

A message from Fr Neil about the Bishop’s Pastoral Plan for the Diocese.

Bishop Richard has written a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese which will be released in the New Year: ‘The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission’. As society becomes more secular our parishes must be ever-clearer beacons of light guiding people to Christ. The new Plan highlights how our community of faith can embrace this important time of renewal, forging diocesan parishes into communities of saints and strong, lively, and welcoming schools of discipleship.

The Pastoral Plan will be released on the diocesan website on **Tuesday 2 January**: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan) with hard copies available to read in each parish.

Bishop Richard met with members of the clergy recently and will be hosting a Pastoral PlanWebinar for people across our diocesan community on **Wednesday 10th January at 7.30pm**. Please use the following the link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86457734895>.

**THANK YOU AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS** : Fr Neil and Deacon Eugene would like to thank all who have sent in cards and presents over the Christmas period. And they wish you, your family and friends a joyful Christmas and a happy and holy New Year.

**Many thanks** to all who helped over the Advent Season and the Christmas period (and throughout the year!) to support the parish in any way. We rely on the time, commitment and dedication of the many parishioners who give their support to build up the Catholic community of St Joachim’s and CTK.

**DONA card machine** : We now have a card machine installed at CTK which will help with our financial giving to the parish. It will make it easier for us if we forget our cash.

**Jubilee Year 2025** : The Holy Father has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years - the theme for the year is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. 'Jubilee' is the name given to a particular year offering an opportunity to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. In the Catholic Church, the concept of Jubilee or ‘Holy Year’ has been used to declare special years for forgiveness and reconciliation. To find out more go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/previous-events/the-year-of-jubilee-2025/jubilee-themes/?ct=t>.

**CTK Seniors** meet again for our first 2024 session on Wed 10th January at 11.00am-1.00pm in the parish room. All welcome as we join together for nibbles, sharing and fun. If you need a lift, contact Dominic - 07709305657.

**Men’s Rosary Walk** takes place again on Friday Jan 12th from 7.00pm-9.00pm starting at CTK parish room. As we walk around the parish we recite the Holy Rosary, praying for God’s blessing on our town. We gather afterward for a time of sharing and beer!

**THE CRIB OFFERINGS** left in the basket by the Crib will be given to the Catholic Children’s Society (A&B) Crisis Fund, which provides emergency grants for children and families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated through the Crib Offerings will be given out via these grants. The Fund has helped a number of our own families over the past few years.

Hymns for the Christmas Eve/Day services will vary at each Mass. They will be posted on the hymn board.

**Epiphany Celebration.** Our Epiphany celebration takes place on Sat 13th Jan 2024 at York House Hotel. All forms must now be in by Dec 31st so make sure you complete your form and place it with the money in the box at the back of the church.

‘**Matthew 25 Mission**’ is a local Eastbourne charity that provides support for the unemployed and homeless in the town. Each day they provide hot lunches, and last winter they were serving up to 100 meals a day. They are in need of tinned foods, dry pasta, long life milk etc. They also have a charity shop so items of clothing are welcome. There is a box at the back of the church for your donations. Please do not leave your clothes donations by the large clothes bin in the CTK car park. You can place them by the church door if the church is closed. Many thanks.

**Bacon Butties** will be available after 11.30am Mass on December 31st. A good way to celebrate the end of the year!

**Welcomers at CTK** - we are looking for volunteers to act as welcomers to greet people at the beginning of 5.00pm and 11.30am Masses, to hand out and collect hymn books and newsletters. If enough people volunteer we could have a rota. See Fr Neil if you can help.

**200 Club Christmas Draw.** There was an extra 200 Club Christmas Draw last weekend. These prize winners each received £75 : Mary Crouch (202), Emma Encinas-Steel (40), Ilona Hollands (133). Congratulations to our Christmas winners, and thank you to all who have supported the 200 Club over the past year; it has added greatly to the parish finances. There are forms available at the back of the church if you would like to take part.

**Christmas Week Masses** : Please note that there will be a 10.00am Mass daily in Christmas week, Dec 26th-29th. There will be no Exposition and Benediction on Thursday or Friday of this week.

**Christmas Raffle Winners.** Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Raffle; 1st prize : Peggy Welsh; other winners were : Marina Green, Brendan, Ken Rock, John Carmody. The raffle raised a considerable amount for the parish finances, and thanks to the many people who bought tickets.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 2024** will be transferred to Sunday 7 January.

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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. **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 Christmas week the candles are for Harry Rock RIP, Clarke Johnson RIP, Lyon & McDonagh family, Eugenia Stanczak RIP, Raphael RIP. 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.



Christmas Day		Mass Intentions
Sat. Dec 23rd	CTK. : 4-4.45pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	M. Moulding RIP
Sun Dec. 24th	St Jo's : 9.30am	Liturgy of the Word
Fourth Sunday of Advent	CTK 10.00am Mass of 4th Sunday of Advent	Sabina Wyczynska RIP
	CTK. 4.00pm	Children’s Christmas Liturgy
	St Jo's. 6.00pm Mass of Christmas	Derek Seton-Smith RIP
	CTK. 8.00pm Mass of Christmas	Fr Sean Murphy RIP
Christmas Eve	CTK. 11.30pm Christmas Midnight Mass (DW)	Harry Rock RIP
	Mon Dec 25th	Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity
Christmas Day	CTK. 10.00am Mass of Christmas Day	
Tues Dec 26th	CTK : 10.00am Mass	Thanksgiving
St Stephen		
Wed Dec 27th St John the Apostle	St Jo's : 10.00am. Mass	Cassidy family
Thurs Dec 28th Holy Innocents	CTK : Mass 10.00 am (DW)	McLymont RIP
Fri Dec 29th St Thomas a Becket	CTK. 10.00am Mass	Eugenia Stanczak RIP
Sat Dec 30th	4-4.45pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	CTK : 5.00pm Mass	People of the parish
Sun. Dec 31st	St Jo's. : 9.30am. Mass	Private Intention
	CFTK. : 11.30m. Mass	Chett Cassidy
	CTK. : 4.00pm. Mass (DW)	David Sharp

**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, 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:** Pamela Chatfield, Fr Brian Gill, Fr John Lungley, Gary Neville