

Dear brothers and sisters

The Feast we celebrate this Sunday was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, the 16th Centenary of the Council of Nicaea when the definition of Christ being consubstantial with the Father was made – a fact of which we remind ourselves every time we pray the Creed.

Jesus is our King – the word Christ means ‘the anointed one’ – and we are all called to share in His kingship. Indeed, we are reminded of this at our baptism when we are anointed with Chrism in a prayer that speaks of our sharing in His kingship.

In an age when there are so many challenges to the Christian way, challenges to the kingship of Christ, it is good for us to be able to celebrate this feast, for it reminds us of who we are and it speaks of our destiny as the children of God.

Jesus, sprung from the race of David – who had been anointed by Samuel for his role as king – fulfils the Father’s plan. We read of this in today’s second reading. All is brought to fulfilment in the One who died on the Cross and rose from the dead, Christ who is the Word of God, Who existed before all things and in Whom all is created. We are His body; He is the head. He is King.

The Gospel this Sunday speaks of that destiny in a most powerful way. Jesus tells the thief who recognises the Lord’s goodness: “today, you will be with me in paradise.” These are words we must all wish to hear, for when we do, we have confirmation of our destiny, we know we shall share in the life of the Anointed One, Christ our King – that we shall live the fullness of what it means to be His.

With prayers, Bishop Richard

Solemnity of Christ the King. This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King; it is also our patronal feast day and the last Sunday before Advent starts, as we prepare for Christmas this year.

Today is also “National Youth Sunday”. We thank all our *younger parishioners* who assist in our parish, with their wonderful gifts and energy in a whole variety of ways. You are appreciated, you are needed, and you are loved.

November Memorial Candles. November is the month of the Holy Souls. During the month, individual candles are placed in the Holy Rood chapel for a week at CTK in memory of our dead relatives and friends. Please fill in a form at the back of the church with the name of your loved one and a specific week you would like. Suggested donation £5.

November Lists. There is a form at the back of the church if you would like your deceased relatives and friends remembered at Mass during November; place the list in the basket in front of the Lady Chapel. There is also a memorial tree in the Lady Chapel if you would like to add your deceased’s names.

Monthly Eastbourne Hospital Mass : Monthly Mass at 12noon on the last Tuesday of each month. Next Mass on Nov 29th in the hospital Chapel to pray with and for the staff and patients. All welcome.

‘**Missio**’ **boxes** will be being promoted this Advent. Use them as a swear box, a means of emptying your loss change from purse or wallet or for putting a small amount of you pocket money to charitable works. Please take a box, put your name on it. We will collect and empty them during Lent next year.

Bacon Rolls : Heather will be selling bacon rolls for £1 each in the hall after 11.30 Mass this weekend, with money raised helping towards the cost of Christmas decorations for the parish.

Hymn Numbers at St Jo’s & CTK :

Open (CTK) 195. ‘Hail Redeemer, king divine’
(St Jo’s) 559 ‘O worship the king’

Off - (CTK) 363 ‘My song is love unknown’
(St Jo’s). 503 ‘My song is love unknown’

Close (CTK) ‘Crown him with many crowns.’
(St Jo’s) ‘Crown him with many crowns’

Parish Christmas Lunch : December 10th, 2.00pm
We will now have the meal in our parish hall at CTK. It will be 3 courses and the cost is £15 for adults and £3.50 for children. Numbers limited to 40 adults and 10 children. £5 deposit and names needed by Nov 20th on the list at the back of the church and state dietary needs, e.g vegetarian/vegan. Any queries, contact Heather, : jhmcdebsx@aol.com

Parish Skills Audit : Fr Neil writes : ‘we have had 22 replies across both parishes from over 300 active members. This disappointing response might be because you missed the form or have left it at home and cannot find it or because you are already doing things you feel you don’t need to fill one in. There are spares are at the back of the church. Please fill in the Audit before leaving church today as we need to work through the responses. I will not accept that the low response is because most people have no interest in the life and health of their parish community.’

Warm Spaces Planning meeting. Wednesday 23rd 7pm CTK parish room. For all interested in helping provide something this winter. Please come and support this important parish venture.

