

Advent Sunday (First Sunday of Advent)

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Fr Neil writes on Christ's coming.

Almighty God, give us grace that we might cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

This collect for Advent Sunday, or the First Sunday of Advent, is taken from the Book of Common Prayer and used on this day by the Ordinariate in *Divine Worship: The Missal* and *Divine Worship: Daily Office.* It is also said during Mattins and Evensong as a second collect throughout the whole of Advent. It collects and sums up neatly the themes of **waiting** and **preparing** that mark our Advent observances. We are reminded to seek the grace required to grow in holiness, in the light of Christ's first humble appearing, so that we might be prepared for his second coming when he shall appear in his glorious majesty.

The contrast between Christ's first coming and his forthcoming return could not be sharper. St Paul, in the wonderful hymn in his letter to the Philippians, plots this great contrast:

"Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:5–11).

Christ's second appearing will be to judge "the quick and the dead," to make his enemies into his footstool and to elevate the faithful to heavenly glory. If we are prepared and ready then we can meet that day of judgement with less fear and greater hope, without sadness and with great joy, that we might "rise to life immortal."

Children's Liturgy started at the 11:30 Mass at CTK at the end of September. This is provided again today, then next on 27 December. **Please complete a short form at the back of the church if you wish your child to take part.** We are hoping to increase this provision to every other week in January, but to do that we need more volunteers. Please speak to Fr Neil if you feel able to help.

St Thomas à Becket Catholic Primary School warmly invites prospective parents and carers (for admission in September 2027) to visit the school and see the wonderful learning environment in action. Open Days provide an opportunity to meet staff, tour the school, and find out more about what makes it such a special place to learn and grow. Come along on Tuesday 1 December, 1:30pm or Wednesday 9 December, 9:00am. No need to book.

RCIA Formation course continues in the Parish Room on Tuesday, 7:00–8:30pm, and on 8 December before a break for Christmas, resuming in January. Together we will work through the Catechism of the Catholic Church and there will be some reading between each session. The Catechism is broken into four major parts: the Profession of Faith; the mystery of the Sacraments; Life in Christ; Christian Prayer. All adults are welcome to renew or further their understanding of the Church's teachings, even if you are not formally part of the RCIA programme.

Advent Groups: Reflections and Prayer on Wednesdays 2–23 December, at St Jo's after the 10am Mass; *Voices of Hope* at CTK on Thursdays 3–17 December, after the 7pm Mass. You can also access *Voices of Hope* over Zoom on Sunday evenings: see cacs.org.uk; and there's *Faith, Hope and Charity* run by the Dominican Sisters of Joseph on Wednesday evenings as well: register at lightoftruth.uk.

CWL Christmas Party: Hosted by the Eastbourne section of the CWL, ladies are invited to the Christmas Party evening on Wednesday 2 December at 7:00pm at CTK. All ladies are warmly welcomed. Please bring a wrapped £5 gift for the Secret Santa (something a lady would enjoy). To help with catering, please RSVP to cwleastbourne@gmail.com.

Rorate Masses are to be held again at OLR on Fridays 4–18 December, 6:30am. If you would like to help with singing, please see Andrew (andrew.leach@eastbourneordinariate.org.uk); if you can help with refreshments/breakfast after Mass, please contact Marylou on marylou.joyofmusic@gmail.com.

There is no Mass on Friday 4 December at CTK. Mass is offered at OLR at 6:30am. Exposition will take place at CTK from 11am, although unfortunately confession will not be available.

Annual Christmas carols at St Joachim's: Saturday 12 December, 3:00–5:30pm. Bring family and friends and join us for carol singing, homemade mince pies and mulled wine.

Bambinelli Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent, December 13. All three Masses (including the Saturday vigil) will feature the blessing of household Nativity scenes. Do bring yours with you.

Catholic Women's League Christmas Tree of Giving: Again this year, there is an opportunity to buy a gift for a child at Christmas. You can pick a bauble with some information about a child and a gift idea from the Christmas tree in the Lady Chapel at CTK or in the porch at St Jo's. Gifts will be distributed by the charity *Warming Up the Homeless,* who help children and families in temporary accommodation. Bring your gift and place it under the tree by Sunday 13 December.

