

Dear Friends,

This Sunday's Gospel takes us to Cana, a small village to the north of Nazareth, today it is really a suburb of its larger neighbour, a short distance by road. It was here that Jesus gave the gift of His first miracle. There is a sense in which this event continues the theme of both the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. All of them are showings for the world of the Saviour. Indeed, this is recognised in the Divine Office, the prayer of the Church, in which on the feast of the Epiphany we find mentioned all three of these events in one short text. There is a real sense of newness in the readings this Sunday. We have the newly married couple, the first of Jesus' miracles, and in the first reading, Isaiah enthuses, refuses to be silent about the wonderful things God does for his people.

In this Sunday's second reading St Paul writes to the Corinthians about the gifts the Spirit gives. Here too there is a sense of newness. We always receive gifts as something new. We have shared in this experience in a small way over Christmas and we know the joy in receiving these small gifts. How much greater the gifts of the Spirit, they are our prized possessions, but not because we simply possess them, but because we are called to use these gifts for the building of the Kingdom. We use them in service to others, in service to Christ Himself.

Just as Jesus gives this wonderful new wine to the marriage feast, to the delight of the wedding party, so we receive the many gifts the Spirit gives, and we too rejoice. We must not leave them as it were on the shelf simply to be looked at and admired. Let us use them, for this is the mark of discipleship, in our service of Christ and His church. Like Isaiah, let us not be silent about the wonderful things that God does for us and in us through the person of Jesus his son, The Word made flesh.

With every Blessing,
+ Richard

Prayers before mass at CTK. The next one will be on Feb 6th. On other Sundays, the rosary will be recited from 10.45-11.15am.

FHC Yrs 5&6 Candidates: there are 3 dates to meet with Fr Neil to help complete your preparation for first communion : January Sat 22nd, 29th & February 5th. We will meet at CTK parish room 3-4pm. Candidates will need to have completed the online sessions provided by Sr Mary-Rose that are on our website and filled in the Emmaus booklet that accompanies it.

There will be an RCIA programme for any candidates wishing to be received into the Catholic Church or confirmed as an adult. The RCIA programme will be held in CTK parish room February 12th, 19th, 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and April 2nd, 9th. Please speak to Fr Neil if you wish to participate.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place usually Thursday 6-7pm, Friday 1-5pm and Saturday 10-11am. Please make use of this time before the Lord.

Christmas Raffle. Many thanks to all who took part in the Christmas raffle; it raised £201 for parish funds. Advance notice : we're hoping to have pancakes after the 11.30 Mass before Lent on Sunday 13th February.

My God, and is Thy table spread,
And does Thy cup with love o'erflow?
Thither be all Thy children led,
And let them all its sweetness know.

Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes!
Rich banquet of His flesh and blood!
Thrice happy he, who here partakes
That sacred stream, that heav'nly food!

O let Thy table honored be,
And furnished well with joyful guests;
And may each soul salvation see,
That here its sacred pledges tastes.

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
fruits of labour, fruits of love:
taken, offered, sanctified,
blessed and broken; words of one who died:
'Take my body, take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.

Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
as He promised while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine.'
'Take my body....'

Through the Father, with the Spirit,
one in union with the Son,
for God's people, joined in prayer,
faith is strengthened by the food we share.
'Take my body....'

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

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<http://christthekingeastbourne.org>

**Facebook page: Christ The King with
St Joachim, Eastbourne**

Banking Matters

We have shortened the name of the bank account for those who wish to set up standing orders for Christ the King. New account details are : **40-05-20 91127012 & 612567130. RCD A&B Christ the King Eastbourne**

Votive Candles. Would you like to sponsor a weekly candle by the Blessed Sacrament tabernacle or the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham in CTK? Each candle lasts about a week; a donation of £5 per candle is suggested. You can dedicate it to a relative, a friend, or a specific intention. Forms available at the back of the church.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This begins on Tuesday as we pray for the unity of all Jesus's followers. We recall his words at the Last Supper : 'May they all be one'.

Synod 2021-2023 : A webinar with Bishop Richard, Wed March 9th at 7.30pm. A 2 year 'synodal' process is taking place across the Catholic Church. Join Bishop Richard for a webinar highlighting the Synod feedback received from people and groups across our diocese. Register your free place : abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/8yaw6pon.

Mass Intentions		
Saturday 15th January	CTK : 10.00am-11.00am Adoration and exposition	
	CTK. : 5.00pm. : Mass	Stanley Drzewniak RIP
Sunday 16th January	St Jo's : 9.30am mass	Special Intention
	CTK : 11.30am mass	Barbara Sikola
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK 4.00pm mass (Divine Worship)	Fr Gerard
Monday 17th January	No public Mass today	(Mary Hepworth-Taylor)
St Anthony		
Tuesday 18th January	10.00am : CTK	Maura Sperring
Wednesday 19th January	10.00am : St Jo's : No Public Mass - Exposition and Liturgy of the Word.	Fran Sullivan RIP (Private)
St Wulstan		
Thursday 20th January	6.00pm Exposition & Adoration followed by 7.00pm : Mass at CTK (Divine Worship)	Fr Tristan
Friday 21st January	12noon : Mass : CTK follows by exposition and adoration till 5.00pm.	Aguieszka Pawlok
St Agnes		
Saturday 22nd January	CTK : 10.00am-11.00am Adoration and exposition	
	CTK. : 5.00pm : Mass	Deacon Eugene
Sunday 23rd January	St Jo's : 9.30am mass	Holy Souls
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK : 11.30am mass	Maureen Kavanagh RIP
	CTK : 4pm mass (Divine Worship)	Pamela Chatfield

We pray for: Emma Raper, Eithne Lloyd, Peter Champion, Chris Gimmons, Don Wilkins, Stuart McCarthy, Helena Sagnelia, Pauline Sollis, Frankie Farrell, Daisy Kelly, Sue & Mick O'Driscoll, Eddie Burke, Rene Cook, Jan Blake, Sandra McMeehin, David Dwyer, Diana Smith, Colleen Stock, Sr Mary Keiley, Jane Hollands, Kirina Blaty, Moira Morrison, Philip Duffy, Maria Socora Franca, Eileen Church, Alicja, Giacinto Bravin, Pamela Chatfield
For the recently deceased: Doreen Marsden, Sharon Riddle, Peter Held, Maria Marcolini, Derek James Wright, Fr Desmond Baker

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