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# The Baptism of Our Lord

11 January 2026



**Anointed Ones:** Dr 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."

In Psalm 29 (28), which can be read today, we are the "sons of God" 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."

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**Masses return to their new normal this week**, as shown on the back page: Mass on Tuesdays at CTK is now at noon, and on Fridays at 10am. Wednesdays at St Joachim's, Thursday evenings and the First Saturday Mass are unchanged.

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

**The priests of the Eastbourne and St Leonard's deanery** are meeting in the CTK parish room this Tuesday at 12:30pm after Mass. Could anyone help serve soup and rolls? If you can help, please see Fr Neil.

**Children's Liturgy:** A meeting for those who have agreed to help will be held at 7pm this Tuesday 13 January in the Parish Room.

**Bishop Richard's Farewell Mass** is on Tuesday 30 January at 6:30pm at Arundel Cathedral, and will be followed by a reception in Arundel Castle. We can take two car-fulls of people: if you can drive one of them or would like to be a passenger, please contact Fr Neil.

**Parish Pantomime *Pirates of the Carumbles*:** Tickets will be on sale this weekend for this year's panto. £5 for adults, £3 for children. Performances on Saturday 31 January at 2pm and 6:30pm; and on Sunday 1 February at 2pm. Numbers are limited so please book up as soon

as possible! For further information, contact Chris on 07970 929795.

**Epiphany House Blessing:** Chalk is available which was blessed at Mass last Tuesday, and there may be sheets of the little liturgy still available too. You can find it online at <https://tinyurl.com/House2026> — even on a phone — or you can simply mark the lintel of the main door of the house (and of other doors if you like) with **20 \* C + M + B + 26** while saying the following prayer, matching the inscription to the words as you say them: 'The three Wise Men *C* Caspar *M* Melchior *B* and Balthasar followed the **\*** star of God's Son who became man **20** two thousand and **26** twenty-six years ago. **+++** May Christ bless our home and remain with us through the year. Amen.'

**Crib Offerings** are donated to the Catholic Children's Society (A&B Crisis Fund), which supports needy families. The crib will be in church until Candlemas on 2 February.

**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 which was first advertised, although costs can change. The price is now £995pp sharing or £1200 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.

**200 Club numbers for December 2025** were drawn recently. The winners are:— 1st (£100) no 144 Roy Harbour; 2nd (£75) no 218 Janet Platt; 3rd (£50) no 27 Manus Sieyes. Congratulations to our winners! If you would like to join this excellent parish fundraising activity, there are forms at the back of the church.

**Phoenix Choir Eastbourne & Maastricht** present *The Messiah* by George Frideric Handel

with international soloists and a baroque orchestra on 7 February 2026 at 7pm at All Saints' Church, Grange Road. See the poster at the back of the church.

**Notices for this leaflet** and/or the Deanery Newsletter should be sent to Dominic via the parish's current email address of [priest.ctk@icloud.com](mailto:priest.ctk@icloud.com).

**You can sign up to receive news** from the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, including the weekly message from senior clergy. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/ABnewslist> or point your smartphone at the QR code here. The email usually arrives on Thursdays.



**You can sign up to receive news** from the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham by visiting their website [at ordinariate.org.uk](http://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.

**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 Mick Smitherman RIP, and Robert Cutler RIP who have recently died, and all those who have no-one to pray for them. This week, candles have been given for Mrs Rosanna Thomas RIP, and Osundu Adaobi Ike and family.

**Pope Leo's Prayer intention for January** is for prayer with the Word of God: 'Let us pray that praying with the Word of God nourishes our lives and brings hope to our communities, building a more fraternal and missionary Church.'

## Special dates for this year:

Epiphany ✿: 6 January (Tuesday)  
Septuagesima Sunday: 1 February  
Ash Wednesday: 18 February  
Sacred Triduum: Thursday 2–Saturday 4 April  
Easter Day ✿: 5 April  
Ascension Day ✿: 14 May (Thursday)  
Pentecost: 24 May  
Corpus Christi: 7 June (Sunday)  
SS Peter & Paul ✿: 28 June (Sunday)  
SS Joachim & Anne: 26 July (Sunday)  
Assumption of Our Lady ✿: 16 August (Sunday)  
Our Lady of Walsingham: 24 September (Thur)  
All Saints ✿: 1 November (Sunday)  
Christ the King: 22 November (Sunday)  
Advent Sunday: 29 November  
Christmas Day ✿: 25 December (Friday)

Days marked ✿, and all Sundays, are Holy Days of Obligation.

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For enquiries for baptism, first communion, confirmation, and marriages please speak to Fr Neil; also ring the office on 01323 760048.

**Website:** <https://eastbourneordinariate.org.uk>

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40-04-09 82035758

Image: The Baptism of Christ (detail)  
Piero della Francesca (1415–1492), 1450  
National Gallery

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**Website:** <http://christthekingeastbourne.org>

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Christ the King: 40-05-20 91127012;  
CTK Building Account: "RCD A&B Christ the King Eastbourne" 40-05-20 61256130.  
St Joachim's: 40-05-20 51077058.

## Week of the Sunday after Epiphany

(Week I) (Year A) (Year II)

Day			Location <sup>**</sup>	Intention
	Vigil Mass of Sunday <b>NO</b>	5:00 pm	CTK	For our Community
Sunday 11 January <b>BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</b>	Mass <b>NO</b> Sung Mass <b>DW</b>	9:30 am 11:30 am	St Jo CTK	For our Community Thanksgiving for the birth of Fergus (McCarthy family)
Monday 12 January <i>S Aelred of Rievaulx Ab; S Benedict Biscop Ab</i>	Mass <b>NO</b> Private Mass	11:00 am	OLR	As advertised World peace
Tuesday 13 January <i>S Kentigern B; S Hilary BD</i>	Mass <b>NO</b>	12:00 noon	CTK	Rosanna Thomas RIP
Wednesday 14 January <i>Feria</i>	Mass <b>NO</b>	10:00 am	St Jo	Robert Healy RIP
Thursday 15 January <i>Feria</i>	Exposition; confession; Holy Hour Mass <b>DW</b>	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	CTK CTK	For priests Derek Buckley RIP
Friday 16 January <i>Feria</i>	Mass <b>NO</b> Exposition, confession following Mass	10:00 am	CTK	Chett Cassidy
Saturday 17 January <i>S Anthony Ab</i>	Exposition; confession Vigil Mass of Sunday <b>NO</b>	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	CTK CTK	Fr Gerard
Sunday 18 January <b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY SUNDAY 2</b>	Mass <b>NO</b> Sung Mass <b>DW</b>	9:30 am 11:30 am	St Jo CTK	Dorothy Davies RIP For our Community

Mass on Tuesdays is now celebrated at noon at CTK and Mass on Fridays is celebrated at 10am.

**DW** Divine Worship (2014)

**NO** Novus Ordo (2010)

**SM** Syro-Malabar Rite (2021)

**TLM** Traditional Latin Mass (1962), when available

<sup>\*\*</sup> CTK Christ the King Church, 3 Princes Rd BN23 6HT

St Jo St Joachim's Church, 106 Brodrick Rd BN22 9NY

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