CWL Christmas Raffle: tickets are available now for the raffle to be drawn on 20 December: £1 for five. Prizes of toiletries hamper, Prosecco gift box, and chocolates.

Caretaker at St Thomas à Becket School: a vacancy has arisen for a full-time caretaker. Details are at https://tinyurl.com/yrs8p92p

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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 about halfway down the page. Use the QR code here to get there. This month's newsletter email features Bishop David's pastoral letter and the Ordinariate's new YouTube channel @OrdinariateOLW. The first few videos feature people you might recognise!

Votive Candles: Would you like to sponsor a candle for a personal intention or a special need? Request forms for candles or Masses are available. This week a candle burns for Alison Bond.

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, Sheila Hichisson, Sharon McKechnie, John Brady, Eddy Cobb, Helen Bell (née Chandler) and baby Autumn; and baby Luna and her parents.

And we pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful recently departed, particularly Phyllis Willmoth RIP.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for December is for single-parent families, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

Christmas in the parish

Christmas Eve Thursday 24 December

Children's Nativity Liturgy	4:00pm	CTK
Vigil Mass of Christmas NO	6:00pm	St Jo
Christmas Mass NO	8:00pm	CTK
Solemn Midnight Mass DW	11:30pm	CTK

Christmas Day Friday 25 December

Parish Mass DW	11:00am	CTK

St Stephen Saturday 26 December

Mass DW	10:00am	CTK

No Vigil Mass of Sunday

The Holy Family Sunday 27 December

Mass NO	9:30am	St Jo
Mass DW	11:30am	CTK

After Christmas 29 December to 2 January
Mass DW 10am CTK (10:30 on Saturday)
Second Sunday of Christmas as usual
Epiphany Wednesday 6 January
Mass NO 10am St Jo; Mass DW 7:00pm CTK

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Image: A man lighting a lamp
Matthias Stom (fl. 1615–1649), c.1636
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Parish of Christ the King Langney with St Joachim Hampden Park

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Parish Hall Bookings 01323 760048

Website: http://christthekingeastbourne.org
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Week of the First Sunday of Advent

(Year B) (Year I)

Day			*Location**	*Intention*
Sunday 29 November **Advent Sunday**	Advent Service of Light Vigil Mass NO Mass NO Rosary Sung Mass DW	3:45 pm 5:00 pm 9:30 am 10:45 am 11:30 am	CTK CTK St Jo CTK CTK	 Eithne & Andrew Curran For our Community Constant Suivant RIP
Monday 30 November **S Andrew Ap**	Mass NO Private Mass	11:00 am	OLR	Phyllis Sanders' intention Peter Boyne-Cross RIP
Tuesday 1 December S Edmund Campion PrM	Mass NO RCIA Formation course	12:00 noon 7:00 pm	CTK CTK ‡	Joe
Wednesday 2 December Ember Day	Mass NO Advent Reflections and Prayer after Mass	10:00 am	St Jo	As announced
Thursday 3 December S Francis Xavier Pr	Holy Hour; confessions Mass DW Advent course *Voices of Hope* after Mass ‡	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	CTK CTK	For priests Joyann Green
Friday 4 December Ember Day *S John Damascene PrD*	Rorate Mass NO Exposition	6:30 am 11:00 am	**OLR** CTK	As announced
Saturday 5 December Ember Day	First Saturday Mass DW Exposition; confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday NO	10:30 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	CTK CTK CTK	As announced Edward Sutherland RIP
Sunday 6 December **Second Sunday of Advent**	Mass NO Exposition Mass DW	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	St Jo CTK CTK	For our Community Bridget Brady and Michael Brady Snr RIP

Confessions are usually heard at Christ the King Church on Thursdays 6:15–6:50pm; on Fridays for an hour after Mass (but not this week); on Saturdays 4:00–4:45pm; and on request or by arrangement.

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
St Jo St Joachim's Church, 106 Brodrick Rd BN22 9NY
OLR Our Lady of Ransom Church, 2 Grange Rd BN21 4EU
Crem Eastbourne Crematorium, Hide Hollow BN23 8AE
‡ In the Parish room: enter by the side door

This parish is part of
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working towards implementing the Pastoral Plan

Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. Isaiah 43:5