

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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“..that you might know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.”

Dear friends,

these are the remarkable words of St Paul to the church of God in Ephesians. What is this hope and glorious inheritance that Paul speaks of? He gives us a clue earlier in the passage. Paul says that we were chosen even before the foundation of the world. The statement alone should be enough to blow our minds. Even before the world came into being we were already in the mind of God. Not only that, but that he had already planned and made ready the means of our salvation and union with him even before the fall of Adam. Here God holds together the beginning and end of time in a unity which is beyond our minds' ability to fathom. However, it is a profound promise of God in Christ Jesus, and one that should provide us with a deep sense of reassurance!

Having prepared a place for us, the Lord has given us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. All that heaven has to offer is ours in the Lord: forgiveness of sins; reconciliation with the Father; the gift of eternal life; the ever presence of Christ in the sacraments; the anointing and indwelling of the Holy Spirit; the witness of the saints and martyrs; the intercessions of our blessed lady the Mother of God and the new heavens and earth where all things are made new where there will be no more tears, sorrows, sadness as sin and death will have been done away with.

As if participation in these elements of heavenly glory were not enough, out of an act of divine love he calls us to not just be citizens of the Kingdom of God but enter into an intimate relationship with him the we might be his children and he might be our heavenly Father. It is no wonder then that joy, praise and thanksgiving are the response of those who have been illuminated by the Word made flesh, Christ Jesus our Lord.

These mysteries are our hope and inheritance and, like Mary our Mother, we need to treasure them in our hearts and contemplated them in our acts of prayer and thanksgiving.

We perhaps need reminding of such good news at this particular time so that we do not lose hope and fall into despair. This heavenly inheritance is so much bigger than any pandemic, government policy, or personal situation. Steadily fixing our gaze on Christ, who is our hope and joy, enables us to not be overwhelmed with anxiety about what tomorrow might bring but enables us put all things into an eternal perspective.

Every blessing Fr Neil

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 Christmas <http://youtu.be/I4xFRXfopoc>

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 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.

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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

	Second Sunday of Christmas	Mass Intentions
Saturday 2nd January	CTK 11am Mass	Jessica Hodson RIP
2nd Sunday of Christmas	CTK 5pm vigil mass	Geraghty Family
Sunday 3rd January	St Jo's 9.30am mass CTK 11.30am mass St Agnes 4.00pm mass	Ella Smitherman RIP Sue Payne RIP Glenn
Monday 4th January St Elizabeth Ann Seton	CTK 10am mass 7.00pm online mass Ordinariate Facebook page	Hilary and Alex Liam Green (priv)
Tuesday 5th January St Th	CTK 7.00pm mass (latin)	For Priests
Wednesday 6th January Epiphany of the Lord	CTK 9am mass (Latin) St Jo's 10am mass CTK 12noon Mass CTK 7pm Mass (Divine Worship)	Private Intention Lily & Agnes Halvey RIP Liam Green Stan & Zuzana
Thursday 7th January	CTK 6pm Adoration 7pm mass (Divine Worship)	Dorothy & Nicholas
Friday 8th January	CTK 12noon	Liam Green
Saturday 9th January Second Sunday of Christmas	CTK 11am mass CTK 5pm mass	Denise Ted Sutherland RIP
Sunday 10th January 2021	St Jo's 9.30am mass CTK 11.30 am mass St Agnes 4pm mass	Mary McDonagh RIP Eugenia Stanczak RIP Anna Janka

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: Sue 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!