

Dear Friends,

I remember this time last year, reflecting on the continuing circumstances of the pandemic as we entered 2021. With students in our schools wearing masks and the impact of the Omicron variant felt in so many parts of the world and with talk, even, of further strains of the virus emerging, we might be forgiven for feeling a certain sense of déjà vu as we come into 2022. Let us remember in prayer, very specially, those whose lives continue to be affected as a result of these present circumstances, especially those in the healthcare sector who continue to go the extra mile for those in their care. I also ask you to pray for those in parts of the world where circumstances make the pandemic particularly difficult, and to continue to seek ways to support them.

The Lord – the Word made Flesh – was born in this world riddled with difficulty, conflict and disease. We have celebrated His birth and, at the Epiphany, his manifestation to the world that He came to save. This Sunday, the Gospel takes us thirty years on – to His baptism in the Jordan by John. The Holy Spirit is seen and the voice of the Father proclaims Jesus as "the Beloved" on whom "favour rests". This event marks the beginning of the Lord's public ministry. After the hidden life of Nazareth, the time has come for the Lord to embark upon the three years of preaching, healing and teaching that would lead him to Passion, Death and Resurrection – all for our salvation; all out of love for us. All was done so that, in the words of St Paul in his Letter to Titus, "We should be justified by His grace, to become heirs looking forward to eternal life."

Despite the circumstances in which we find ourselves – no matter how difficult they may be – we can be confident in the power of the Saviour Who has come. There must be something of John the Baptist about us, as we point the way for others towards the person of Jesus. Now is the time for us to listen to the Prophet Isaiah and to say, as John the Baptist said: "Here is your God."

With every Blessing,  
+ Richard

**Prayers before mass at CTK.** There will be prayers before mass this Sunday from 10.30-11.15am. 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.

**As earth that is dry**  
and parched in the sun  
Lies waiting for rain,  
My soul is a desert  
Arid and waste;  
It longs for your word, O Lord;  
*Come to the waters, all you who thirst,*  
*Come now and eat my bread.*

Though you have no money,  
come, buy my corn  
And drink my red wine.  
Why spend precious gold  
On what will not last?  
Hear me and my soul will live.  
*Come to the waters, all you who thirst,*  
*Come now and eat my bread.*

As one on a journey  
Strays from the road,  
And falls in the dark,  
My mind is a wanderer  
Choosing wrong paths  
And longing to find a star.  
*Come to the waters, all you who thirst,*  
*Come now and eat my bread.*

The Lord is your light  
The Lord is your strength,  
Turn back to him now,  
For his ways are not  
The ways you would choose,  
And his thoughts are always new.  
*Come to the waters, all you who thirst,*  
*Come now and eat my bread.*

As rain from the mountains  
falls on the land  
and brings forth the seed  
The word of the Lord  
Sinks deep in our hearts,  
Creating the flower of truth.  
*Come to the waters, all you who thirst,*  
*Come now and eat my bread.*

**Spirit of the living God,**

Fall afresh on me.  
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Break me, melt me,  
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**Website :**  
<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

**Blessing of the Home at Epiphany.** It's a Catholic tradition to ask God to bless our homes at Epiphany for the year ahead. There is chalk, blessed salt and holy water in the Holy Rood chapel at CTK, plus a blessing prayer that can be used.

**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.

**Breathe on me, breath of God:**  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love as you have loved  
and do as you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with yours  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God;  
fulfil my heart's desire,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with your heavenly fire.

Breathe on me, breath of God;  
so shall I never die,  
but live with you the perfect life  
of your eternity.

	Baptism of the Lord	Mass Intentions
<b>Saturday 8th January</b>	<b>CTK : 10.00am-11.00am Adoration and exposition</b>	
	<b>CTK. : 5.00pm. : Mass</b>	Ted Sutherland RIP
<b>Sunday 9th January</b>	<b>St Jo's : 9.30am mass</b>	Fr Tadeusz
<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>	<b>CTK : 11.30am mass</b>	George Redmond RIP
	<b>CTK 4.00pm mass (Divine Worship)</b>	Fr Bruno
<b>Monday 10th January</b>	<b>No public Mass today</b>	(Carmela and Paul Vella RIP)
<b>Tuesday 11th January</b>	<b>10.00am : CTK</b>	Bernie Monaghan
<b>Wednesday 12th January</b>	<b>10.00am : St Jo's</b>	Darina, Baz & Annie
	St Aelred of Rivaulx	
<b>Thursday 13th January</b>	<b>6.00pm Exposition &amp; Adoration followed by 7.00pm : Mass at CTK (Divine Worship)</b>	David Kelly
<b>Friday 14th January</b>	<b>12noon : Mass : CTK follows by exposition and adoration till 5.00pm.</b>	Debbie Trecise
<b>Saturday 15th January</b>	<b>CTK : 10.00am-11.00am Adoration and exposition</b>	
	<b>CTK. : 5.00pm : Mass</b>	Stanley Drzewniak RIP
<b>Sunday 16th January</b>	<b>St Jo's : 9.30am mass</b>	Special Intention
<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>CTK : 11.30am mass</b>	Barbara Sikola
	<b>CTK : 4pm mass (Divine Worship)</b>	Fr Gerard

**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