This Advent we will be following, alongside other ecumenical partners, the theme of ‘Angels - a window into the supernatural’ : who are they, what’s their ministry ,what is their relationship with humans? Possible Study\prayer groups Tuesday CTK after 10am mass and Thursday afternoon CTK. Please see sign up sheets.

Break the Silence : Wednesday 23rd Nov is designated as RED WEDNESDAY by “Aid to the Church in Need”. Please wear something red, pray for the suffering Church, donate on the charity’s website.

Christmas cards. An excellent selection of Christian Christmas cards and gifts available in the repository at CTK, open at weekends and during the week. Contact Toni : 07528806388.

‘Women at the Periphery Taking Centre Stage’
Conference of Catholic Women, Ushaw, 25-27 Nov (free). Speakers include: Dr Pat Jones of the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University, Karen Kilby, Bede Chair of Theology at Durham University and Sr Maria Kolbe FSCC S.T.D, from the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops. Find out more and book at www.nbcw.co.uk/events?ct=t.

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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. **CTK main account** details : Sort Code : **40-05-20** A/C No : **91127012; CTK Building Account No : 61256130.** A/C Name : **RCD A&B Christ the King Eastbourne. St Joachim’s A/C.** Sort Code : 40-05-20; A/C No : 51077058.

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? This week they are dedicated to Victor Beale RIP and Mary Cuddeford RIP. Forms are available at the back of the church.

Prayer Before Mass. The Holy Rosary will be said every Sunday in November at 10.45am in CTK for the intentions of our deceased relatives and friends.

Light of Truth are offering an online course in 6 sessions for adults and catechists to renew and deepen their understanding of the Mass. The sessions take place online 15 Nov-20 Dec, 7.30pm-9pm. Find out more and register at www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/the-mass-anchoring-your-faith-2022-11-15-19-30?ct=t

Make a donation on-line to the parish today! Scan the QR code below, select our parish and add Gift Aid if you pay tax. Also see the poster at the back of the church.



Solemnity of Christ the King		Mass Intentions
Sat. Nov 19th	4.00pm CTK : Exposition and adoration until 5.00pm Mass	Stanley Drzewniak RIP
Sun Nov 20th	St Jo’s 9.30am. Mass	Priests
Solemnity of Christ the King	CTK. 11.30am Mass	Barbara Short RIP
	CTK. 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Private Intention
Mon Nov 21st Presentation of the BVM	No Public Mass	(Spencer Cresswell)
Tues Nov 22nd St Cecilia	CTK : 10am Mass	Natalia’s conversion
Wed Nov 23rd St Clement	St Jo’s : 10.00am : Mass	Remembrance of our Lord’s agony
Thurs Nov 24th Martyrs of Vietnam	CTK : 5.30pm -7.00pm; Exposition & Holy Hour for priests	Healing of Nisha’s family tree
Fri Nov 25th St Catherine of Alexandria	CTK : 12noon : Mass	Reg & Clive Miles
Sat Nov 26th	4.00pm CTK : Exposition and adoration until 5.00pm. Mass	Shannon De La Motte
	St Jo’s 9.30am mass	Ryszard Wolski RIP
Sun Nov 27th 1st Sunday of Advent	CTK 11.30am mass	Ken Stroughair RIP
	CTK 4pm mass (DW)	Jose Perez RIP

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, Rene Cook, Jan Blake, Sandra McMeekin, David Dwyer, Diana Smith, Colleen Stock, Sr Mary Keiley, Jane Hollands, Kirina Blaty, Moira Morrison, Philip Duffy, Pamela Chatfield, Eddie Burke,Theresa Kitchener, Roy Worsley, Betty Donovan, Lucas Mack, Marian Moulding, Marie Williams, Terry Swales, Lois Forbes, Pauline Sollis, Alexandra Waters, Daniel Markham, Maria P Veras, Alison J Thomas

For the recently deceased: Maureen Farrant, Eileen Church, Elia Borsoi, Timothy Van-Eugen, Mathew Orr, Victor Beale