

Bishop Richard Moth’s reflection on this week’s readings :

‘The Transfiguration of the Lord, which is always the Gospel Reading for the Second Sunday in Lent, is a message of hope, given to Peter, James, and John, that they may find strength in the moment of testing that will come to them when Jesus undergoes his Passion and death.

Their experience of the glorified Lord, fulfilling the law and the prophets, remains with them. They only understand it fully, however, when Jesus has risen from the dead.

Our experience is similar. We are the people of the Resurrection. Jesus has suffered and died. His saving mission is accomplished. Yet we are weak and we fail, often. The Gospel of the Transfiguration gives us hope, for we realise that we need strength and hope, just as the three Apostles. Unlike them, at the moment of the Transfiguration, we have the ultimate hope and strength that lies in the death and Resurrection of the Lord.

This is a hope that goes beyond our daily difficulties. It is a hope that overcomes all things, for – as St Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans – nothing can come between us and the love of God, made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

At a time when there are so many difficulties across our world – war in Ukraine, the effects of earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, the recent train crash in Greece, financial struggles for so many of us – may our prayer be that we can hold fast to the hope that is Jesus’ gift to us – not just for ourselves, but as a gift we can share with our sisters and brothers, wherever they may be.’

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, 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.

World Youth Day : Join the Holy Father and millions of young people from all over the world as we travel from 31st July-7th August 2023 to Lisbon, Portugal, to celebrate our Catholic faith. See poster at the back of the church.

Parish Social Events for 2023 at CTK: dates for your diary : April 1st - Easter Spring Fayre, 10am-4.00pm in parish hall; April 16th - Bacon Rolls after 11.30 Mass; 22nd April - fish & chips at 1.30pm; May 8th - Coronation Tea at 2.00pm, bring a plate to share; 7th June - International Food Fair : 6.30pm, adults £6, children under 10, £3. 16th Dec.- Christmas dinner/raffle, cost : £16, children under 10 £6, family of 4 : £38. Also, there will be a Summer BBQ in Aug/Sep; New Year Brunch 2024, dates tbc.

Hymn Numbers for 2nd Sunday of Lent :
Open : (CTK). 242. ‘Immortal, invisible’
(St Jo’s) 388 ‘Lord, the light of your love’
Off. : (CTK.) 262. ‘I watch the sunrise’
(St Jo’s) : 288 ‘I watch the sunrise’
Close : (CTK) : 61. ‘ Be thou my vision’
(St Jo’s) : 74. ‘Be thou my vision’

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.

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.wegotickets.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 Mass -11pm. 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.’

Easter Spring Fayre at CTK church hall on April 1st, 10am-4.00pm. Childrens’ colouring competition, luxury raffle, name the rabbit, tombola and many more. This is a charity event raising funds for ‘You Raise Me Up’, who support families who have lost a young adult. Please come and support the day if you can.

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

Spring concert : works by Rossini, Mozart, Mendelssohn; March 21st at Eastbourne Town Hall, 7.30pm. See poster at back of the church.

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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** 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 Tom Hagger and in thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity.

200 Club winners : Fr Neil drew the winning numbers for February 2023; they are - 1st prize : John Carmody, £100. 2nd prize : Dina Green, £60. Thanks to all who take part in the parish fund raiser. There are forms at the back of the church if you would like to take part; it’s only £1 a month.

Make a donation on-line to the parish today! Scan the QR code below, select our parish and add Gift Aid if you pay tax. Also see the poster at the back of the church.



Second Sunday of Lent		Mass Intentions
Sat. March 4th	CTK : 4.00-5.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Mark Phelps RIP
Sun March 5th	St Jo's 9.30am. Mass	George Prince's 11th b'day
Second Sunday of Lent	CTK. 11.30am Mass	Steeve Davis - 22nd b'day
	CTK. 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Anna Kirk
Mon March 6th	No Public Mass	(Holy Souls)
Tues March 7th	CTK : 10.00am	Darina
Wed March 8th	St Jo's : 10.00am :	Trisha's family
Thurs March 9th	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition and Holy Hour for priests 7.00pm Mass (DW)	Pulikottil Lonapann Joseph
Fri March 10th	CTK : 12 noon Mass followed by exposition and adoration till Stations of the Cross at 5.00pm	Souls in purgatory
Sat March 11th	CTK. : 4.00-5.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	CTK 5.00pm Mass	Sylvia Seelagama RIP
Sun March 12th	St Jo's 9.30am Mass	Mary Grace RIP
Third Sunday of Lent	CTK 11.30am Mass	Martin Parsons RIP
	CTK 4pm mass (DW)	Rita Gabucan RIP

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 Blat, 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

