



Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Dr Scott Hahn reflects on “God with Us”

The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed (see Romans 16:25–26).

This is the “Gospel of God” that Paul celebrates in today’s Epistle—the good news that “God is with us” in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today’s First Reading is given in today’s Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a savior from David’s royal line (see Acts 13:22–23).

Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit (see Acts 10:38), and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God’s right hand in the heavens (see Acts 2:33–34; Ephesians 1:20–21).

He is the “King of Glory” we sing of in Psalm 24. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end (see Ps 89:4–5).

In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord (see Genesis 1:2). In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now “the beloved of God.”

All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and Kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race—a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob.

He has made our hearts clean, made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him.

In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age (see Matthew 28:20; Ezekiel 37:24–28).

If you have inadvertently taken Mass cards or booklets home from CTK or St Joachim’s, please bring them back.

Christmas services are laid out on the back page of this leaflet. On Christmas Eve, children are invited to come to a special liturgy (which is not a Mass) dressed as characters from the Nativity story, to hear that story again and help create a tableau illustrating it. Choose your character: animals, kings, shepherds, angels, Marys and Josephs are all welcome!

Various liturgies will not take place this week, in particular Mass will not be celebrated on Wednesday morning, nor Exposition on Friday.

Christmas Raffle: Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend, and the draw will be made after the Sunday morning Mass at CTK. Thank you to all who have donated prizes; good luck to those who have bought tickets!

CWL Christmas Tree of Giving provides an opportunity to buy a gift for a needy child this Christmas, and the League says a very big thank you to all who have supported it. We now have the majority of the presents and are only awaiting a few more to be left under the tree by noon on Sunday. The designated

charity is *Warming Up the Homeless*, which supports children and families in temporary accommodation.

New Mass times after Christmas at CTK:

Friday Mass will be at 10am; Tuesday Mass will be at 12 noon from 6 January.

The next **Hospital Mass** at the DGH is on Tuesday 30 December at noon in the hospital chapel (on Level 3 next to Michelham Ward). All are welcome as we pray for the patients, staff and families of all connected with the hospital.

Booking is now closed for the Epiphany Celebration Meal which will take place on Saturday 10 January at the Alexandra Arms.

The Repository at CTK has as a wide selection of Christian Christmas cards available at reasonable prices as well as handmade candles and other gifts. The repository is open after both weekend Masses.

Matthew 25 Mission is in need of donations at this time of the year. They particularly need tinned and package foodstuffs, long life milk, coffee and tea, dry pasta, as well as men's and women's winter clothes.

Pilgrimage to Poland May 2026: the parish is organising a seven-day pilgrimage to Poland from 26 May to 1 June 2026, including the shrine in Częstochowa and the Divine Mercy Basilica in Krakow as well as visits to Auschwitz, Wadowice and the Wieliczka Salt Mine. Masses will be celebrated by Fr Neil in different churches each day. We have been able to improve on the offer previously advertised! The cost is now £950pp sharing or £1200pp in a single room, which also includes return flights, airport duty and taxes, one suitcase, six nights' half-board (dinner, bed and breakfast), excursions and a travel representative. More information from Ilona on 07904 680885. If you are interested, please put your name on the list at the back of the churches or call Ilona.

There is now a monthly newsletter for the seven churches of the West Hub of the New Parish of Eastbourne and St Leonards, with another for the East Hub. January's is yellow and features an article by Fr Neil about the new

moderated parish. This *weekly* leaflet for the two churches in Langney and Hampden Park complements the monthly publication across the deanery.

You can sign up to receive news

from the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, including the weekly message from Bishop Richard. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/ABnewslist> or point your smartphone at the QR code here. This week's email was published before the news of Bishop Richard was known. It has details of the inauguration of the new Parish of Weybridge, and details of events leading up to Christmas and beyond.



You can sign up to receive news

from the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham by visiting their website at ordinariate.org.uk: enter your email address about halfway down the page. Their recent email features a pastoral letter from Bishop David and a bit about Fr Neil too.



