

Bishop Richard reflects on the Solemnity of Christ the King

The feast we celebrate this Sunday was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 - the 16th Centenary of the Council of Nicaea when the definition of Christ being consubstantial with the Father was made – an anniversary that the Church has been keeping again this year.

Jesus is our King – the word Christ means ‘the anointed one’ – and we are all called to share in His Kingship. Indeed, we are reminded of this at our baptism when we are anointed with Chrism in a prayer that speaks of our sharing in His Kingship.

Jesus, sprung from the race of David – who had been anointed by Samuel for his role as king – fulfils the Father’s plan. We read of this in today’s second reading. All is brought to fulfilment in the One who died on the Cross and rose from the dead; Christ who is the Word of God, Who existed before all things and in Whom all is created. We are His body; He is the head. He is King.

The Gospel this Sunday speaks of that destiny in a most powerful way. Jesus tells the thief who recognises the Lord’s goodness: “today, you will be with me in paradise.” These are words we must all wish to hear, for when we do we have confirmation of our destiny, we know we shall share in the life of the Anointed One, Christ our King – that we shall live the fullness of what it means to be His.

With every blessing, + Richard

The new parish hall kitchen will not be finished till December 1st so NO TEAS AND COFFEES this weekend; this is due to unforeseen extra work needed on the pipework and the new hatch.

Remembering our deceased loved ones in the month of November. Forms of remembrance are available for the faithful departed, which will then be prayed for at Mass, and Memorial Candles will be placed in the Holy Rood chapel at CTK each week. Forms are at the back of the church.

Important change to our weekly parish newsletter : from 30 Nov, next weekend, our Sunday Message newsletter will cease production and be replaced by a new Monthly Hub Newsletter (for the 7 churches of the Eastbourne area). We will also produce an Information Sheet with extra news of events and weekly Mass intentions in CTK and St Jo’s. There will also be a weekly leaflet with Sunday Mass readings and prayers.

Christmas Raffle : Tickets go on sale this weekend after all Masses. The draw will be made on 23rd Dec. We need unused gifts and alcohol for the Christmas Raffle hampers. There is a box at the back of the church for donations. Thank you!

Next EDGH Hospital Mass : Tues 25 Nov, 12.00noon in the Hospital Chapel on the 3rd floor, next to Michelham ward. If you or a loved one are in hospital, and would like a visit from the clergy, or are going for surgery and would like to be Anointed in advance, please let Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene know.

The Advent Service of Light at CTK on Saturday 29th November at 4pm. This is part of our preparation for Christmas as we enter the Advent season.

Community Christmas lunch on Sunday Dec 7th after the 11.30am Mass. We need to prebook, so please fill in the leaflets at the back of the church to give an idea of numbers. Forms need to be returned by 30th November. £4 per head, with £15 for a family of 4.

Hymns for the Solemnity of Christ the King
Opening CTK (112). Crown him with many...
St Jo’s (139). Crown him with many crowns
Off CTK (524) The head that once (omit 3 & 4)
St Jo’s : (302). In bread we bring you
Closing :CTK (735). Majesty (x2)
St Jo’s : (559). O worship the king

Cake sale and raffle was a great success last weekend. We raised £168 for Fr Neil’s Discretionary Fund for those in need. Thanks to all the bakers and all who supported the event.

First Saturday’s Devotions & Family Adoration at CTK - Saturday 6th December:
10.30am Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Rosary. Family adoration will follow the Mass. Confessions available during the Exposition.

Crowborough Choral Society presents Mozart’s Mass in C Minor with the Hastings Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of Anthony Osborne, Sat 29th November at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Chapel Green, Crowborough. Tickets £20. See poster at the back of the church.

The ‘Rorate Caeli Mass’ is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered, by candlelight, just before dawn. This Mass will be celebrated at 6.30am at OLR on the 3 Fridays of Advent, Dec 5th/12th/19th.

Pilgrimage to Poland May 2026 : our parish is organising an 8-day pilgrimage to Poland at the end of May 2026, including the shrines in Czestochowa, Krakow and Zakopane as well as visits to Auschwitz, Wadowice and the Wieliczka Salt Mine, (with a World Heritage Site church in Debno) and Kalwaria Zebrzydowska. Full details of the trip on the church noticeboard. More information from Ilona, tel. : 07904680885.

CWL Christmas Tree of Giving. There will be an opportunity to buy a gift for a needy child this Christmas. You can pick a bauble containing the name of a child with the gift idea from the Christmas tree by Our Lady’s chapel. The charity/charities to be confirmed. Bring your gift and place it under the tree by Sunday 21st December.

Parish Epiphany Celebration Meal will take place on Sat 10th January at the Alexandra Arms. Cost will be £20-£25 depending on choices. Forms are available this weekend and bookings along with cash must be made by 21st December.

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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? There are forms available at the back of the church if you would like to sponsor a candle.

DONA Machine : If you have no cash you can still make a contribution to the parish finances by tapping your debit or credit card on the machine. Thanks to all who contribute this way.

	Solemnity of Christ the King	Mass Intentions
Saturday Nov 22nd	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Spencer Creswell
Sun Nov 23rd	St Jo's. 9.30am CTK 11.30am (DW)	People of the Parish Antonietta Bracuti RIP
Mon Nov 24th	CTK. : No Public Mass today. OLR. 11.00am. Mass	(Andrew Curran)
Tues Nov 25th	CTK : 10.00am Mass Hospital Mass : 12noon	Thanksgiving
Wed Nov 26th	St Jo's : Mass 10.00am	Deceased members of the Carmody & Checkley families
Thurs. Nov 27th	CTK : CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition and Holy Hour for priests. 7.00pm. Mass. (DW)	Holy Souls
Fri Nov 28th	CTK : 10.00am-2.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12noon Mass (DW)	Rosemary
Sat Nov 29th	4.00pm-4.45pm Advent Service of Light CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	For all priests
Sun Nov 30th	St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Dermot Neilan RIP People of the Parish

We pray for all the sick of the parish, and especially : Eithne Lloyd, Stuart McCarthy, Marie Williams, Maria P Veras, Sylvia Brady, Alexandra Waters, Neidilane Emerch, Rose Hellyer, Graham Pegley, Serena May, Enogue G Peixoto, Freda Swales, Bernadette Chandler, Vicky Ferrera