

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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'Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John.' Mark 1:7-11

Dear friends,
We sometimes hear the question asked 'who benefits?' Usually this is when somebody has a suspicion that something isn't right, that somebody is cheating in some way or other. Surely they are getting something out of their actions. But it is worth asking this question on today's feast, not in that usual suspicious manner but because it shows the fundamental point that Our Lord, in all of his earthly works, really wasn't getting any benefit himself - he really was doing these works for other people.

John the Baptist preached to the people that they should repent of their sins and be baptised seeking forgiveness. Then Christ came and asked to be baptised - but of course Christ cannot repent of his sins because he is perfect and entirely free from all sins. There is no possible way that he can benefit from baptism. So then, who does benefit?

The answer to this question, as always with Christ, is that we can benefit. This is the one case where there is no catch, no hidden agenda, nothing dodgy going on behind the scenes. Everything which Christ does is to glorify his Father, and to offer eternal salvation to us as his followers.

This does not just teach about his baptism - it teaches us about our own. When we were baptised, it did incredible things for us - it made us sons and daughters of God, cleansed us of original sin, and remade us in Christ's image. But just as Christ's baptism was for other people, so too our baptisms should lead us to act like him. We should have working for other people as a central feature of our lives, just as Christ did - our baptisms challenge us to have this as our aim.

Blessings, Fr. Thomas.

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 Takes place 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/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.

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 worked 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.

Parish Clergy:
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Fr. Thomas Mason
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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

	2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	Mass Intentions
Saturday 9th January	CTK 11am Mass	Denise Ted Sutherland RIP
Baptism of the Lord	CTK 5pm vigil mass	
Sunday 10th January	St Jo's 9.30am mass CTK 11.30am mass St Agnes 4.00pm mass	Mary McDonagh RIP Eugenia Stanczak RIP Anna Janka
Monday 11th January	CTK 10am mass 7.00pm online mass Ordinariate Facebook page	Carl Cassidy Darin a and Baz
Tuesday 12th January	CTK 7.30am mass (latin)	Mary McCarthy and family
Wednesday 13th January	St Jo's 10am mass	Glenn
Thursday 14th January	CTK 6pm Adoration 7pm mass (Divine Worship)	Valerie Cassidy
Friday 15th January	CTK 12noon followed by adoration till 5pm	Reg Murray and family
Saturday 16th January Second Sunday after Epiphany	CTK Adoration and confession 9am-11am CTK 11am mass CTK 5pm mass	Glenn Fr Thomas Mason
Sunday 17th January 2021	St Jo's 9.30am mass CTK 11.30 am mass St Agnes 4pm mass	Holy Souls For Priests Anna Janka' parents

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, 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!