

**A message from Bishop Richard on the Second Sunday of Advent**

In this Sunday’s Gospel John the Baptist arrives on the scene, calling people to repentance. The Gospel makes a direct reference to the writings of the prophet Isaiah, that we hear in the first reading today.

Isaiah speaks of the consolation that the people will find in God, and he uses the image of the shepherd caring for the sheep. Even in Isaiah, the message is clear that the prophet will point the way to the God who comes – and, as we look back on these prophecies through the eyes of our Christian faith, our minds go straight to the Good Shepherd, Jesus – the Word made Flesh. True consolation is found only in Him, for in Him is found forgiveness and life.

Listening to the voice of John the Baptist prompts us to take the first step towards the consolation that is promised. That step is repentance; the turning to face the Lord that enables us to truly face ourselves as we are. Only in this openness and honesty can we truly be ready to ask forgiveness - confident that this will be granted us.

The Lord’s forgiveness to us – in small things and in great – bring a consolation in the depths of our being that is beyond description. This experience of consolation, of love, enables us to live our lives as effective witnesses to Him - and in the second reading this Sunday, we find St Paul reminding us that living lives that are free from sin is the way to be ready for the joyful hope and the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

With every blessing,                      Bishop Richard Moth

Christmas Mass Times at CTK and St Jo’s.		
Sat Dec 23rd.	5.00pm :	CTK - Mass.
Sun Dec 24th	10.00am. CTK :	Mass.
	4.00pm CTK :	Children’s Liturgy.
	6.00pm St Jo’s :	1st Mass of Christmas
	8.00pm. CTK :	1st Mass of Christmas
	11.30pm CTK :	Midnight Mass (DW)
Mon Dec 25th	10.00am. CTK :	Mass of Christmas Day.

**THE ‘RORATE CÆLI MASS’** is a traditional Advent devotion. Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered, by candlelight, just before dawn, and will be celebrated at OLR on Friday Dec 15th and Dec 22nd at 6.30am. Breakfast will be provided after Mass.

**Christmas Children’s party** will take place after 11.30am Mass in CTK hall this Sunday, 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.

**Funeral service** for Pamela Chatfield, Fr Neil’s mother, will be on 19th December at All Saints Church, Sidley, at 12.30pm.

**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 and to hand out hymn books and newsletters. If enough people volunteer we could have a rota. See Fr Neil if you can help.

**200 Club for November** : Numbers were drawn last week and the winners are : 1st prize : £100, No 214, George Gibson; 2nd prize : £75, No 176, John Carmody; 3rd prize : £50, No 35, Raphal Davis.

**Hymns for Second Sunday of Advent**  
Open : CTK (397). ‘O Jesus Christ remember’  
St Jo’s : (535). ‘O Jesus Christ remember’  
Off : CTK. (418). ‘On Jordan’s banks’  
St Jo’s (377). ‘Lord accept the gifts’  
Close : CTK (337). ‘Love divine’  
St Jo’s : (398) ‘Love divine’

**CTK Seniors** : our next meeting will be on Wed 13th Dec, 11.00am-1.00pm in the parish room at CTK. All welcome for a time of sharing and friendship. We will have a light lunch. A great chance to spend time chatting and supporting each other. If you need a lift, please contact Dominic (07709305657). See you there!

**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. Fabulous hampers and some smaller gifts are all to be won; the draw will take place on Sunday 17th Dec after the morning Mass.

**Epiphany Celebration.** Our Epiphany celebration takes place on Sat 13th Jan 2024 at York House Hotel. Forms available at the back of the church. Return it with FULL PAYMENT by Dec 17th and place it in the labelled box at the back of the church on SUNDAYS ONLY when these will be collected.

**Advent Taize Service** on December 15th at 7.00pm at St Gregory’s Church. All welcome.

**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 10th December.

**‘Matthew 25 Mission’** is a local Eastbourne charity that provides support for the unemployed and homeless in the town. Each day they serve 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. There is a box at the back of the church for your donations. Many thanks.

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

**Rick Bonner’s Christmas show** raising funds for the people of the Ukraine. Vocalists : Lana Bright, Jhon Grohotsky and Rick Bonner. Special guests Fr Kevin Dring, Lord McLean and Amanda Morris, deputy mayor of Eastbourne. At the Cavendish Hotel, Dec 15th at 6.30pm. See poster at the back of the church. Free entrance but donations welcome.

**St Joachim’s** : Evening Prayer and Benediction will be celebrated on Sunday 10th and 17th December at 4.30pm as part of out Advent preparation.

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**For enquiries for baptism, first**  
**communion, confirmation, and**  
**marriages please speak**  
**to either Fr Neil or**  
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**01323 760048**

**Parish Hall Bookings**  
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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 McDonagh & Lyon families RIP and Luke Roarty 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.



	Second Sunday of Advent	Mass Intentions
Sat. Dec 9th	CTK. : 4-4.45pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	Deceased members of Simon family
Sun Dec. 10th	St Jo's : 9.30am. Mass	Cecilia & Rasto RIP
Second Sunday of Advent	CTK. : 11.30am Mass	Basia
	CTK. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	People of the Parish
	St Jo's. : 4.30pm	Evening Prayer & Benediction
Mon Dec 11th	No Public Mass	(Darina & Cyril RIP)
Tues Dec 12th	CTK Mass : 10.00am	Deceased members of Marian Missionaries
Wed Dec 13th St Lucy	St Jo's : 10.00am. Mass	Elizabeth & Peter RIP
Thurs Dec 14th	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm : Exposition and Holy Hour for Priests	
St John of the Cross	7.00pm. : Mass	Deceased members of Luder family
Fri Dec 15th	OLR. 6.30am	‘Rorate Caeli’ Mass
	CTK. 12noon Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm.	Intentions of Marcin Family
Sat Dec 16th	4-4.45pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	CTK : 5.00pm Mass	Intentions of Cassidy Family
Sun. Dec 17th	St Jo's : 9.30am Mass	People of the Parish
Third Sunday of Advent ‘Gaudete’ Sunday	CTK : 11.30am Mass	Luke Roarty RIP
	CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	Alvin Lee
	St Jo's. : 4.30pm	Evening Prayer & Benediction

**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:** Lilian Mary Kiely, Gary Isles, Melvin Moulding, Fr Gerald Vann, Pamela Chatfield, Fr Brian Gill