

## The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This year of 2020 has been a challenging year for us all and I am very conscious of the many families across the Diocese who will have been affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic, perhaps through the loss of a loved one, sickness within the family, the challenges of work and school in these times and the economic hardship that has been the experience of many during these last months.

As we look to the New Year, with a good part of the Diocese now in Tier 4 measures – perhaps to be joined by other areas in the coming days – we know that many challenges lie ahead.

Our Christmas celebrations, both in church and at home, are quieter this year. However, it is never possible to “cancel Christmas,” for the reality of the Saviour’s Birth continues to bring light to our hearts, to our homes and to the whole world.

God’s promises always take us beyond ourselves; God’s promises are always fulfilled. We see this in the first reading of Today’s Mass, in which Abram – soon to be Abraham – and his wife Sarah become the parents of the Chosen People of Israel. In the Gospel, Simeon’s longed-for hope is fulfilled as the Holy Family stand before him and he lays eyes on the Saviour. In that one moment, his whole life finds its completion in Christ.

So it is with us. God’s promise for us is present in Jesus – a promise that is fulfilled in the light and life that He brings to us. Just as Jesus transformed the lives of Mary and Joseph, so the presence of Christ in our own families transforms our lives. If we are open to Him, our families will truly become holy families, our homes will be filled with His light – a light that will shine for the community around us. It is a light that is needed in our world. Society cries out for it – perhaps especially this year – and every family, every one of us, is called to share this light.

Mary and Joseph find themselves filled with wonder about all that Simeon says. May we all be open to the gift of wonder at the Saviour’s Birth and in every moment of his life, death and resurrection. Our wonder at the birth of Jesus leads us to reflect on the wonder and mystery of life itself.

Pope Francis, reflecting on the Crib scene, writes:  
“the birth of a child awakens joy and wonder; it sets before us the great mystery of life. Seeing the bright eyes of a young couple gazing at their newborn child, we understand the feelings of Mary and Joseph, as they looked at the Infant Jesus, sensed God’s presence in their lives.”

This wonder at the gift of life is at the very heart of our understanding of the human person, the value of life from the moment of conception to natural death – for in life with see the presence of God.

As our families, our homes, reflect the light of Christ, the love that is present in the Holy Family, may we bring to our world a renewed appreciation of the gift of life that has been given to us – for in this life we find the wonder and mystery of God Himself.

May I take this opportunity to assure you and those of your families who are unable to be with you this year, as they will have hoped, of my prayers. May we all experience the light, love and life of this great Season of Christmas.

With every Blessing,



**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 and 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 Christmas <http://youtu.be/jUtKZo6xBvM>

**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.

**MANY THANKS FROM FR NEIL, FR THOMAS AND DEACON EUGENE.** It really is with much gratitude that

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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**  
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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**

during this difficult time for everyone that so many have been wonderfully generous to us with your numerous gifts.

**A really big thank you also to those who have work tirelessly to make the church ready for the Christmas celebrations - both churches look beautiful!**

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

	The Holy Family	Mass Intentions
<b>Saturday 26th December</b>	<b>CTK 11am Mass</b>	Finbarr McCormack
<b>The Holy Family</b>	<b>CTK 5pm vigil mass</b>	Frs Ragaln, Tristan & Bruno
<b>Sunday 27th December</b>	<b>St Jo's 9.30am mass</b> <b>CTK 11.30am mass</b> <b>St Agnes 4.00pm mass</b>	Geoff Lawson RIP Fr David King Esther Reson
<b>Monday 28th December</b> <b>Holy Innocents</b>	<b>CTK 10am mass</b> <b>7.00pm online mass</b> <b>Ordinariate Facebook page</b>	For Priests Valery Firman RIP (priv)
<b>Tuesday 29th December</b> <b>St Thomas a Becket</b>	<b>CTK 7.00pm mass (latin)</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 30th December</b>	<b>St Jo's 10am mass</b>	Peggy Ryan, Jim Ryan & Jacqueline Ryan-Smith RIP
<b>Thursday 31st December</b>	<b>CTK 10am mass (Divine Worship)</b>	Cathrine McRae
<b>Friday 1st January 2021</b> <b>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>	<b>CTK 9.00am (Latin)</b> <b>CTK 12noon</b>	Glenn Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday 2nd January</b> <b>Second Sunday of Christmas</b>	<b>CTK 11am mass</b> <b>CTK 5pm mass</b>	Jessica Hodson RIP Geraghty Family
<b>Sunday 3rd January 2021</b>	<b>St Jo's 9.30am mass</b> <b>CTK 11.30 am mass</b> <b>St Agnes 4pm mass</b>	Mary McDonagh RIP Sue Payne RIP

**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!**