

The Moderated Parish and The Lay Faithful

Recently, I wrote about the role of the Deacon in the light of the change to a “moderated parish” and this weekend, I would like to briefly consider the part that the lay faithful will be called to have.

The participation of the lay faithful has always been for the Church, an important part of its life. Through their baptismal call they contribute in so many ways that without them, church communities would find it hard to exist, and the Church owes a huge debt of gratitude for all that lay people do.

The diminishing number of priests in our Diocese in active ministry precipitates the need for the lay faithful to become more involved in the running of our communities and in the changes set out in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. In practical terms, this will entail help with duties normally associated with priests and clergy to the faithful.

For example, in the maintenance and upkeep of their church, finance, health and safety, and safeguarding. Then in the sacramental sense, preparation of candidates for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation and the planning and provision of music and certain liturgies.

Help in these areas will allow priests and clergy to focus on their pastoral duties but also, will allow lay people to have a greater stake in the running of their church communities.

Whilst this might appear at first sight a rather daunting task, there will be a transition period to its implementation and in addition, help and support will be at hand because existing parishes will come together to form a ‘community of communities’ where skills, experiences, ideas and resources will be shared.

Whilst these are challenging times for us all, they also present an exciting opportunity which with God’s grace is not beyond our capabilities.

With every blessing, Deacon Eugene.

**Christmas Themed Community Lunch.** Join us for our Christmas Themed Community Lunch held on Sun Dec 1st, following tea and coffee after 11.30am Mass. Please bring festive food to share.

**Our Journey to a New Parish.** : Fr Kevin writes : ‘This month we have 2 important meetings of the Deanery clergy, to begin formally preparing to become a new Single Parish. On 19th Nov, we meet with the Diocesan Team, tasked with overseeing and supporting us on what will be a complex and challenging road. Then on 25th Nov, we meet as a group with the Bishop to reflect with him on how we need to work differently, as a clergy team, alongside all our parishioners and those who will be taking roles of leadership in the time ahead. Further news will be shared with you all in regular updates, and most importantly the desire that everybody be part of this journey.’

**Matthew 25 Mission** : Deacon Simon writes : ‘Thank you to the parishioners of Christ the King and St Joachim’s for your warm welcome recently and your generous response to my appeal on behalf of Matthew 25 Mission. We collected over £400 on the weekend and many direct debate forms were taken. Please continue to remember us in your prayers and support us in any way you can.’

**Social Events at St Jo’s** : Carols, mulled wine and mince pies 7/12/24 3-5pm. ‘Bambinelli Service’ 15/12/24; Festive hamper raffle tkts going on sale first week in December. All welcome.

**Hymns : Solemnity of Christ the King**  
**Open** : CTK (112) ‘Crown him with many...  
 St Jo’s (139). ‘Crown him with many...  
**Off** : CTK : (190). ‘Guide me O though great’  
 St Jo’s. (559). ‘O worship the king’  
**Close** : CTK (15). ‘Alleluia, sing to Jesus’  
 St Jo’s. (37). ‘Alleluia, sing to Jesus’

**New Lectionary** comes into use on the vigil of 1st Sunday of Advent, Nov 30th. We have had to buy new editions of the lectionary and the book of the Gospels for CTK and St Jo’s, at a cost of £175, and £100 each. Please see Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene if able to contribute.

**Advent Service of Light** at CTK next Sat, 30th Nov at 3.30pm.

**Christmas Raffle.** We are looking for gifts for our Christmas Raffle which will launch early next month(details to follow). Please leave donations at the back of the church or with Amanda, Dominic or David.

**Children’s Christmas party** will be held on Sun 8th Dec. following teas and coffee after the 11.30am Mass. Please bring party food to share. There will also be a surprised visitor on the day, ho,ho,ho! Complete the form at the back of the church with your child(s) details.

**Bach's Christmas Oratorio** will be performed at 7.30pm on Sat Dec 7th at All Saints Church, Eastbourne, by Hailsham Choral Society. See poster at the back of the church.

**Monthly Adoration with Benediction** for children on Sat mornings. Great way to begin the family Advent, 11-11.30am at CTK, starting on Nov 30th.

**The Rorate Caeli Mass** is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered, by candlelight, just before dawn. It will be said on the 3 Advent Fridays during December, at OLR, at 6.30am.

**Epiphany Lunch 2025.** After our thoroughly enjoyed Epiphany Lunch last January, we will be gathering for a lunch again on Sat 11th Jan 2025. Keep the date free, more details to follow.

**200 Club.** : October winners are : 1st: No 85 £100 Judith Rhys; 2nd: No 5 Bob Jobbins £75; 3rd: No 183 Philipa Nelson £50. Congratulations to our winners; if you would like to join this excellent parish fund raiser, collect a form from the back of the church.

**Assisted Dying Bill** : Our MP, Josh Barbarinde, is offering an on-line open meeting for those who’d like a chance to discuss the issue with him. See : <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/join-josh-a-community-conversation-on-assisted-dying-tickets-1082324013259?aff=oddtcreator>

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**The Sacrament of Confession is available at CTK on Thurs**  
**6-6.45pm,**  
**Friday, 12.45-2.00pm**  
**Saturday, 4-4.45pm.**  
**And on-call. Contact Fr Neil.**

**For enquiries for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage, please speak to either Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene; also ring the office. 01323 760048**

**Parish Hall Bookings**  
 Enquiries: 01323 760048

**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 candle for a personal intention or a special need at CTK? There are forms available at the back of the church if you would like to sponsor a candle.

**DONA Contactless** payment card machine is available at the back of CTK. Payments using the machine have increased over recent weeks; thanks to those who are using it.

	Solemnity of Christ the King	Mass Intentions
Sat Nov 23rd	CTK : 4.00pm-4.45pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Alfred Camilleri RIP
Sun Nov 24th	St Jo's. 9.30am  Solemnity of Christ the King CTK 11.30am (DW)	People of the Parish  Valeria’s Intention
Mon Nov 25th	No Public Mass today	(David Tredwin & family)
Tues Nov 26th	CTK : 10.00am. Mass	Debbie Tresise RIP
Wed Nov 27th	St Jo’s : 10.00am. Mass	New vocations to the priesthood
Thurs Nov 28th	5.30-7.00pm : CTK. Holy Hour for Priests  CTK. : 7.00pm. (DW)	Pamela Jean Chatfield RIP
Fri Nov 29th	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 12noon Mass	Amanda Rock
Sat Nov 30th	CTK. : 4.00pm-4.45pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Vincent Clancy RIP
Sun Dec 1st First Sunday of Advent	St Jo’s. : 9.30am Mass  CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Ted Sutherland RIP  People of the Parish

**We pray for all the sick of the parish, and especially :** 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, Zachary Hurst, Daniel Markham, Maria P Veras, Alison J Thomas, Alan Calivas, Maria Rosa Ferro, Deacon Dave Turner, Sylvia Brady, Sue Davies, Lucas Mack, Samantha McLoughlin, Graham Pegley, Enogue G Peixoto, Elias Peixoto, Val Williams, Elenilse Martins, Alberto & Maria Nobrega, Antonio Lazo, Alicia Fillos, Sofia Rodrigo, Alicia Nobrega, Carlos Nobrega, Maria Adilia, Octavio Gomes, Bryan Santos, Maria Conceicao Silva, Antonio Rodrigues, Nanda Pacheco, Paula Alves

**For the recently deceased:** For the repose of the souls of : Martin O’ Donovan, Anne-Marie Scouthern, John Gallagher.