know when the master of the house will come,’

Dear Friends,

In this first Sunday of Advent our Lord in the gospel reading extols us to be on guard and watch for the masters return. We of course in Advent look towards celebrating Christ’s first coming in the nativity. However, we are also reminded that our Lord will return again at an unexpected hour to wrap up all things. It’s this second coming that Christ encourages us to watch out for. We do not want that day to find us (spiritually) fast asleep.

It’s all very well being told to stay awake for that great day but our ability to remain watchful will depend on other qualities or we will soon get tired of trying to remain in a state of readiness. Our two other readings give a clue that which will enable us to better take our Lord’s words to heart and allow a more active spiritual engagement with the season of Advent.

Our Epistle tells us that acts of remembering and thanksgiving for the gifts of grace we have received from the Lord, enable us to wait with patience ‘the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ’. A simple examination at the end of the day or with the family over the evening meal that asks; ‘what am I most grateful for today?’ And ‘what am I least grateful for?’ Enables us to see where God has been active through the day and where I might need to put things right that I got wrong. Sacramental confession is particularly helpful during Advent and of course it is no coincidence that the eucharistic prayer at mass means thanksgiving. The mass is our central act as a community of faith and greatest means of preparation for our Lord’s return.

The reading from Isaiah reveals a second attribute that allows for watchfulness, and that is longing. ‘O that you would tear down the heavens and come down,’ reveals a passionate longing for the return of the Lord where justice and mercy might be established. This sort of longing is only achieved when love rather than cringing fear marks our relationship and understanding of God.

Christ’s first coming reveals the nature of God’s will and love for us and all creation. Yes, God is holy and requires justice, but he is also merciful. I most certainly make mistakes and get things wrong. I am a sinner and there is no hiding that, yet love reveals that every time I acknowledge my mistakes, am sorry for the hurt they cause and seek in him forgiveness, then I always discover the depths of his merciful love. ‘There is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents...’

This encounter with love transforms our watching and waiting into a desire and longing for the one who out of love sought those who were lost that they might be restored again, like the Prodigal Son. Love allows a watchfulness that longs with joy the one who has captured our hearts.

Therefore let this Advent not disappear under the weight of shopping and tinsel but be a beautiful time of watching with thanksgiving and a passionate longing for the return of the Lord in all his glory.

Every blessing Fr Neil

Thursday 3rd December see the return of public mass. For our parish it will mean the resumption of mass as before this second lockdown. 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 9.30am - 11am adoration
Tues 8.30am - 10am
Wed 9.30am - 11am Adoration St Joachim’s
Thur 6pm - 7.30pm Adoration
Fri 12noon - 5pm Adoration
Sat CTK 9-11am adoration
Sun, CTK 11.30am - 1pm Adoration
Sun, St Jo’s 9.00am - 10.30am Adoration
Sun St Agnes 3.30pm - 5pm Adoration

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

‘Prayer is to the spirit what breathing is to the body’ - The Friday Zoom Parish Prayer meeting continues now every first and last Friday of the month at 7.00pm.
Meeting ID 343 302 3105
Password 340767
you can also join by phone : 0203 051 2874

Sister Mary Rose has produced some resources for children to help reflect on the Sunday Readings. Here is the link for Christ the King <https://youtu.be/aMGvTxPuMBc>

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

	Christ the King	Mass Intentions
Saturday 28th November	CTK 9-11.00am adoration	Glenn
1st Sunday of Advent		For deceased family and friends of Jacky Riggs RIP
Sunday 29th November Adoration Times in each church	St Jo’s 9.00 - 10.30 CTK 11.30am -1pm 3.30pm-5pm	Private Intention For Priests
Monday 30th November St Andrew	CTK 9.30am -11am adoration 7.00pm online mass Ordinariate Facebook	Private Intention Clive Reginald RIP
Tuesday 1st December		Laura Hubova (birthday) Tim,May & Pad McCormack
Wednesday 2nd December	St Jo’s 9.30am-11am Adoration	Barrie Holy Souls
Thursday 3rd December St Francis Xavier	CTK 6.00pm-7pm Adoration 7.00pm mass (DW)	For priests Glenn
Friday 4th December (St John Damascene)	CTK 12noon mass Followed by adoration till 5pm	Fanahan McCormack Holy Souls
Saturday 5th December	CTK 9am-11am Adoration, 11am mass CTK 5pm mass	Glenn Emma & James Moulding RIP
Sunday 6th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	St Jo’s 9.30am mass CTK 11.30 am mass St Agnes 4pm mass	For Priests For Priests

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as

if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to

You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

We pray for: 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: Jacek Weyers, Jacinto Neves, Tommy Tomlin, and Mariam Baby,



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!