

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

All of us continue to look to the time when the Covid restrictions are lifted. At the same time, many will be anxious about the present rate of infection, which is – at this time – affecting a number of our schools. At this time when hopes are raised and concerns expressed, the Second Reading of this Sunday’s Mass is a source of consolation.

St Paul writes of the challenge of weakness. His ‘thorn in the flesh’ – an affliction of some sort that troubled him over a long period of time – brings him to pray often that he be released from it. He comes to realise that a degree of weakness is a good thing. It prevents him relying on his own strengths – and he has many. Rather, his frailties and weaknesses bring him to rely on the Lord.

So with us. We live in a society that is often over-confident in its own abilities, believing that we can find the answer to every problem in ourselves. It is true, most certainly, that every person is gifted in wonderful ways – but all is gift. We rely on grace – we rely on the God who loves us, who has created us in His own image and likeness, who sustains our every moment and who graces us with the strength we need to face every difficulty. We must rely on this love.

Indeed, one of the great gifts that the person of faith offers to the world is the witness of ‘strength in weakness’ – the fact that, on our own, we are weak; but through openness to the power of grace, we find a strength beyond our imagining.

This will not always be a welcome message in this excessively self-reliant world. Today’s Gospel sees the Lord rejected on account of his preaching – so we must expect a share in this experience. For us, however, this too is a moment of grace, for in our weakness we can, once again, be open to the strength that comes from the Lord.

With every Blessing,

+ Richard

‘Prayer is to the spirit what breathing is to the body’ : the Prayer Group is taking a Summer break. Next meeting will be Prayer Before Mass on September 5th at 10.30am at CTK.

Please note : No Saturday morning Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on July 10th or 17th at CTK

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2021

The inaugural World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls on Sunday 25 July 2021. Pope Francis has given it the theme “I am with you always” from the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 28:30).

Ordinations. Please pray for Stephen O’Brien, to be ordained priest, and Nick Harden, to be ordained deacon, this weekend. Both spent time in Eastbourne during their training

First Holy Communion. This year, preparation for First Holy Communion will be different. There are 3 clear steps that parents/carers can take to help prepare their children for First Communion and Reconciliation.

1. There will be 5 basic introductory sessions on the parish website that families can use together.
2. Once you feel you would like your child to receive FHC, speak to Fr Neil and he will give you a parent/child course book to work through at home. Fr Neil will then have a chat and arrange First Confession and Communion.
3. But the best preparation is to see you as parents/carers coming to Mass regularly. Making Mass attendance a priority as we come out of this crisis is essential. If mass finds an uncertain place in your life how is your child going to understand its importance in their own life? A judgement upon your child’s readiness will of course be significantly based on whether they are regularly at Mass.

‘Men of St. Joseph’ – A group for all men who wish to find their life’s true purpose and are willing to let God guide them in that search. We strive to model our lives after St. Joseph: a seemingly quiet and ordinary life devoted to his family, yet at a centre of it God is raised. We all have a responsibility to help create families after the holy family and as men are called forth to lead the families to which we belong to God. Our brotherhood will focus on three aspects: yourself, parish and others, which we will build up through: Prayer, Commitment and Brotherhood. We meet every Thursday at 7pm in the Small Hall at Christ the King Church. More information through our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/BrotherhoodOfMenOfStJoseph>

Stop abortion up to birth becoming law. Catholics in England and Wales are urged to write to their MP requesting they vote against an amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill that could see abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth. *Right to Life*, a charity that defends the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death, has an online submission form that finds your local MP and provides a template letter, that you can edit, to make your views known.

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Sacramental Confession on Friday
1-5pm, as well as
either before
or after most Masses; please ask Fr
Neil.

For enquiries for baptism, first
communion, confirmation, and
marriages please speak
to either Fr Neil or
Deacon Eugene and also ring the
office.
Tel. 01323 760048

Parish Hall Bookings
Enquiries: 01323 760048

website [https://](https://christthekingchurch.org.uk)
christthekingchurch.org.uk

Facebook page: Christ The King
with St Joachim, Eastbourne

Banking 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/>

Eucharistic Adoration
St Joachim :
Wed 9-10am (Suspended)

Christ the King :
Thursday : 6-7.00pm
Fri : 1.00pm-5.00pm

	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
Saturday July 3rd	CTK 5.00pm	George Redmond RIP
Sunday July 4th	St Jo’s 9.30am mass	Priestly Ordination of Rev Stephen O’Brien Darina & Cyril RIP
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK 11.30am mass	Darina (Birthday)
	CTK 4.00pm mass (Divine Worship)	
Monday July 5th	CTK 10am mass	Jan Kowalski RIP
St Anthony Maria Zaccaria		
Tuesday July 6th	No Mass Today	
St Maria Goretti		
Wednesday July 7th	10.00am Mass : St Jo’s	Valeria
Thursday July 8th	6.00pm CTK. Exposition and adoration followed by 7.00pm (Divine Worship)	Lawrence & Natalie Borg
Friday July 9th	12 noon Mass CTK Followed by Exposition and Adoration till 5pm	Private Intention
Saturday July 10th	No Exposition and Adoration.	
	5pm Mass CTK	William Smyth RIP
Sunday July 11th (Sea Sunday)	St Jo’s 9.30am mass	Holy Souls
	CTK 11.30am mass	June Wallace RIP
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK 4pm mass (Divine Worship)	Lawrence & Natalie Borg

We pray for: Emma Raper, Eithne Lloyd, Peter Champion, 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, Alison Hodder,
For the recently deceased: Fausto Ambrosio, Anita Hammond, Teresa Ambrosio, Cathie Baldwin, Mike Goodwin, Brian Barrow

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.