

Scott Hahn is an American Catholic biblical scholar; here is his reflection on this Sunday’s readings at Mass :

‘In today’s Liturgy, the destiny of the human race is told as the tale of two “types” of men—the first man, Adam, and the new Adam, Jesus (see 1 Corinthians 15:21–22; 45–59).

Paul’s argument in the Epistle is built on a series of contrasts between “one” or “one person” and “the many” or “all.” By one person’s disobedience, sin and condemnation entered the world, and death came to reign over all. By the obedience of another one, grace abounded, all were justified, and life came to reign for all.

This is the drama that unfolds in today’s First Reading and Gospel. Formed from the clay of the ground and filled with the breath of God’s own Spirit, Adam was a son of God (see Luke 3:38), created in His image (see Genesis 5:1–3). Crowned with glory, he was given dominion over the world and the protection of His angels (see Psalms 8:6–8; 91:11–13). He was made to worship God—to live not by bread alone but in obedience to every word that comes from the mouth of the Father.

Adam, however, put the Lord his God to the test. He gave in to the serpent’s temptation, trying to seize for himself all that God had already promised him. But in His hour of temptation, Jesus prevailed where Adam failed—and drove the devil away.

Still, we sin after the pattern of Adam’s transgression. Like Adam, we let sin in the door (see Genesis 4:7) when we entertain doubts about God’s promises, when we forget to call on Him in our hours of temptation.

But the grace won for us by Christ’s obedience means that sin is no longer our master. As we begin this season of repentance, we can be confident in His compassion, that He will create in us a new heart (see Romans 5:5; Hebrews 8:10). As we do in today’s Psalm, we can sing joyfully of our salvation, renewed in His presence.’

Lenten study groups. Fr Neil will be leading a study group during Lent on the 'Theology of The Body,' a subject close to the heart Pope St John Paul II. It will be held on Tuesday mornings, beginning on Feb 28th, at 11.00am after the 10.00am Mass in the parish room at CTK. Another group for men will meet at 8.00pm on Thursday evenings, hosted by the parish ‘Men of St Joseph’ looking at the same material. Also, Graham and Virginia will be leading a study group on Wed evenings at 7.30pm in the parish room at CTK, starting on March 8th. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross. During Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place after the Exposition and Adoration on Fridays at 5.00pm at CTK.

CAFOD and CTS are both running a Lenten Sign-up course by email with reflections and resources. Please check their websites for more information.

St Patrick’s Night Celebration, organised by the PTA of St Thomas a Beckett Catholic Primary School, at OLR Parish Centre on 18th March 19.15-22.30. £10 per head. Please see poster at the back of the Church.

Hymn Numbers for 1st Sunday in Lent :
Open : (CTK). 116. ‘Dear Lord and Father’
(St Jo’s) 143. ‘Dear Lord and Father’
Off. : (CTK.) 320. 'Lord accept the gifts..'’
(St Jo’s) : 377 ‘Lord accept the gifts..'’
Close : (CTK) : 298. ‘Lead us heavenly Father’
(St Jo’s) : 351. ‘Lead us heavenly Father’

Peter Dodd RIP Please keep in your prayers Peter Dodd who died on Tuesday 7th Feb. Peter was until recently a faithful and longstanding parishioner of Christ the King Parish and a great contributor to its maintenance in the early years. Funeral Mass at St. Agnes Church on Mon 27th February at 12 noon. The family ask that any donations should be to St Wilfred's Hospice.

Spanish Lessons are being offered by a member of our Parish. If interested please contact Mariela : mariela.goode@yahoo.com. Please note a small charge will be made for lessons which will be donated to our Parish.

Monthly Eastbourne Hospital Mass: 12noon on the last Tuesday of each month in the hospital chapel. The next Mass is on 28 Feb, praying for the staff and patients. If you know of somebody who will be in hospital and would like a priest to visit, please let Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene know.

