

Bishop Richard writes :

‘We live in a world where confidence seems to be a requirement, for confidence speaks of strength and our society does not wish to appear weak. Yet, beneath this veneer of confidence lies much anxiety and doubt. This affects different people in different ways, from an over-reliance on technology to experiences of isolation, and the manifestation of challenges to mental health at so many levels.

Today’s Gospel brings us face-to-face with the problem of doubt in the person of Thomas the Apostle. Like so many in our modern times, he would not accept the word of his friends. He wanted to see for himself, and if he could not, he would not believe. In the midst of his doubts, the Lord Himself stood before him. Thomas’ doubts were dispelled and he professed his faith with the simple, yet wonderful words: “My Lord and my God.”

Perhaps there are times in our lives when we doubt – perhaps the experience of life, the grim realities of the world around us, bring us to doubt, to question. We must know that in our times of doubt, the Lord stands before us. As with Thomas, He is gentle towards us. The Lord says to us, as He says to Thomas: 'Here I am, gaze upon me, see what I have done for you. Believe.'

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, may we recognise in a new and ever-deeper way, all that the Lord has done for us. In His dying and rising He gives us new life. In saying, with Thomas, “My Lord and my God” we shall know the mercy that only He can give, and experience that peace the world cannot give; the peace that is the gift of the Risen Christ.’

Divine Mercy Sunday : This Sunday, April 16th, is Divine Mercy Sunday; it is a tradition going back to at least the 4th century in the church when the following Sunday after Easter Day reflects the mercy of God towards us as seen in the Resurrection of Jesus. There are devotions this Sunday from 2.45-3.30pm at CTK which include adoration, sung Chaplet and Benediction. All welcome. The message and devotion to Jesus as ‘The Divine Mercy’ is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska. For more information visit: www.thedivinemercy.org

Parish Social Events for 2023 at CTK: dates for your diary : 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; 17th June - International Food Fair; 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.

Bacon Rolls on sale after 11.30 Mass at CTK this Sunday, April 16th. £1 each, or £1.50 with tea/coffee. Proceeds go towards the International Food Fair in June.

Fish & Chips next Saturday April 22nd at 1.30pm in CTK parish hall. There is a notice in the porch for those interested. Please sign up. We need 20-40 people to keep the cost down to £7.

This Month’s Eastbourne Hospital Mass is on April 25th at 12noon in the hospital chapel to pray with and for staff, patients and their families. If you know somebody who will be in hospital and would like Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene to visit, please let us know.

Hymns for 2nd Sunday of Easter
Open : (CTK). 14 ‘Alleluia, alleluia..’
(St Jo’s) 15 ‘All creatures of our God..’
Off. : (CTK) 67. ‘Blest are you..’
(St Jo’s) : 90 ‘Blest are you’
Close : (CTK) : 554 ‘Thine be the glory..’
(St Jo’s) : 357 ‘Let all the world’

Lourdes Pilgrimage. Applications for this year’s diocesan pilgrimage are open. It takes place 28 July-3 Aug by air, or 27 July-4 Aug by coach/ Jumbulance. See the Lourdes section of the diocesan website for more details and the posters at the back of the church.

Accommodation wanted : A single lady is looking for a one bedroom flat in the Eastbourne/Langney area. If you can help, please contact Noreen : tel - 07903360328.

Newman Association : ‘The Future for our Children?’. This is the intriguing title for a talk to be given by Father Neil on Wed 26th April at the next meeting of the Newman Association to which all parishioners and friends are welcome to attend. The meeting will be in the parish room from 7.30 until 9 and tea/coffee etc will be available.

200 Club. Fr Neil made the draw prior to the Easter Vigil Mass. The three winners each for £100 were No 32 Mike Brady, No 23 Michael Dowd; No 5 Bob Jobbins. The April 2023 draw of the three new prizes of £100, £75 and £50 will be made on 29th April. New members are welcome - please see Application forms at back of Christ the King Church and get details to Mike Woods by 23rd April to be included in the April draw.

Arundel Celebration of Corpus Christi in the year of the 150th anniversary of the Cathedral Church. Would you be prepared to volunteer your time and skills to help with the tasks involved? Contact Louise at the Cathedral Office arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or 01903 88229.

Prayers before Mass : on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited at CTK at 11.00am. There will be prayers recited including the Rosary every Sunday at 10.45am, except for the first Sunday of the month when the Prayer Before Mass starts at 10.30am. All welcome.

‘Memory Lane’ is a local charity that supports people with dementia and their carers. They are looking to appoint a part-time coordinator; please see advert at the back of the church.

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For enquiries for baptism, first communion, confirmation, and marriages please speak to either Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene; also ring the office. - 01323 760048

Parish Hall Bookings
Enquiries: 01323 760048

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 Maura Cuddeford RIP and Terry & Freda Swales.

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 Easter		Mass Intentions
Sat. April 15th	4-5.00pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm second Sunday of Easter	Norah Miles RIP
Sun April 16th	St Jo’s : 9.30am. Mass	For bodily healing
Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday)	CTK. : 11.30am Mass	Hannah (Annie) McCarthy RIP
Divine Mercy Sunday.	CTK. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Lenka Mastna
Mon April 17th	No Public Mass	(Lyes Choroui)
Tues April 18th	CTK. : 10.00am. Mass	Sheila
Wed April 19th	St Jo’s : 10.00am :	Thanksgiving
Thurs April 20th	CTK : 5.30 : Exposition and Holy Hour for priests CTK : 7.00pm Mass	Fr Gerard
Fri April 21st	CTK : 12noon Mass Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm.	All deceased relatives & friends
Sat April 22nd	4-5.00pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00.Mass	Ian Blake RIP
Sun April 23rd	St Jo’s : 9.30am Mass CTK : 11.30am Mass CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	Thanksgiving Fr John Pearson RIP Harry Rock 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 Blaty, Moira Morrison, Philip Duffy, Pamela Chatfield, Eddie Burke, Theresa Kitchener, Roy Worsley, Betty Donovan, Marie Williams, Terry Swales, Pauline Sollis, Alexandra Waters, Daniel Markham, Maria P Veras, Alison J Thomas, Mary Ayling, Alan Calivas, Ann Snelling, Maria Rosa Ferro

For the recently deceased: Lois Forbes, Norah Miles, Barbara Dare, Jose Ameijenda, Canon Martin Lee, Fr Jim Hurley, Fr David Russell, Donald Wilkins, Sylvia Stilton, Bishop Christopher Budd

