

A message from Bishop Richard on the Solemnity of Christ the King

‘This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. As we proclaim our faith in the words of Creed, we acclaim Jesus ‘consubstantial with the Father.’ These words come from the Council of Nicaea which took place in the year 325 - the Council that gave its name to the text of the Creed that we customarily use at Mass on Sundays - the Nicene Creed. It was in 1925 that Pope Pius XI instituted this to mark the 1600th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

We place our whole lives before the person of Jesus Christ our King, and it is this relationship that we celebrate on this feast. It is this relationship that is a prerequisite for our service of the Gospel. It is this relationship, and this service that lead us to His Kingdom.

The Opening Prayer of Mass on this feast expresses this for us: “Grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.” Praise and service. These are the marks of the Kingdom of Christ.

The readings at Mass are all about judgement and the last times. St Paul, writing to the Corinthians, speaks of the way in which Christ our King will hand everything to our Heavenly Father. The Prophet Ezekiel speaks about judgement, and Jesus Himself places before us the grounds on which we shall be judged. Service of Him in all around us – this must be our way.

The feast of Christ the King is also Youth Sunday. To all those in our schools, colleges, and universities - and to all who are searching for your way in life - I say this: be open to the call that Jesus, our King, will most certainly give to you. Place your lives before Him. May your relationship with Him be the foundation for your service of others. Build His Kingdom.’

Best wishes, Bishop Richard.

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, our parish feast day. This marks the end of the Church’s liturgical year. It is also Youth Sunday. The first Sunday of Advent is on Dec 3rd.

THE ‘RORATE CÆLI MASS’ is a traditional Advent devotion. Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered, by candlelight, just before dawn. The title is from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon: “Drop down dew from above, you heavens, let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour’ (Is 45:8). The ‘Rorate Cæli Mass’ will be offered at OLR on Fridays from Dec 8th-Dec 22nd at 6.30am.

Brown Scapular. If you would like to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular, please collect a form with full details from the back of the church. Enrolment will be on 8th and 10th December.

Christmas Children’s party will take place after 11.30am Mass in CTK hall on Dec 10th. There will be games and gifts for children plus we’re expecting a very special visitor all the way from the North Pole! Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church if you are attending. Please bring food to share with others. Tea, coffee & squash will be provided.

DGH Hospital Mass will be said in the hospital chapel on Tues 28th Nov at 12noon. All welcome as we pray for patients, staff and their families. There will be NO Mass at the end of Dec.

Advent Service of Light will take place at CTK on Dec 9th; more details later.

Hymns for Solemnity of Christ the King
Open : CTK 195. ‘Hail Redeemer, King divine’
St Jo’s : 108. ‘Christ is King of earth and heaven’
Off : CTK. 112. ‘Crown him with many crowns’
St Jo’s 139. ‘Crown him with many crowns’
Close : CTK 735. ‘ ‘Majesty’
St Jo’s : 559. ‘O worship the king’

St Joachim’s : Christmas carols, mulled wine and mince pies next Sat, Dec 2nd at 3.00pm. Join us for a festive afternoon of carolling and festive treats. If you would like to come and are unable due to transport please let us know. There’s no charge but donations grateful.

Community Lunch last Sunday was a great success. Thanks to all who came and brought food to share. We will continue these lunches in 2024 so watch this space.

Church Fundraiser. Stay after Mass on Sunday December 3rd and enjoy some delicious food delights from the Philippines. This is an event raising funds for the much needed new hall kitchen.

Christmas Raffle - Roll up, roll up! It’s Christmas raffle time! Tickets are now available to purchase; please see David Cockett, Amanda or Dominic. Tickets are £2 a strip, or 5 strips for £5. Two fabulous hampers and some smaller gifts are all to be won; look out for the festive display coming soon at the back of the church. The raffle draw will take place on Sunday 17th Dec after the morning Mass.

Christmas Hampers. This is our final call for hamper and gift donations required for our Christmas Hampers. Alcohol, Festive Food items (cakes, nuts, preserves etc) are all welcome. Please leave at the back of the church in labelled box. Thank You.

Epiphany Celebration. Our Epiphany celebration takes place on Sat 13th Jan 2024 at York House Hotel. Bookings are now being taken. Please take a leaflet from the back of the church and complete your details clearly with your food choices. There is a 3 course adult menu and a 2 or 3 course child’s menu. Once completed return it with FULL PAYMENT and place it in the labelled box at the back of the church on SUNDAYS ONLY when these will be collected. We have a set number of places so book now to reserve your place(s).

Matthew 25 Mission is launching ‘Share the Love 500’ this week on Nov 29th and 30th at the Beacon Centre in Eastbourne. Come along and find out more about the work of Matthew 25, which we support regularly in our parish. Join them for a coffee and a chat, with activities for all ages. See the posters at the back of the church.

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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 for a personal intention or a special individual, by the Blessed Sacrament tabernacle, the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham or the statue of St Joseph by the church porch? This week the candles are for Francesca and Rebecca, and deceased members of the Steele & Encinas family. There are forms available at the back of the church if you would like to sponsor a candle.

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 25th	CTK. : 4-4.45pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	Thanksgiving
Sun Nov 26th	St Jo's : 9.30am. Mass	Mr & Mrs Farrugia
Solemnity of Christ the Universal King	CTK. : 11.30am Mass	Gordon Wilkinson RIP
Youth Sunday	CTK. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Kate Barry RIP
Mon Nov 27th	No Public Mass	(Prince & family)
Tues Nov 28th	CTK Mass : 10.00am	Allister Lee
Wed Nov 29th	St Jo's : 10.00am. Mass	For good vocations for all orders
Thurs Nov 30th	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm : Exposition and Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm. : Mass	Andrew Curran RIP
Fri Dec 1st	CTK. 12noon Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.30pm-5.00pm.	For the calling to faith
Sat Dec 2nd	4-4.45pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Mass	People of the parish
Sun. Dec 3rd	St Jo's : 9.30am Mass	Marian Moulding RIP
First Sunday of Advent	CTK : 11.30am Mass CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	People of the parish Michael Barry Snr RIP

We pray for: Emma Raper, Eithne Lloyd, Peter Champion, Chris Gimmons, Stuart McCarthy, Helena Sagnelia, Frankie Farrell, Daisy Kelly, Sue & Mick O’Driscoll, Rene Cook, Jan Blake, Sandra McMeekin, David Dwyer, Diana Smith, Sr Mary Keiley, Jane and John Hollands, Kirina Blaty, Moira Morrison, Philip Duffy, Pamela Chatfield, Theresa Kitchener, Betty Donovan, Marie Williams, Terry Swales, Pauline Sollis, Alexandra Waters, Lucas Mack, Zachary Hurst (age 3 years) Daniel Markham, Maria P Veras, Alison J Thomas, Mary Ayling, Alan Calivas, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Rosa Ferro, Deacon Dave Turner, June Neville

For the recently deceased: Eddie Burke, Daniel Henry Lynch, Philip Drake, Lilian Mary Kiely, Gary Isles, Melvin Moulding, Fr Gerald Vann