Votive Candles: Would you like to sponsor a candle for a personal intention or a special need at CTK? There are Masses available at both churches. Request forms for candles or Masses are available, which each include a card to give to those being prayed for. This week we pray for Harry Rock RIP, Clarke Johnson RIP and deceased members of the McDonagh and Lyon families RIP.

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, Vicky Ferrera, and baby Autumn.

And we pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Robert Cutler RIP, Robert Anthony John "Tony" Roberts RIP and Walston Julien RIP who have recently died, and all those who have no-one to pray for them.



Bishop Richard Moth

It was announced on Friday that Pope Leo has appointed Bishop Richard to be the twelfth Archbishop of Westminster, succeeding Cardinal Vincent Nichols. The Archbishop-Elect will be installed at

Westminster on Saturday 14 February 2026. Bishop Richard has been Bishop of Arundel and Brighton for ten years.

Speaking of his translation, he said, "It has been a real privilege for me to serve you all during these last ten years and I shall be sad to leave the Diocese. May I thank you for all the support, patience and understanding you have shown to me over these years as we have journeyed together.

"I know I can rely on your prayers as I prepare for new responsibilities and I assure you of my prayers for all that you do in the service of the Church in the Mission that the Lord has entrusted to us all."

Please pray for Bishop Richard, and the clergy and people of this diocese and the Archdiocese of Westminster.

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Fourth Week of Advent and Christmas

(Year A) (Year II)

Day	Location*			Intention
Sunday 21 December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Vigil Mass of Sunday	NO	5:00 pm CTK	Private intention
	Mass	NO	9:30 am St Jo	For our Community
	Sung Mass	DW	11:30 am CTK	Alice and Frank Putland RIP
Monday 22 December O Rex Gentium	Mass	NO	11:00 am OLR	Gilberto da Silva RIP Toby Andrews
Tuesday 23 December O Emmanuel	Mass	NO	10:00 am CTK	Sabina Wyrzynska RIP
Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve	No morning Mass			
	Children's Liturgy		4:30 pm CTK	
	Vigil Mass of Christmas	NO	6:00 pm St Jo	Derek Seton-Smith
	Vigil Mass of Christmas	NO	8:00 pm CTK	Mannix family
Thursday 25 December NATIVITY OF THE LORD	Midnight Mass	DW	11:30 pm CTK	Harry Rock RIP
	Mass	DW	10:30 am CTK	Graham & Sharon Pegley
	Mass	NO	10:00 am CTK	Murray family
Friday 26 December S Stephen M	No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament			
Saturday 27 December S John ApEv	Exposition; confession		4:00 pm CTK	
	Vigil Mass of Sunday	NO	5:00 pm CTK	Amaka Tina Obikwelu
Sunday 28 December THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	Mass	NO	9:30 am St Jo	For our Community
	Sung Mass	DW	11:30 am CTK	Luke Roarty RIP
Tuesday 30 December <i>Feria in Christmastide</i>	Mass	NO	10:00 am CTK	Eugenia Stanczak RIP
Wednesday 31 December <i>S Sylvester 1 Pp</i>	Mass	NO	10:00 am St Jo	Mr John RIP
Thursday 1 January MARY MOTHER OF GOD	Mass	DW	10:00 am CTK	Rose Hellyer
Friday 2 January SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazienzen BBDD	Mass	NO	10:00 am CTK	Obikwelu family
Saturday 3 January <i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	Mass	DW	10:30 am CTK	As announced

From 6 January, Mass on Tuesdays is celebrated at noon at CTK and Mass on Fridays is celebrated at 10am. Tuesday 6 January is the Epiphany and there will also be an evening Mass.

- DW** Divine Worship (2014)
- NO** Novus Ordo (2010)
- SM** Syro-Malabar Rite (2021)
- TLM** Traditional Latin Mass (1962), when available

* **CTK** Christ the King Church, 3 Princes Rd BN23 6HT
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OLR Our Lady of Ransom Church, 2 Grange Rd BN21 4EU
DGH Chapel, District General Hospital, Kings Dr BN21 2UD
† In the Parish room: enter by the side door