

**Christmas Services at Christ the King and St Joachim's.**

**December 24th.** CTK. : 4.00pm. Childrens' Liturgy

St Jo's. : 6.00pm. Vigil Mass of Christmas

CTK. : 8.00pm. Vigil Mass of Christmas

CTK. : 11.30pm. Midnight Mass. (DW)

**December 25th.** CTK. 10.00am. Mass of Christmas Day

**December 26th.** CTK. 10.00am. Mass of Feast of St Stephen

**December 27th.** CTK. 10.00am. Mass of Feast of St John

**December 28th.** CTK. 5.00pm. Vigil of the Holy Family

**December 29th.** St Jo's. 9.30am. Mass of the Holy Family  
CTK. 11.30am. Mass of the Holy Family (DW)

**Blessing of Infant Jesus Figures and Nativity Scenes.** : Next weekend on the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, Fr Neil invites you to bring Infant Jesus crib figures and/or Nativity scenes to be blessed at all Masses.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is celebrated this year on Monday, 9th Dec, transferred from the Sunday. This feast celebrates the dogma that Our Lady was conceived immaculately, preserved from stain of original sin because she was chosen to be Mother of God.

**Social Events at St Jo's** : 'Bambinelli Service' 15th Dec at the 9.30am Mass; festive hamper raffle tickets going on sale now.

**CTK Seniors Christmas Meal** takes place in the parish room at CTK on Wed 11th Dec, 12.30pm for 1.00pm. We can't accept any more bookings and look forward to having a special time with those who have booked.

**Christmas Raffle.** We are still looking for gifts for our Christmas Raffle. Tickets will be on sale this weekend after Masses, £1 per strip. The draw will be made after the 11.30am Mass on Dec 15th.

**Men of St Joseph Rosary walk** takes place on 13th Dec at 7.00pm; we meet at CTK and walk around the local area praying for the needs of our town.

**CTK Church cleaning rota** : the next rota is now available at the back of the church. Thanks to those who are helping at present; could you spare 1 hour every few months to clean the church? See Amanda or Dominic.

**Advent Taize Service** : Thurs, 12 Dec at St Gregory's Church at 7.00pm – a contemplative way to prepare during Advent; bring a friend.

**Town Centre prayer walk** - Sat 14 Dec. As part of the 'Pray Eastbourne 2024' initiative we will start by the War Memorial at 10.30am. Walkers will stop by all the churches in the area, including OLR. Everyone is invited to join in all or part of the walk to pray for our town. Prayer guides/routes will be supplied.

**Hymns : 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
**Open** : CTK (418). 'On Jordan's banks'  
St Jo's (575). 'On Jordan's banks'  
**Off** : CTK : (456). 'Praise to the Lord'  
St Jo's. (608). 'Praise to the Lord'  
**Close** : CTK (311). 'Like a sea without'  
St Jo's. (368). 'Like a sea without'

**Children's Christmas party** will be held this Sunday, 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.

**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 Fridays - December 13th, 20th, at OLR, at 6.30am. Light breakfast available after Mass.

**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 will be £25. A list will go up shortly for those interested to add their choice of menu. Cash will need to be collected beforehand and all orders must be in by December 29th.

**Advent Resources** : Spiritual resources available at the back of the church. 'Day by Day' gives scripture readings for each day during Advent, and 'Walk With Me' offers a daily refectio. Calendars and prayer books are also available for children.

**Readers for the 5.00pm Vigil Mass** : Judith, the coordinator for the Vigil Mass writes : 'We are looking for readers to join the rota for the Saturday Vigil Mass. I am preparing a new rota for the period 1 Jan-30 June 2025 to be handed out before Christmas; please see me after Mass or phone me on 01323 735442. Many thanks.'

**Assisted Dying Bill, what next?:** please visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote) to find out how your MP voted, ask them to vote against the Bill at 3rd Reading. Analysis after the vote showed at least 36 MPs who supported the Bill have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages. Just 28 MPs switching to a NO vote would ensure it is defeated at the 3rd Reading. Do not delay - make sure your MP know your wishes.

**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.

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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? This week the candles are for Michael John Libago and Luke Roarty RIP. There are forms available at the back of the church if you would like to sponsor a candle.

**RIP** : Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bishop John Hine, Deacon Dave Turner, Anne-Marie Scouthern, John Gallagher, Elias Peixoto

	Second Sunday of Advent	Mass Intentions
Sat Dec 7th	CTK : 4.00pm-4.45pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Fr Bruno
Sun Dec 8th	St Jo's. 9.30am  2nd Sunday of Advent CTK 11.30am (DW)	People of the parish  Noreen's Intentions
Mon Dec 9th	No Public Mass today	(Holy Souls)
	Solemnity of the immaculate Conception.	
Tues Dec 10th	CTK : 10.00am. Mass Our Lady of Loreto	Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP
Wed Dec 11th	St Jo's : 10.00am. Mass	Holy Souls
Thurs Dec 12th	5.30-7.00pm : CTK. Holy Hour for Priests  Our Lady of Guadalupe CTK. : 7.00pm. (DW)	Marcie's Birthday
Fri Dec 13th	OLR. : 6.30am CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 12noon Mass	Rorate Caeli Mass  Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP
Sat Dec 14th	CTK. : 4.00pm-4.45pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  St John of the Cross CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sun Dec 15th	St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass  3rd Sunday of Advent CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Thanksgiving  Bridget Smith RIP
	Gaudete Sunday	

**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 McMeehin, 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, Sylvia Brady, Sue Davies, Lucas Mack, Samantha McLoughlin, Graham Pegley, 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