

Anointed Ones: Scott Hahn Reflects on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord:

Jesus presents himself for baptism in today's Gospel not because He is a sinner, but to fulfill the word of God proclaimed by His prophets. He must be baptized to reveal that He is the Christ ("anointed one"), the Spirit-endowed Servant promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading.

His baptism marks the start of a new world, a new creation. As Isaiah prophesied, the Spirit descends upon Jesus like a dove as the Spirit hovered over the face of the deep in the beginning.

As it was in the beginning, at the Jordan also the majestic voice of the Lord thunders above the waters. The Father opens the heavens and declares Jesus to be His "beloved son."

God had long prepared the Israelites for His coming, as Peter preaches in today's Second Reading. Jesus was anticipated in the "beloved son" given to Abraham, and in the calling of Israel as His "first-born son". Jesus is the divine son begotten by God, the everlasting heir promised to King David.

He is "a covenant of the people [Israel]" and "a light to the nations," Isaiah says. By the new covenant made in His blood, God has gathered the lost sheep of Israel together with whoever fears Him in every nation.

Christ has become the source from which God pours out His Spirit on Israelites and Gentiles alike. In Baptism, all are anointed with that same Spirit, made beloved sons and daughters of God. Indeed, we are Christians, literally "anointed ones."

We are the "sons of God" in today's Psalm, called to give glory to His name in His temple. Let us pray that we remain faithful to our calling as His children, that our Father might call us what he calls His Son, "my beloved . . . in whom I am well pleased."

**Bishop Richard** has written a Pastoral Letter this weekend; copies are available at the back of the church.

**RCIA Programme 2024/2025** : the next session about the liturgy and the sacraments is on Jan 16th at 4.00pm at CTK.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - From Saturday 18th to 25th January we celebrate the world-wide week of prayer for Christian Unity. In Eastbourne, on Saturday 25th January, a service will be held at St Barnabas, Langney, following a lunch at 12.30 pm. This year, the theme is 'Do you believe this?', remembering the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. For more information please see here: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2025/>. There is also a poster at the back of the church.

**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, this weekend, price £5 for adults and £3 for children (includes tea and coffee). There will also be a raffle at each performance.

**The Liturgical Season of Christmas** ends this weekend with the Baptism of the Lord and the decorations will be removed but, by custom, the crib will remain until 2nd February, Candlemas. During Ordinary Time (Winter – up to Lent), we are asked to pray for these intentions: peace on earth, openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; the sick and those who care for them; victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it; the unemployed.

**Hymns : Baptism of the Lord**  
**OPEN.** : CTK. : (122). 'Do not be afraid'  
 St Jo's (147). 'Do not be afraid'  
**Off** : CTK (198). 'Hail to the Lord's anointed'  
 St Jo's. (8). 'Abba Father send you Spirit'  
**Close** : CTK. : (497). 'Songs of thankfulness'  
 St Jo's. (666). 'Spirit of the Living God'

**Jubilee Year.** Pope Francis has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope", a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

**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.

**Phoenix Choir** presents 'A Winter Meditation' with works by Lauridsen, Gjeilo, Barber and others at All Saints Church, Grange Road, at 4.30 p.m. on Sat 1st Feb. Tickets £15, £5 for under 18's/students available from The Visitor Centre, Reid & Dean, Cornfield Road (cash only) and WeGotTickets on line.

**Peggy Welsh RIP** : Peggy's Requiem Mass is on Mon Feb 3rd at 11.30am at CTK, followed by cremation at Langney Crematorium. There will then be a gathering at the Red Lion, Stone Cross. All welcome to attend.

**Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word** Saturday 25 Jan 11am-4pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Burgess Hill (no cost) Led by Bishop Richard. The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing to minister as a reader. The day will conclude with the celebration of Mass. Register your place here <https://www.abdiocese.org>.

**200 Club Draw for December** : Fr Neil did the draw before the 5pm Mass last week. The winners were as follows: 1st: (No117) £100 Manus Sieyes; 2nd: (No 29) Parish number; 3rd: (No 55) £50 Sylvia Brady. Congratulations to our winners; if you would like to become a member of this excellent fundraising venture, there are forms at the back of the church.

**Hospital Ministry** : Next Mass is on Tues 28 January, 12.00noon in the Hospital Chapel on the 3rd floor near Michelham ward. If you are in hospital or have a friend who would like a pastoral visit, please contact Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene. If you are going for surgery and would like receive the Sacrament of Anointing in advance, please let Fr Neil know.

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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: 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? 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.

|                             | Baptism of The Lord   | Mass Intentions   |
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| Sat Jan 11th                | CTK : 4.00pm-4.45pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br><br>CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass    | Deceased members of the Stalker & Bagley families       |
| Sun Jan 12th                | St Jo's. 9.30am<br><br>Baptism of the Lord<br><br>CTK 11.30am (DW)                          | Michael John Libago RIP<br><br>Celestine Pennington RIP |
| Mon Jan 13th                | No Public Mass today  | (Sr Raphael O'Mahoney RIP & family)                     |
| Tues Jan 14th               | CTK. : 10.00am. Mass  | John & Kathleen Geraghty RIP                            |
| Wed Jan 15th                | St Jo's : 10.00am. Mass   | Mary McDonagh RIP                                       |
| Thurs Jan 16th              | CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm Holy Hour for Priests with Exposition & Adoration<br>Mass : 7.00pm      | Eileen Cohen  |
| Fri Jan 17th                | CTK. : 10.00am exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & adoration till 3.00pm<br>Mass : 12noon | Sr Raphael O'Mahoney & family RIP                       |
| Sat Jan 18th                | CTK. : 4.00pm-4.45pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br><br>CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass   | Norah & Geoffrey Stalker RIP                            |
| Sun Jan 19th                | St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass  | Holy Souls  |
| 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)  | Cecylia & Jan Weglarz 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 Auta, Antonia Epifonio de Araujo

**For the recently deceased:** For the repose of the souls of : Peggy Welsh, Patsy Harber