

Bishop Richard reflects on the Feast of the Epiphany.

The joy of the Christmas season continues and we celebrate this Sunday the feast of the Epiphany – the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus.

This is a significant celebration, for these somewhat mysterious men, who follow the star to find the Messiah, are not of the chosen people of Israel. So, in that sense, they represent all those across the world who, like them, are gentiles – all those who come to be the community that has Abraham as our father in faith but are not of Abraham’s race.

The Epiphany – the showing – of Christ to the world is the wonder we celebrate, therefore, this Sunday, Jesus shows Himself to us.

The men from the East bring their gifts to the Christ-child. This Sunday’s celebration poses a question for you and for me: what do I bring to Christ? This is an interesting question, for we must recognise that all we have – all we are – is gift. We give to the Lord what has first been given to us: our God-given talents, our skills, all we have learnt, all our experience; indeed, all that we are. We are called to give everything to Christ, to live every moment of our lives as a gift to Him – in service of Him and in service of our brothers and sisters. This is the wonder of the Christian life and it is in the giving that we find the fullness of life.

With every blessing, Bishop Richard Moth

Epiphany Celebration. Our Epiphany celebration takes place next Sat 13th Jan 2024 at York House Hotel.12noon for 12.30pm.

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.

Olive Woodall RIP. The Requiem Mass for parishioner Olive Woodall RIP, will be held at 10.30 a.m. at St Joachim’s Church on Wednesday 17th Jan 2024 followed by cremation at 12 noon at Langney Crematorium. Olive was a lovely lady who who served Hampden Park as Local Councillor and who then became Mayor of Eastbourne in 2002. In your charity, please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated this year on Sunday 7th January. Traditionally we bless our homes on this day asking for the Lord’s blessing and protection on our families in the year ahead. The Blessing of Chalk to mark our homes will take place at our Masses. Using the blessed chalk, mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows :
‘20+C+M+B+24’, saying ‘The 3 wise men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God’s Son who became human 2 thousand and 24 years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the year. Amen.’
End with 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’

Men’s Rosary Walk takes place again this 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 then gather afterward for a time of sharing and beer!

Hymns for the Feast of the Epiphany:
Open : CTK. (532). ‘The first Nowell’
St Jo’s. (692). ‘The first Nowell’
Off : CTK (46). ‘As with sadness men of old’
St Jo’s. (55) ‘As with sadness...’
Close : CTK (601). ‘We three kings’
St Jo’s (788). ‘We three kings’

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.

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.

The Bishop’s pastoral plan has been published! It’s called ‘The Word who is Life - The Call to Mission’. There are copies of an abridged version available in the church, and it is also accessible online. The big takeaway is that, in the next couple of years, all the deaneries in the diocese will become ‘moderated parishes’. What does that mean? Well for us it means that our Deanery, which stretches from Hailsham and Polegate in the west to Rye in the east, will be a single parish for which all the priests will have joint responsibility. So instead of eight, more or less independent parishes, in our deanery, there will be one big parish : a ‘community of communities’, as the Bishop said in his Pastoral Letter a few weeks ago. Bishop Richard is hosting a Pastoral Plan Webinar for people across our diocesan community this Wednesday, 10th Jan at 7:30pm. Please use the following link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86457734895>. The plan can also be accessed on the diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan.

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem is appealing for financial help for the countless families affected by the war in the Holy Land: www.lpj.org/en/news/general-appeal.

Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly
27 Jan, 10am-1.30pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. This year’s assembly will address violence and abuse in our homes, families and wider community, with speakers from Restored, Lifecentre and Pax Christi. Doors will open at 9.30am with refreshments available. To register for your free place please go to <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/nhphs9ff?ct=t>

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<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 peace in the Holy Land and the sick of the parish. 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 Epiphany		Mass Intentions
Sat. Jan 6th	CTK. : 4-4.45pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun Jan 7th	St Jo's. 9.30am	Lily & Agnes Halvey RIP
The Epiphany of the Lord	CTK 11.30am	Allister Lee
	CTK. 4.00pm. (DW)	Valeria Cassidy & Family
Mon Jan 8th The Baptism of the Lord	No public Mass today	(Fr Kevin Dring)
Tues Jan 9th	CTK : 10.00am Mass	Fr Bruno Witchalls
Wed Jan 10th	St Jo's : 10.00am. Mass	Chris Carroll
Thurs Jan 11th	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm. Mass (DW)	Agostinho Jorge's Alves RIP
Fri Jan 12th St Aelred of Rievaulx	CTK. 12noon Mass followed by exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm	Amette & Adrian Ley
Sat Jan 13th St Hilary	4-4.45pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Mass	Jenny, Lucy, Jacob, Emily
Sun. Jan 14th Second Sunday of Christmas	St Jo's. : 9.30am. Mass CTK. : 11.30m. Mass CTK. : 4.00pm. Mass (DW)	People of the parish Anna Janka Basia Sikora

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 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, Sylvia Brady

For the recently deceased: Pamela Chatfield, Fr Brian Gill, Fr John Lungley, Gary Neville, Olive Woodall, Charles John Hollands