

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 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 NEW YEAR : 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 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.

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.

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

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

Hymns for the Feast of the Holy Family :
Open : CTK. (529). ‘The Light of Christ’
St Jo’s. (703). ‘The Light of Christ’
Off : CTK (471)‘See amid the winter’s snow’
St Jo’s. (630).‘See amid the winter’s snow’
Close : CTK (414) ‘Once in Royal’
St Jo’s (577). ‘Once in Royal’

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.

Service at Ashley Gardens Nursing Home : On Tuesday the 2nd Jan 2024 at 10.30am, our parish will lead a short prayer service with carols at Ashley Gardens care home, Willoughby Cres, Eastbourne BN22 8RA. If you would like to join us, please speak to John Carmody or Ilona Hollands.

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 takes place from Jan 18th-25th. We join with our fellow Christians in praying for the unity of Christ’s followers and asking for God’s blessing on our mission to our local community. There will be a joint service for the churches in the Langney area at St Barnabas’s Church, Kingfisher Drive (next to the Langney shopping centre) on Sat 20th Jan at 12.30pm beginning with a shared meal. All welcome.

Here is a reminder of five New Year’s Resolutions to help us grow in faith and holiness in 2024:
Pray - It seems obvious, but it is by far the most important thing, regular prayer helps us know the heart of God more.
Serve - Our parish wouldn’t function without the amazing volunteers who do so much. How could you help the parish?

Learn - There are endless ways to discover and explore more of the beauty and doctrine of our Catholic faith : Catholic websites, newspapers and magazines, spiritual books by the saints.
Connect - It is important to take time out of our busy lives to reconnect with God. Retreats or pilgrimages are great ways to open our hearts to the Lord and renew our relationship with Him.
Reconcile : Regular confession is balm for the soul, it removes all barriers between our heart and God’s; it gives us a fresh start regardless of our ability to keep our New Year’s resolutions or not.

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For enquiries for baptism, first communion, confirmation, and marriages please speak to either Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene; also ring the office. 01323 760048

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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 Eugenia Stanzcak RIP and Augusthy P.O. 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.



The Holy Family		Mass Intentions
Sat. Dec 30th	CTK. : 4-4.45pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	People of the parish
Sun Dec. 31st	St Jo's. 9.30am	Private Intention
The Holy Family	CTK 11.30am	Chett Cassidy
	CTK. 4.00pm. (DW)	David Sharp
Mon Jan 1st	No public Mass today	(Keshia de la Motte)
Mary, Mother of God		
Tues Jan 2nd	CTK : 10.00am Mass	Thanksgiving
Sts Basil & Gregory		
Wed Jan 3rd Most Holy Name of Jesus	St Jo's : 10.00am. Mass	Fr Bruno
Thurs Jan 4th	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm. Mass (DW)	Noreen McCormack
Fri Jan 5th	CTK. 12noon Mass followed by exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm	Holy Souls
Sat Jan 6th	4-4.45pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Mass	People of the Parish
Sun. Jan 7th	St Jo's. : 9.30am. Mass CTK. : 11.30m. Mass CTK. : 4.00pm. Mass (DW)	Lily & Agnes Halvey RIP Allister Lee Valeria Cassidy & Family

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