

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)

Requiem Masses this Week : Wednesday 18th Dec at 11.00am at CTK for Christine Scothern RIP ; there will be a Liturgy of the Word at St Jo's at 10.00am led by Deacon Eugene. Friday 20th Dec, 1.15pm at CTK, for Josephine Sarro RIP. Exposition as normal 10.00am-3.00pm. No 12noon Mass.

Today is 'Gaudete Sunday': "Rejoice, the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near we emphasise the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Saviour means for us. Rose vestments are worn at Mass.

Blessing of Infant Jesus Figures and Nativity Scenes. : This weekend, Fr Neil invites you to bring Infant Jesus crib figures and/or Nativity scenes to be blessed at all Masses.

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

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.

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.

CTK Seniors enjoyed a great Christmas meal last Wednesday; over 30 members sat down to a lavish 3 course lunch prepared and cooked by Heather and her team - many thanks to them. From January to Easter, 2025, CTK Seniors will meet twice a month on the 2nd Wed and the 4th Thurs. So January's dates are Wed 8th and Thurs 23rd, 11am-1.00pm in the parish room.

New Parish Update : Please take a copy of the short letter explaining the plans that will begin to take effect after Christmas.

"Advent is a continuous call to hope. It reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal and to its fullness, which is the Lord Jesus Christ". **Pope Francis.**

Hymns : 3rd Sunday of Advent

Open : CTK (462). 'Rejoice in the Lord' St Jo's (619). 'Rejoice the Lord is king'
Off : CTK : (320). 'Lord accept the gifts' St Jo's. (377). 'Lord accept the gifts'
Close : CTK (224). 'How lovely on the mountains' St Jo's. (268). 'How lovely...'

The 'Rorate Caeli Mass' is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered, by candlelight, just before dawn. The final Mass will be said on Friday December 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 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. Cash will need to be collected beforehand and all orders must be in by December 29th.

Assisted Dying Bill, what next?: please visit 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.

New Lectionary talk : An invitation to all parishioners to forge new relationships within our new Parish by joining us in a talk on Zoom given recently by Fr Tony Milner, Scripture Scholar on the New Lectionary, followed by small group sharing. Tues 17 Dec in the Parish Hall at OLR: 6.30-7.30pm (Refreshments from 6.15pm). All most welcome. To follow daily Mass readings online (free) go to universalis.com.

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.

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
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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 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.

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

| | Third Sunday of Advent | Mass Intentions |
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| Sat Dec 14th | CTK : 4.00pm-4.45pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass | People of the Parish |
| Sun Dec 15th | St Jo's. 9.30am 3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday CTK 11.30am (DW) | Thanksgiving Bridget Smith RIP |
| Mon Dec 16th | No Public Mass today | (Augusthy Palatty RIP) |
| Tues Dec 17th | CTK : 10.00am. Mass | Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP |
| Wed Dec 18th | St Jo's : 10.00am. Liturgy of the Word CTK. : 11.00am Requiem Mass | Christine Scothern RIP |
| Thurs Dec 19th | 5.30-7.00pm : CTK. Holy Hour for Priests CTK. : 7.00pm. (DW) | Thanksgiving for Priests |
| Fri Dec 20th | OLR. : 6.30am CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 1.15pm Requiem Mass | Rorate Caeli Mass Josephine Sarro RIP |
| Sat Dec 21st | CTK. : 4.00pm-4.45pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass | Eileen Cohen |
| Sun Dec 22nd 4th Sunday of Advent | St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW) | People of the parish Basia's Intentions. |

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, 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, Neidilane Emerch