

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last Friday, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Epiphany – the visit of the Magi to the young Christ. This is very much a feast for each and every one of us, for in this event we see the Word made Flesh showing Himself to the world beyond the Chosen People of Israel.

This Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. This brings Christmastide to a close – even though we may have taken down our trees and decorations by now. This is a fitting way to celebrate the close of the Christmas season, for the baptism marks the beginning of the Lord’s public ministry. At the moment of His baptism, we hear the voice of the Father: “This is my Son, the Beloved: my favour rests on Him.”

In this event at the River Jordan, the ministry of John the Baptist is complete and, in the Gospel texts, he recedes from view. Now is the time to which John has pointed. The Lamb of God, the Christ, has come – not only in the flesh but now, after the 30 hidden years, in the action of His ministry.

For us, for the world, this is a day of hope and joy – for the three years of Jesus’ ministry lead to His Passion, Death and Resurrection; the work that brings about the conquering of sin and death and the salvation of the world.

We might reflect today that the Lord has shown Himself to us, and that every moment of His public ministry, His life, is for us. How can we refuse Him anything we can give in prayer, in worship, in the mission that he has given to us, and in the service of our brothers and sisters?

With every blessing, + Richard

Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI. ‘O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Benedict, whom you made successor of Peter, and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.’

Requiem Mass for Pope Benedict XVI who was a true servant of the Church and, maybe along with many (or most) Popes, reluctantly accepted his nomination as successor of St Peter, but then gave himself with great humility and kindness to his new ministry. We will offer a special Requiem Mass on Thurs 12th at 7.00pm at CTK (DW) in thanksgiving and for his well-earned eternal rest.

Marian Moulding’s funeral will take place on Tues 10th Jan, 10.30am at CTK. We pray for the repose of Marian’s soul and remember her family and friends at this time.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word led by Bishop Richard, 21st Jan, 11am-4pm at St. Bernadette’s Church Crawley. The day includes talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, using microphones, Lectio Divina, and Mass. To register your free place go to <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/xeuuphqw?ct=t>

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. Please speak to Fr Neil if you can help.

Hymn Numbers for the feast of the Baptism of the Lord :
Open : (CTK). 529. ‘The light of Christ’ (St Jo’s) 8. ‘Abba Father send you Spirit’ (v1-6)
Off. : (CTK) 320. ‘Lord accept the gifts we offer’ (St Jo’s) 377. ‘Lord accept the gifts we offer.’
Close : (CTK) 122. ‘Do not be afraid.’ (St Jo’s) 147 ‘Do not be afraid’

Solemnity of the Epiphany. Friday, Jan 6th was the feast of the Epiphany. An ancient Catholic tradition for this feast is marking our homes with blessed chalk asking God’s protection on our families; blessed chalk is available at all masses this weekend - please take some home with you. Mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows :
‘20+C+M+B+23’, saying ‘The 3 wise men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God’s Son who became human 2 thousand and 23 years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the year. Amen.’

Then say the following prayer:
‘Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen’

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 by then Lady Chapel or via: www.cathchild.org.uk/crib.

Understand your Catholic Faith with the Catechism in a Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz started on 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.

Annual Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly, 'Hungry for Change', 28th January 2023, 9.30am-1.30pm at The St. Philip Howard Centre, RH10 6RP. We will explore how war contributes to world hunger. <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/2iasupai?ct=t>

‘Matthew 25’. Dr Lesley Dawson will be speaking on the work of this local charity that supports homeless, unemployed and otherwise vulnerable people in Eastbourne. The meeting, organised by Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle, is in our parish room on Mon 30th Jan starting at 7.30pm. All parishioners and friends welcome. Donations to this charity can be placed in the box at the entrance to CTK.

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Website :
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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? There are forms available at the back of the church.

A & B Diocesan Directories for 2023 are available at the back of the church. They contain information about our diocese, as well as clergy, parishes, schools and mass times throughout Surrey and Sussex. Cost £5.

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Baptism of the Lord		Mass Intentions
Sat. Jan 7th	CTK : 4.00-5.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Sonia
Sun Jan 8th	St Jo's 9.30am. Mass	Eithne Lloyd
	Baptism of the Lord	Matylda (baby)
	CTK. 11.30am Mass	Lydia Horlina RIP
Mon Jan 9th	CTK. 4.00pm Mass (DW)	(Lois Forbes RIP)
	No Public Mass	
Tues Jan 10th	CTK : 10.30am : Funeral Mass	Marian Moulding RIP
Wed Jan 11th	St Jo's : 10.00am : Mass	Hilary Heffes
Thurs Jan 12th	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition and Holy Hour for priests CTK. : 7.00pm(DW) Mass	Requiem Mass for Pope Benedict XVI
Fri Jan 13th	CTK : 12noon : Mass	Kochu Pilo Raphael RIP
Sat Jan 14th	CTK. : 4.00-5.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	CTK 5.00pm Mass	Stephen & Caroline Gaglione RIP
Sun Jan 15th	St Jo's 9.30am Mass	Sandra McMeekin
	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Andrew Curran RIP Nikolai Horlin RIP

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 Blat, Moira Morrison, Philip Duffy, Pamela Chatfield, Eddie Burke, Theresa Kitchener, Roy Worsley, Betty Donovan, Lucas Mack, 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, Marian Moulding, Pope Benedict XVI

