

Dear brothers and sisters

The Season of Advent begins the Church’s Year. It is a season that is, in a sense, a time of two parts. The first, leading to the 17th December, directs our minds and hearts to the Kingdom of God. This is a theme that has been very present during the last weeks of the Church’s Year, but this Season of Advent has a different feel, as it were.

Rather than focussing on judgement, there is encouragement for us to reflect on our hope and expectation of the coming Kingdom. This is reflected, in fact, in every celebration of the Eucharist, in the prayer that follows the Our Father, with the words: “as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.”

Advent calls us to ask ourselves if we are really open to the gift of hope – hope that rests in the coming of Christ, not only in our celebration of His Birth at Christmas, but most especially in His coming again.

When we proclaim our faith in the words of the Creed, we find the words “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.” The Christian life looks forward all the time – in hope – to the wonder of the experience of total love in the Kingdom of the Father.

It is this hope that enables us to live our Christian life, often in the face of opposition and not without sufferings and difficulties, here and now – to be Christ’s people each and every day, as we await His coming.

As St Paul reminds us, in his letter to the Romans, “We are children and heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing His suffering so as to share His glory.”

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

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 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 will be available to take away this weekend.

‘**Advent is the spiritual season of hope par excellence**, and in it, the whole Church is called to become hope, for itself and for the world.’ *Pope Benedict XVI*. Advent prayer and other resources for all ages can be found on the CAFOD website - cafod.org.uk/advent

The CD that Worth Abbey's monastic community recorded back in 1994 is available to stream online once again. The 'Chants for St Benedict' CD previously clocked up more than 1.5 million listens on Spotify alone. Simply search for 'Worth Abbey' and 'Benedict' to bring it up on your favourite online platform.

Hymn Numbers : Sat at CTK 5.00pm :

Open : 569. ‘Though the mountains may fall’
Off : 744. ‘One bread, one body’
Close : 224. ‘Our God reigns’

Sunday at CTK & St Jo’s:

Open (CTK) 337. ‘Love divine’
(St Jo’s) 398 ‘Love divine’

Off - (CTK) 397 ‘O Jesus Christ remember’
(St Jo’s). 535. ‘O Jesus Christ remember’

Close (CTK) 404. ‘O Lord my God when I...’
(St Jo’s) 568 ‘O Lord my God when I..’

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

‘**Warm Spaces**’ **Planning meeting.** Thanks to those who attended the meeting last Wednesday. 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 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. Please see sign up sheets.

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.

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.

‘**Angel Evensong**’ : There is a service of Evensong at St Mary’s, Willingdon, on Dec 4th at 6.30pm. The twist is we will be singing all those favourite carols that mention the angels! If you would like to join the choir, please arrive at 5.30pm. More information : www.eastbourneangels.com.

St Andrew’s Day is celebrated on November 30th; he is the patron saint of Scotland. Happy feast day to all our Scottish parishioners.

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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 the Holy Souls and David White. Forms are available at the back of the church.

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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| First Sunday of Advent | | Mass Intentions |
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| Sat. Nov 26th | 4.00pm CTK : Exposition and adoration until 5.00pm Mass | Shannon De La Motte |
| Sun Nov 27th | St Jo’s 9.30am. Mass | Ryszard Wolski RIP |
| First Sunday of Advent | CTK. 11.30am Mass | Ken Stroughair RIP |
| | CTK. 4.00pm Mass (DW) | Jose Perez RIP |
| Mon Nov 28th | No Public Mass | (Priests) |
| Tues Nov 29th | CTK : 10am Mass | Ryszard Wolski RIP |
| Wed Nov 30th St Andrew | St Jo’s : 10.00am : Mass | Ryszard Wolski RIP |
| Thurs Dec 1st | CTK : 5.30pm -7.00pm; Exposition & Holy Hour for priests Mass : 7.00pm CTK | Priests |
| Fri Dec 2nd | CTK : 12noon : Mass Exposition and adoration today : 12.30-5.00pm | Anna Janka’s family |
| Sat Dec 3rd St Francis Xavier | 4.00pm CTK : Exposition and adoration until 5.00pm. Mass | Ian Platt RIP |
| Sun Dec 4th 2nd Sunday of Advent | St Jo’s 9.30am mass CTK 11.30am mass CTK 4pm mass (DW) | People of the parish Betty Donovan - in thanks Natalia |

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