

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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'At once they left their nets and followed him'

Dear friends,

What on earth would make these four fishermen immediately leave their jobs, their families, their communities and follow Jesus; how realistic is it that this is exactly what they did? In Luke gospel we hear Jesus saying to those who said 'let me bury my father first' and 'say good by to my family', when he called them to follow him, "let the dead bury the dead and 'no one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

There certainly is an urgency to Jesus' call. You get the feel that 'now' is the moment to respond not sometime later once you've organised, prepared and thought it over. I am sure we've all had the experience when we've invited a decision from someone who's said, "I'll get back to you on that." Which often is a dishonest way of avoiding saying 'No'.

What we can be certain of is that some if not all four disciples had met Jesus before this encounter by the sea of Galilee. Last weeks gospel tells us at least Andrew and Simon Peter had met Jesus after John the Baptist point Jesus out as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Andrew and Peter and almost certainly James and John were disciples of John the Baptist before following Jesus. The Galilee encounter was sometime after they had met Jesus at the Jordan river. John the Baptist's arrest by Herod seems to signal a transition in Jesus' ministry. He starts proclaiming the 'time has come', the kingdom of God is close at hand, repent and believe the gospel. Here Jesus is referring to the well know prophecy in Daniel 2, where he says the kingdom will come after the 4th empire after the Babylonians, which chronologically is the Roman Empire.

This was no cold call from Jesus, the 4 disciples, already knew him and were waiting in anticipation for the Messiah who would usher in the new kingdom of God. Their hearts were ready to trade in their nets so that they might become fishers of men.

It's extraordinary to see how their lives were transformed when they answered the call, the world was changed and the gospel has reached the ends of the earth starting with these 4 fishermen from Galilee. It is the same Lord Jesus who continues to call us. When our hearts are ready to respond to his call then extraordinary things can happen, sometime visibly often quietly and unnoticed, yet always for his greater glory and our joyous salvation.

Blessings Fr Neil



Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the meeting yesterday, it was such a pleasure to see so many people, and your enthusiasm for the project renewed and revitalised us on an otherwise damp and grey January morning!

For those of you who were unable to attend, there is another opportunity to hear from members of the formation team about the vision for the mission and the practicalities of its delivery on Tuesday 19th January at 11.30am. Here is a reminder of why we would love for you to be involved:

- It will ease the burden on you by allowing us to lead your Lenten preparation
- We would like to minister to you as well, creating space for you to prayerfully reflect and prepare for Easter
- Parishioners who have not returned to Mass will be able to engage, and will be inspired to return to their communities when they feel it is safe to do so
- This is the beginning of a bigger project that will allow people to know who they are in Jesus, and how to live out their personal vocational call within the context of the Church.

Please join us by using the following meeting information:

Topic: **Invited Information Session**

Time: **Tuesday 19 January 2021 11:30 AM London**

Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84106401887?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84106401887?pwd=SkM5dkNpU2g5OTFhMzQzYVYyOUUwWwQTO9)

[pwd=SkM5dkNpU2g5OTFhMzQzYVYyOUUwWwQTO9](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84106401887?pwd=SkM5dkNpU2g5OTFhMzQzYVYyOUUwWwQTO9)

Meeting ID: 841 0640 1887

Passcode: 418126

Prayer is to the spirit what breathing is to the body - The Friday Zoom Parish Prayer meeting

Takes place every first and last Friday of the month. Meeting ID 343 302 3105 Password 340767 you can join by phone by ringing 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/7-g30645ef4>

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.

Vocations Weekend - Online Event 26th - 28th February

For women exploring the vocation to religious life. There will be times of prayer, reflection, input and discussion as well as a Q&A session with FCJ Sisters (Faithful Companions of Jesus) More information: FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook

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

Financial matters: we can now make donations, either one-off or regular giving, using the diocesan website and the funds would then be transferred direct to the parish. This is quicker than setting up payments through the bank and the donations can be gift-aided as well. <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/donate/>

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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

'The Governing Body of St Thomas a Becket has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. The holder of this post must be a practising Catholic who wants to support the school's Catholic ethos and is appointed by Bishop Richard. As Governors we all bring different skills and viewpoints and we take a particular interest in a certain aspect of school life, e.g. a subject, finance, health and safety. Being a school governor is a thoroughly fulfilling experience and a true service to the Catholic community. If you are interested, please contact : clerk@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk.

	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
Saturday 23rd January	CTK 11am Mass	Glenn
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	CTK 5pm vigil mass	Fr Thomas Mason
Sunday 24th January	St Jo's 9.30am mass CTK 11.30am mass St Agnes 4.00pm mass	Mary Thomas Justine Ce'leste Priests
Monday 25th January Conversion of St Paul	CTK 10am mass 7.00pm online mass Ordinate Facebook page	Thanksgiving for Gracy's family Darina & Baz
Tuesday 26th January Ss Timothy & Titus	CTK 7.30am mass (latin)	Holy Souls
Wednesday 27th January St Angela Merici	St Jo's 10am mass	Michael Winchester
Thursday 28th January St Thomas Aquinas	CTK 6pm Adoration 7pm mass (Divine Worship)	Eugenia Stan`czak RIP
Friday 29th January	CTK 12noon followed by adoration till 5pm	Roland de la Motte RIP
Saturday 30th January	CTK Adoration and confession 9am-11am CTK 11am mass CTK 5pm mass	Thanksgiving Eileen Doyle RIP
4th Sunday of Ordinary Time		
Sunday 31st January 2021	St Jo's 9.30am mass CTK 11.30 am mass St Agnes 4pm mass	Thomas RIP Hannah Levy RIP Fr Gerard (birthday)

We pray for: Dc Eugene Adams, 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

An updated draw has been made and the winners have cheques made out to them.

We would like to encourage those who have fallen out of the 200 club and any new members to join. The profits over the year goes to support charities.