

Dear brothers and sisters

During this coming week, on the 8 December, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

The Angel Gabriel, as the Gospel tells us, greeted her as ‘full of grace’. The Catechism takes up this fact, stating that: “in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith, to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God’s grace.” It is for this reason that, through God’s grace and the merits of her Son, she was – as Pope Pius IX proclaimed – “preserved immune from all stain of original sin.”

All we believe about our Blessed Mother points us to her Son. Her immaculate conception prepared her for her singular role in God’s plan as the mother of our Saviour, whose birth we are soon to celebrate.

In a Diocese where so many travel to Lourdes each year, we might also recall Our Lady’s words to Bernadette, for in the Grotto at Lourdes our Blessed Mother referred to herself as the 'Immaculate Conception'. In this way, Mary stands with us directing us to her Son.

Let us ask Mary – she who is ‘full of grace’ – to pray with us and for us, for our intentions, for all whom we hold dear, for our troubled world and for that peace that is the gift of her Son.

With prayers, Bishop Richard.

Christmas Service times : **24th Dec** - 4.30pm at CTK : children’s liturgy. Please come dressed as angels, shepherds, Mary, Joseph etc.
8.00pm : CTK - Vigil Mass of Christmas.
11.30pm : CTK - Midnight Mass (DW)

25th Dec - 9.30am. : Mass at St Jo’s
11.30 : Mass at CTK
4.00pm : CTK. - Divine Worship

Christmas Service Times in Eastbourne: there is a large quantity of Christmas Cards with all details of Christmas services at OLR, CTK and St Jo’s. As an outreach to others, please take as many as you can to distribute to friends, neighbours etc, especially Catholic Parishioners who have not yet come back to Mass since the pandemic.

Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. : This is a solemnity and Mass will be said at 12noon on Thurs Dec 8th. Please note change of Mass time. There is NO evening Mass, but we will still have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests, 5.30-7.00pm.

200 Club : The winning numbers for November are 1st prize (£100): Mary Crouch (No 113); 2nd Prize (£60) Emma Encinas-Steel (No 40). Thanks to all who take part in this excellent fundraising activity. Forms are at the back of the church if you would like to join,

‘**Missio**’ **boxes** will be 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 your pocket money to charitable works. Please take a box, put your name on it. We will collect and empty them during Lent next year. The red Missio boxes are available at the back of the church.

‘**Rorate Mass**’ : This is a candlelit Mass every Friday of Advent in honour of Our Lady, at 6.30am (OLR) followed by breakfast in the Hall. “Rorate caeli” means ‘drop down, O heavens’ (Isaiah 45:8).

Hymn Numbers :
Open (CTK) 418. ‘On Jordans banks ‘
(St Jo’s) 7. ‘Abba, father’
Off - (CTK) 320. : ‘Lord accept the gifts we offer’
(St Jo’s). 377 ‘: ‘Lord accept....’
Close (CTK) 311 ‘Like a sea without a shore’
(St Jo’s) 268 ‘Our God reigns’

Parish Christmas Lunch : December 10th, 2.00pm
It will be 3 courses and the cost is £15 for adults and £3.50 for children. This week, Christmas raffle tickets will be on sale. Any queries, contact Heather, : jhmcdebsx@aol.com

‘**Warm Spaces**’. Thanks to those who attended the meeting recently. We are opening a warm centre Monday’s 11-5pm at CTK in the parish room beginning Monday 5th December; and St Joachim’s Friday’s 9am-5pm starting on Friday 9th Dec. If you are free to help support this, please speak to Fr Neil

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? Study group on Tuesday CTK after 10am mass.

Catholic diaries for 2023. There are good quality Catholic 2023 diaries on sale for £5. Please speak to Ilona or Fr Neil.

Readers at the Vigil Mass : A new readers’ rota is being prepared for the period 1 January-30 June 2023 in the next few weeks. At present we have 9 readers but would welcome anyone who would like to join us. Please contact Fr. Neil or ring Judith Rhys on 01323 735442 if you would like to be included.

Christian Men’s Breakfast : on Saturday 10th Dec at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club at 8am when Ian Ford (St John’s Church) will be sharing his Thought for the Day.. To book please call Dennis on 07808 731166 or dennisthompson618@gmail.com

Mary Cuddeford RIP. Mary’s requiem is on Tuesday Dec 6th at 2.45pm at CTK. We continue to prayer for the repose of Mary’s soul and for her family and friends at this time.

NBCW Advent webinars Mondays December 5th, 12th and 19th. 7.30-9pm. Exploring Women’s experiences of working within our diverse churches. Hosted by the NBCW Committee for Ecumenism. Please share with your friends and with neighbouring Christian communities. The link will open at 7.15pm. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85351832343?pwd=NFdyYjZ5d3ZpS1dQeXExaDIqeDFNQQT09>

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.

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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 :
<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 Fr Peter Kelly RIP and Tom, Jerry & Phil McCarthy RIP. Forms are available at the back of the church if you would like to sponsor a candle.

Prayer Before Mass. In Advent, the prayer before Mass will take place at CTK every Sunday at 10.30am. On the Sun 4th Dec, first Sunday of the month, the prayer will be in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

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Second Sunday of Advent		Mass Intentions
Sat. Dec 3rd		
	4.00pm CTK : Exposition and adoration until 5.00pm Mass	Ian Platt RIP
Sun Dec 4th	St Jo’s 9.30am. Mass	People of the parish
Second Sunday of Advent	CTK. 11.30am Mass	Betty Donovan - in thanks
	CTK. 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Natalia
Mon Dec 5th	No Public Mass	(Madonna Montestella)
Tues Dec 6th	CTK : 10am Mass CTK : 2.45pm Requiem	Terry Swales Mary Cuddeford RIP
Wed Dec 7th St Ambrose	St Jo’s : 10.00am : Mass	Holy Souls
Thurs Dec 8th	CTK : 12noon Mass (DW)	Fr Giovanni & friends
Immaculate Conception of Our Lady	CTK : 5.30pm -7.00pm; Exposition & Holy Hour for priests	
Fri Dec 9th	CTK : 12noon : Mass Exposition and adoration today : 12.30-5.00pm	Paula Bourlet RIP Sheila Spearman RIP
Sat Dec 10th	4.00pm CTK : Exposition and adoration until 5.00pm. Mass	John & Kathleen Geraghty & family RIP
Sun Dec 11th Third Sunday of Advent <i>‘Gaudete Sunday’</i>	St Jo’s 9.30am mass CTK 11.30am mass CTK 4pm mass (DW)	Jack & Joan Snook RIP George Lee RIP Anna Janka

We pray for: Emma Raper, Eithne Lloyd, Peter Champion, Chris Gimmons, Don Wilkins, Stuart McCarthy, Helena Sagnelia, 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, Mary Ayling

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