

Dear brothers and sisters

This Saturday – the 17 December – marks a new step in our celebration of Advent, for it is the day of ‘*O Sapientia*’ – the day when the great ‘O Antiphons’ are sung, or said, at the time of the Magnificat at Vespers the Evening Prayer of the Church.

These Antiphons, accompanied by more elaborate chant when sung in the original Latin, mark the final seven days before the celebration of Christmas. They help us to concentrate our minds on the wonder of the Incarnation, through reflection on different aspects of the mission of Jesus, the Word made Flesh, God-with-us.

It is quite common for monastic communities to have a little *O Sapientia* party on this day, to mark this new step in Advent and perhaps we can do the same in our homes. This does not have to be complicated, just something small, accompanied by a short time of prayer together. I would like to recommend the praying of the Magnificat, Mary’s hymn of praise, together with the ‘O Antiphon’. Why not do this on each of these remaining days of Advent? The texts of the ‘O Antiphons’ are available on our [diocesan website](#) and also form the basis for the Hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”

May these coming days be a time for us all when we find a little time each day to reflect on the wonder of the coming feast of Christmas, that our hearts, and the heart of every person across the world, may be open to the peace that the Christ Child brings.

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 are some 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.

Advent Penitential Service. There will be a penitential service lead by Deacon Eugene, with the Sacrament of Confession available on Wed 21st December at 7.30pm at CTK. Fr Neil will be joined by other priests to assist with confessions.

Matthew 25 is a local charity that supports the homeless and unemployed in Eastbourne. It is based at Christchurch in Seaside and is especially busy during this very cold spell. There is a box in the entrance to CTK where you can donate items - especially clothes for men and women, blankets, duvets, and various food products - canned foods, long-life foods, i.e.pasta, milk. ‘Matthew 25’ comes from the passage of St Matthew’s gospel where Jesus says : ‘I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink’ (25:35)

Baptism of Theodora Rose Mockett. Please kindly remember in your prayers Theodora who will be baptised this Sunday at St. Joachim’s Church.

Updated parish website. We have now updated our parish website and added some excellent new features. These include a parish calendar which has Mass intentions and daily events in the parish. Please take a look : [www.christthekingeastourne.org](#)

Hymn Numbers this weekend :
Open (CTK) 516 ‘The angel Gabriel’
(St Jo’s) 293 ‘I’ll sing a hymn to Mary’
Off (CTK). 201. ‘Hark! A herald voice is calling’
(St Jo’s). 128 : ‘Come, Lord Jesus, come!’
Close (CTK) 384 ‘ O come, O come, Emmanuel’
(St Jo’s) 535 ‘O Jesus Christ remember’

Parish Christmas Raffle : The Christmas Raffle draw will take place this weekend in the hall after the 11.30 Mass on Sunday. The Christmas parish meal last weekend was a great success and raised over £500 for parish funds once expenses had been paid.

Monthly Eastbourne Hospital Mass: 12noon on the last Tuesday of each month. The next Mass is on 27th Dec in the hospital chapel to pray with and for the staff and patients. (If you know somebody who will be in Hospital and would like a priest to visit please let us know).

‘Warm Spaces’. We have started the warm spaces sessions on Monday’s 11-5pm at CTK in the parish room and St Joachim’s Friday’s 10am-3pm. 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? The final Study group is on Tuesday Dec 20th at CTK after 10am mass.

‘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). The final Rorate Mass this Advent is 23rd Dec.

‘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 them during Lent next year. The boxes are available at the back of the church.

Catholic Children’s Society A & B Crisis Fund: There are many vulnerable families in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib offerings to support this important work. You can donate at the Crib when it is up or via: [www.cathchild.org.uk/crib](#).

Understand your Catholic Faith with the Catechism in a Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz starting 1st Jan 2023. The Catechism holds the great treasures of the teachings of the Church, some are beautiful in their simplicity, others can be challenging. See <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear?ct=t> to join this potentially life changing adventure.

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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 May & Tim McCormack RIP and Luke Roarty . 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.

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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Fourth Sunday of Advent		Mass Intentions
Sat. Dec 17th	4.00pm CTK : Exposition and adoration until 5.00pm Mass	Stanley Drzewniak RIP
Sun Dec 18th	St Jo's 9.30am. Mass	Deceased friends of Emma & James Moulding RIP & Jackie Riggs
Fourth Sunday of Advent	CTK. 11.30am Mass	Michael Brady Sr RIP
	CTK. 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Debbie Tresise RIP
Mon Dec 19th	No Public Mass	(Holy Souls)
Tues Dec 20th	CTK : 10am Mass	Healing of Simon family tree
Wed Dec 21st	St Jo's : 10.00am : Mass	Holy Souls
	CTK. : 7.30pm	Advent Penitential Service
Thurs Dec 22nd	CTK : 5.30pm -7.00pm; Exposition & Holy Hour for priests CTK. : 7.00pm Mass (DW)	Linda
Fri Dec 23rd	CTK : 12noon : Mass Exposition and adoration today : 12.30-5.00pm	Anka
Sat Dec 24th Christmas Eve	CTK : 4.30pm CTK. : 8.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas CTK. : 11.30pm Midnight (DW)	Children's Liturgy Jack & Anne Edwards Harry Rock RIP
Sun Dec 25th Christmas Day	St Jo's 9.30am mass CTK 11.30am mass CTK 4pm mass (DW)	Derek Seton-Smith RIP Danuta Fr Bruno

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: Elia Borsoi, Timothy Van-Eugen, Mathew Orr, Victor Beale, Mary Cuddeford

