

Christmas and New Year Message from Very Rev John Popoola, the parish of Inisa, Osogbo diocese, Nigeria.

My dear people of God, it is with great pleasure and joy that I send you my warmest wishes and blessings from Nigeria and my parish.

Christmas is a time of joy, peace and love for our family and friends. I wish you all the best for this Christmas and God's blessings for the new year 2025. Your goodwill and support remains in the special part of my heart and hence I have to wish you all the best for Holy season. You have been a great source of support for my ministry and I appreciate all that you do.

My dear friends in Eastbourne, I am glad to inform you that the chapel you assisted me to build has been completed. We have done the ceiling, windows and doors with electricity installed. The only thing remaining is the painting. Thanks for all your support and kindness. I remain ever grateful.

Let us celebrate this Christmas with all the goodness and blessings attached to it. May the new born Christ give you joy, peace and love. Merry Christmas and best of the coming year 2025.

Yours in the service of Christ, Fr John

Mass times this week, 30th Dec - Jan 3rd : Please note that daily Mass this week at CTK and St Jo's is at 10.00am. There is still Holy Hour and Exposition on Thursday and Friday this week. Wednesday is New Years' Day and we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God.

Fr Neil is taking is well-earned rest in January, so Mass times have changed at CTK and St Jo's. There will be NO PARISH MASS from Jan 6th-10th. Fr Neil will say the allocated Mass intentions. There will be Liturgy of the Word at 10.00am at St Jo's on Jan 8th led by Deacon Eugene. There will still be Holy Hour for priests and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration on Thursday 9th 5.30-7.00pm, and on Friday Jan 10th 10.00am-3.00pm. Daily Mass is still available at OLR. Please contact Deacon Eugene if there are any urgent parish issues while Fr Neil is away.

Epiphany Lunch 2025. After our thoroughly enjoyed Epiphany Lunch last January, we will be gathering for a lunch again on Sat 11th Jan 2025. This year it will be held at the Alexandra Arms, Seaside, 12noon for 12.30pm. The cost varies according to your food selection. A leaflet is available at the back of the church for those interested to add their choice of menu. Please place you order in the box on the wall at the back of the church. Cash will need to be collected beforehand and all orders must be in this weekend, by December 29th.

Parish Pantomime : 'Cinderella' is being performed by our parishioners under the direction of Jackie Riggs. There are performances in CTK parish hall on Sat Jan 18th at 2.00pm and 7.30pm, and on Sunday 19th Jan at 2.00pm. Tickets will be available from this Sunday, price £5 for adults and £3 for children (includes tea and coffee). There will also be a raffle at each performance. We look forward to seeing you all.

Pope Francis's Christmas Message : 'Urbe et Orbi'. There are copies of Pope Francis's Message to the City and the World available at the back of the church.

Hymns : Feast of the Holy Family
OPEN. : CTK. : (414) 'Once in Royal'
 St Jo's (577). 'Once in Royal David's city'
Off : CTK (605). 'What child is this?'
 St Jo's(794). 'What child is this?'
Close : CTK. : (249) 'In the bleak midwinter'
 St Jo's.(305) 'In the bleak midwinter'

Jubilee Year. Pope Francis has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". The beginning of the Holy Year is being marked by the celebration of Mass in every Cathedral Church in the world on Sunday 29 December, with Mass at Arundel Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Richard at 11am.

Hospital Mass : Tues 31st December, 12.00 noon in the Hospital Chapel, which is on the 3rd floor next to Michelham ward. All welcome as we pray for the patients, staff and their families. If you are in hospital or have a friend who would like a visit from the clergy, or you are going for surgery and would like to be anointed in advance, please let Fr Neil and Deacon Eugene know.

Matthew 25 Mission, a local charity for the homeless and disadvantaged, is helping a growing number of clients during this cold spell; they are in need of dry and canned food items - especially tinned vegetables and fruit, long life milk, pasta, tea/coffee. Any winter clothing for men or women is very welcome. Leave contributions at the back of the church in the M25M box. There is also a collection box if you would support the charity financially.

'Let the Children Live'. You may remember that Fr Peter Walters from the charity 'Let the Children Live' made an appeal in the parish a few years ago. We have received his current newsletter in which he gives more information about the charity which cares for street children in Colombia. Copies are available at the back of the church.

CTK Seniors : our next meeting is on Wed 8th Jan, 11.00am-1.00pm in the parish room at CTK. There will also be an extra meeting on Thursday 30th Jan, 11.00am-1.00pm. Come along for sharing and friendship.

Men of St Joseph Rosary Walk takes place on Fri Jan 10th, 7.00pm. We meet in the parish room at CTK and spend time praying for our parish and town.

CRIB OFFERINGS will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund providing emergency grants to support children and their families in our diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Funds can be donated either via the box by the crib or online or via the gift aid envelopes in the porch. Every single penny donated will be given out via these grants.

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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
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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: A/C Name : RCD A&B Christ the King Eastbourne.** Sort Code : **40-05-20** A/C No : **91127012; 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? This week the candles are for Lucas Mack and Clarke Johnson RIP. 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.

Sat Dec 28th	CTK : 4.00pm-4.45pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Eugenia Stanczak RIP
Sun Dec 29th	St Jo's. 9.30am	Ryszard Wolski RIP
Feast of the Holy Family	CTK 11.30am (DW)	People of the parish
Mon Dec 30th	No Public Mass today	(Marie Therese Goldberg)
Tues Dec 31st	CTK : 10.00am	Michael Cremins RIP
	12noon : DGH Hospital Mass.	
Wed Jan 1st	ST Jo's : 10.00am	Eugenia Stanczak RIP
Mary, Mother of God		
Thurs Jan 2nd	CTK. : 10.00am Mass. (DW)	Amanda Rock
Sts Basil and Gregory	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm Holy Hour for Priests with Exposition & Adoration	
Fri Jan 3rd Most Holy Name of Jesus	CTK. : 10.00am Mass Followed by exposition & adoration till 3.00pm	John Hollands RIP
Sat Jan 4th	CTK. : 4.00pm-4.45pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	John Hollands RIP
Sun Jan 5th	St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass	Lily Halvey RIP
Epiphany of the Lord	CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Eitne Goodall & Martin McGloin RIP

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, Alexandra Waters, Zachary Hurst, Daniel Markham, Maria P Veras, Alison J Thomas, Alan Calivas, Maria Rosa Ferro, Sylvia Brady, Sue Davies, Samantha McLoughlin, Enogue G 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, Neidilane Emerch, Philip Sargo, Maria Alita, Antonia Epiphany Aralita

For the recently deceased: For the repose of the souls of : Elias Peixoto, Patsy Harber