

## The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

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This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word apostle means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel. Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

**'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.

### 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).

**Musical Evening.** A music evening and parish social with Alben, an Irish based folk/rock duo. On July 30th from 7.00pm-11.00pm at the parish hall in CTK. All welcome, bring your own drink and food. No charge but a collection will be taken to defray expenses.

**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 praised. 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 7.45pm (after the 7.00pm Mass) in the Parish Room at Christ the King Church. More information through our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/BrotherhoodOfMenOfStJoseph>

**The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey: Desert Wisdom: the power of thoughts** - Online Day Retreat led by David Clayton & Michael Woodward Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021. 10am-4:30pm

To book your place online go to [www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats)

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**Sacramental Confession on Friday 1-2.30pm, 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://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**

	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
<b>Saturday July 10th</b>	<b>CTK 5.00pm</b>	William Smyth RIP
<b>Sunday July 11th</b>	<b>St Jo's 9.30am mass</b>	Holy Souls
<b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>CTK 11.30am mass</b>	June Wallace RIP
<b>(Sea Sunday)</b>	<b>CTK 4.00pm mass (Divine Worship)</b>	Lawrence & Natalie Borg
<b>Monday July 12th</b>	<b>CTK 10am mass</b>	Thanksgiving
<b>Tuesday July 13th</b>	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
<b>St Henry</b>		
<b>Wednesday July 14th</b>	<b>10.00am Mass : St Jo's</b>	Private Intention
<b>St Camillus de Lellis</b>		
<b>Thursday July 15th</b>	<b>6.00pm CTK. Exposition and adoration followed by 7.00pm (Divine Worship)</b>	Fr Thomas
<b>St Bonaventure</b>		
<b>Friday July 16th</b>	<b>12 noon Mass CTK Followed by Exposition and Adoration till 5pm</b>	Paula Duggan RIP
<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>		
<b>Saturday July 17th</b>	<b>No Exposition and Adoration.</b>	
	<b>5pm Mass CTK</b>	Clarita Escano RIP
<b>Sunday July 18th</b>	<b>St Jo's 9.30am mass</b>	Fr Chris Bergin (ordination anniv)
	<b>CTK 11.30am mass</b>	Ryszard Stanczak RIP
<b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>CTK 4pm mass (Divine Worship)</b>	Tim Groves RIP

**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 go to support charities.**