

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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Dear Friends

In his recent book 'Let Us Dream - The Path to a Better Future', Pope Francis reflects upon the world having a "better future" when it comes out of COVID. At the present time it is hard to see when this will truly be, for although in the UK a date has been given as the 21st June when restrictions will be lifted, there are other parts of the world that are still suffering badly from the pandemic, especially India, and experience has shown how quickly and easily the virus mutates. But as we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday this weekend and also pray for vocations, it is interesting to reflect on what the Holy Father, our beloved shepherd, has to say in his book about a post COVID world.

'Let Us Dream' is an uplifting practical book in which the Holy Father, explains how the sacrifices and experiences of the COVID crisis should not be wasted but should be put to good use to make the world a safer, fairer and healthier place for all people. He says that what the pandemic has exposed more vividly than ever before is the cruelty and inequalities in society juxtaposed with the resilience, generosity and creativity of people which he saw as the means to rescue and save society, and our planet that has been greatly plundered.

The Pope encourages politicians to come away from ideologies and the obsession for profit and wealth and take bold steps to serve people and the environment in a much fairer and inclusive way, especially the poor and marginalised, and he reminds Christians that this is their vocational duty too.

The Pope urges that we should not let the pain endured by the crisis be in vain, and that we should explore and learn from what the crisis has taught us and how it would be a grievous error to return to some pre-crisis state. We must have the courage to change so that we can be better than before.

As our parish looks forward to returning to some form of normality, let us pray to the Lord our Good Shepherd for guidance and the courage to not allow the scars of the past year to keep us any longer away from the blessings that being part of our faith community can bring.

With every blessing, Deacon Eugene

May Devotions. At CTK, there will be May Devotions to Our Lady, including a decade of the rosary using the joyful mysteries. The prayers will start at 11am every Sunday in May. On Sunday the 30th of May, we will conclude mass with the the crowning of Our Lady in the memorial garden.

ONLINE RETREATS: The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey:
Saturday 8th May: Wisdom of the Desert Fathers and Desert Mothers: the thoughts..
Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB
Further information and to book your place online: <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>
For enquiries, please email: toc@worth.org.uk

'Prayer is to the spirit what breathing is to the body' - The Friday Zoom Parish Prayer meeting : the prayer group will meet next on 30th April at 7.00pm. All welcome.
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. Link : <https://youtu.be/GjMJJaPmDH8>

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.

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/>

Bishop Richard will be giving a talk about his Benedictine journey on 25th April at 8.00pm. He is an oblate of Pluscarden Abbey. This talk is hosted by the Lay Community of St Benedict, celebrating its foundation by the monks of Worth Abbey in 1971. You are welcome to join the livestream on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfRiPXjiTi5GGal6gJ4UfYQ/>.

Fr John Deehan, scripture professor at Allen Hall Seminary, is offering five evening talks on the Old Testament entitled: *The Old Testament, A Guide for the Perplexed; next talk on April 27th at 7.00pm*. Register for free on the Eventbrite link: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-old-testament-a-guide-for-the-perplexed-fr-john-deehan-series-tickets-147585890371

10-16th May is Marriage week, a time for us to celebrate the joy and blessings of marriage. Pope Francis tells us that "Marriage is like a plant. A plant is alive, and it needs to be cared for every day: to see how it is doing, to give it water, and so it goes. Marriage is a living reality: the life of a couple should never be taken for granted, in any phase of a family's journey." *Pope Francis, 21st December 2015*

Why not take some time this week to really find some time to talk to your spouse and nurture your marriage?

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Sacramental Confession on Friday 1-5pm, Saturday 9-11am 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter		Mass Intentions
Saturday 24th April	11am Mass	Julie Rock
	CTK 5.00pm	Jim Needham RIP
Sunday 25th April 4th Sunday of Easter	St Jo's 9.30am mass CTK 11.30am mass	Fr Jonathan Martin George Redmond RIP
	Good Shepherd Sunday	Cassidy family
Monday April 26th	CTK 10am mass	Rock family
	7.00pm Live streamed Mass on the Eastbourne Ordinariate Facebook page	Lawrence & Natalie Borg
Tuesday April 27th	7.30 am CTK (Latin Mass)	Katarina Weglarz
Wednesday April 28th	10.00am Mass : St Jo's	Holy Souls
Thursday April 29th	6.00pm CTK. Exposition and adoration followed by 7.00pm Mass	Thanksgiving
Friday April 30th	12 noon Mass CTK Followed by Exposition and Adoration till 5.00pm	Jack McCarthy RIP
Saturday 1st May St Joseph the Worker	9.00am : CTK - Exposition and Adoration till 11am Mass	Davis & Sheeba family
	5pm Mass CTK	Sylvia Seelagama RIP
Sunday 2nd May Fifth Sunday of Easter	St Jo's 9.30am mass CTK 11.30am mass	Douglas Weidemann RIP Terence & Margaret Carmody RIP
	CTK 4pm mass (Divine Worship)	Maria McCabe

We pray for: Emma Raper, Eithne Lloyd, Peter Champion, Pam Chatfield, Sister f, Chris Gimmons, Don Wilkins, 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, Colleen Stock, Sr Mary Keiley, Jane Hollands, Kirina Blaty, Moira Morrison, Philip Duffy, Maria Socora Franca

For the recently deceased: George Redmond, Peaidade Payne & Billy (Lorraine) McKeen, Richard Stanczack, Sarah Philomena Wroclawski, Mary Bateman, Pat Raper, Charlotte Van Der Horst, Fausto Ambrosia, Anita Hammond

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.