Handel’s Dramatic Masterpiece : ‘Samson’, 7.30pm Sat April 1st, All Saints Church, Grange Rd; with Hailsham Choral, Hailsham Sinfonia, and superb soloists. Tickets : Adults £15, under-18’s £7.50, From Eastbourne Tourist Office, Crane & Co, Hailsham, www.wegottickets.com and on the door.

On Friday 31st March 2023: Men’s Way of the Cross: join us on this 5-6 hour night walk of the stations of the cross along the hills of Beachy Head. As we are challenged physically in this silent endeavour so doors to our spiritual life can be opened. This provides an opportunity to renew our dedication and vocation as men of faith. We gather at Christ the King Church: 9PM - 10PM. Registration, Adoration and Confessions 10pm- 11pm: Holy Mass11pm. We drive to Station 1 by the cliffs before midnight: We start our Way of the Cross! 6am: A hearty breakfast back at the Church .

On-line Lent Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. You can find this spiritually renewing reflection filmed in the Holy Land on YouTube - ‘Magdala English’. Search for ‘Exodus : Pilgrimage of Freedom.’

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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** details : Sort Code : **40-05-20** A/C No : **91127012; CTK Building Account No : 61256130.** A/C Name : **RCD A&B Christ the King Eastbourne. St Joachim’s A/C.** Sort Code : **40-05-20; A/C No : 51077058.**

Votive Candles. Would you like to sponsor a weekly candle by the Blessed Sacrament tabernacle or the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham in CTK? There are forms available at the back of the church. This week the candles are for Caroline Farrow & family and Luke Roarty .

Prayers before Mass at CTK during Lent. During Lent, prayers before Mass will be said every Sunday at 10.30 at CTK. All welcome.

World Day of Prayer 2023 Service at OLR on Fri 3rd March, at 2.00pm in the church followed by refreshments in the hall. The prayer service this year is written by the women of Taiwan. See poster at the back of the church.

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| First Sunday of Lent | | Mass Intentions |
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| Sat. Feb 25th | CTK : 4.00-5.00pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass | Amette & Adrian Ley |
| Sun Feb 26th | St Jo's 9.30am. Mass | Mary Teresa Prince - 1st b'day |
| First Sunday of Lent | CTK. 11.30am Mass | Ryszard Stanczak RIP |
| | CTK. 4.00pm Mass (DW) | Basia |
| Mon Feb 27th | No Public Mass | (Basia Sikora) |
| Tues Feb 28th | CTK : 10.00am | John |
| Wed March 1st | St Jo's : 10.00am : | Fr Peter Carr RIP |
| Thurs March 2nd | CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition and Holy Hour for priests 7.00pm Mass (DW) | Fr Gerard |
| Fri March 3rd | CTK : 12 noon Mass followed by exposition and adoration till Stations of the Cross at 5.00pm | Freda Moon |
| Sat March 4th | CTK. : 4.00-5.00pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | CTK 5.00pm Mass | Thanksgiving |
| Sun March 5th | St Jo's 9.30am Mass | George Prince's 11th b'day |
| | CTK 11.30am Mass | Steeve Davis - 22nd b'day |
| Second Sunday of Lent | CTK 4pm mass (DW) | Anna Kirk |

We pray for: Emma Raper, Eithne Lloyd, Peter Champion, Chris Gimmons, Don Wilkins, Stuart McCarthy, Helena Sagnelia, Frankie Farrell, Daisy Kelly, Sue & Mick O'Driscoll, Rene Cook, Jan Blake, Sandra McMeekin, David Dwyer, Diana Smith, Colleen Stock, Sr Mary Keiley, Jane Hollands, Kirina Blaty, Moira Morrison, Philip Duffy, Pamela Chatfield, Eddie Burke, Theresa Kitchener, Roy Worsley, Betty Donovan, Lucas Mack, Marie Williams, Terry Swales, Pauline Sollis, Alexandra Waters, Daniel Markham, Maria P Veras, Alison J Thomas, Mary Ayling, Alan Calivas

For the recently deceased: Marian Molden, Peter Dodd, Lois Forbes, Joseph Fok-Seang, Pdraig Quinn, Nora Miles

