

Fr Neil writes about the Rational for the Reorganisation of Masses :

The diocese, like all the dioceses of England and Wales, is facing a vocations crisis. By 2030 there will be twenty odd priests operating in the diocese, who are 65 or under. The diocese at the moment has over a 100 mass centres.

Fr Barry’s last gift to the parishes was to encourage and facilitate the appointment of me as your parish priest. Although Fr Barry doesn’t approve of some of the changes I’ve made, my appointment has enabled the parishes to maintain and enhance the usual pattern of weekday and Sunday masses.

Without my appointment the priestly ministry would most likely have been administered from OLR with either St Joachim’s closing and a single Sunday mass at CTK or a pattern similar to Peacehaven and Seaford of fortnightly Sunday mass between the two churches.

Eastbourne has gone from 5 priests to 3 in the last two years. As joint parishes, even with the loss of Fr Thomas, the masses at St Joachim and CTK have been maintained bar the loss of the Saturday morning mass.

The bishop has asked all deaneries to review all mass times in the light of the future lack of priests. It is diocesan policy, that for the health of the priest, that they say no more than three Sunday masses on a regular basis, which includes any vigil mass. Since Fr Thomas left I have been saying 4 Sunday masses each weekend. For the long term future of our churches and my health we have to move to only 3 Sunday masses over the weekend.

However, here’s the rub, I am an Ordinariate priest and I am obliged to say one Ordinariate Sunday mass each week. (Remember, I was appointed parish priest because the diocese didn’t have another priest available.) Therefore any future plan requires 1 of the 3 Sunday masses to be Ordinariate using Divine Worship.

The Ordinariate group is likely to lose their Sunday afternoon mass time. The mass times of 5pm vigil, 9.30am and 11.30am needn’t change but the venues might. An exact plan hasn’t yet been fixed. No one likes change but I am trying to think of the long term future of St Joachim’s and CTK. A little pain now may well save a whole lot of dramatic heartache later.

I share this with you so that you may have a better understanding of the situation we find ourselves in. We have to ask ourselves whether we are all prepared to be inconvenienced and some willing to swallow Divine Worship for the future sake of our churches? The attitude we take to these changes will have an impact which will directly affect the futures of both St Joachim’s and CTK.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady is celebrated on this Tuesday, August 15th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means (not least out of love and support for one another) we should make every reasonable effort to be present at Mass on this day. There are 2 Masses in the parish, both at CTK - 10.00am and 7.00pm (DW).

Fr John is returning to Nigeria this week; he would like to thank everyone for their welcome and support during his time here and asks for your prayers for him and his parish. He will remember us in his prayers.

This year's annual March For Life in support of unborn children and their mothers will be held in London on Saturday 2nd September between 10.30 am and 4.30 pm. Mass takes place at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30 am and events will be held at The Emmanuel Centre 10.30 am -1.00pm followed by the procession of witness for the unborn and rally at Parliament Square. Further information contact Isabel 07773501721 or Ben 07885505116.

Hymns for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time :
Open : (CTK) 122 ‘Do not be afraid’
(St Jo’s) 147. ‘Do not be afraid’
Off.(CTK) 356. ‘My God and is thy table spread’
(St Jo’s) 496. ‘My God and is thy table spread’
Close : 582. ‘Walk with me, O my Lord’
(St Jo’s). 765 ‘Walk with me, O my Lord’

CTK Summer BBQ is next Saturday August 19th from 1pm-4.30pm. Beef Burgers and Hot Dogs on sale at approximately £3.50 each. Bring your own wine etc. Tea and Coffee 50p, squash 20p. Games for children, quiz for adults. All welcome.

Sponsored Walk : Brother Neil and his family know first hand the impact of rheumatoid arthritis. To this end, his wife Gwen and daughter Caitlyn are raising money for the NRAS, challenging themselves to walk 57km uphill and down dale across the South Downs to Hove on Sept 2nd in (hopefully!) 14 hours. Find them on Just Giving ‘Caitlyn and Gwen’s South Coast Challenge’; there is also a collection box at the back of the church. Many thanks for your support.

Prayers before Mass: the Holy Rosary will be recited every Sunday at 10.45am. All welcome.

200 Club : the draw was made recently for the July 2023 winners of the Club: the winners are - 1st prize : No 128 Peter Smith £100; 2nd prize No 163 John Carmody £75; 3rd prize No 72. David Hellicar £50. If you would like to join this excellent parish fundraising activity, there are forms at the back of the church.

Help Needed : We are still looking for help to transport a fridge freezer from Hampden Park to CTK. If you have access to a van and can help or you know of anyone who can, please contact Heather : 07908487603

Parish Social Committee : Heather, the Parish Social Committee coordinator, is stepping down at the end of August. We need new volunteers to join the Committee, with ideas, good organisational skills - and if you could cook, that would be a bonus! A meeting of the Committee will be held in September - exactly date to be confirmed - so if you’re interested, please attend.

Theology of the Body : Fr Neil will be restarting his reflections on the Theology of the Body, a series of talks on the work of Pope St John Paul II. The next talk will be on August 15th, after the 10.00am Mass in the parish room. All welcome.

DGH Hospital Service : it’s our parish’s turn to lead the weekly service this Sunday, August 13th at 3.00pm in the hospital chapel. It is being prepared and organised by the CTK prayer group. We gather to pray for the patients, staff and their families. All welcome.

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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

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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? This week the candles are for Fr John and the protection of unborn children. There are forms available at the back of the church.

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.



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Sat. Aug 12th	CTK. : 4-4.45pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	George Redmond RIP
Sun Aug 13th 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo’s : 9.30am. Mass	People of the Parish
	CTK. : 11.30am Mass	Luke Roarty RIP
	CTK. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	David White’s Intentions
Mon 14th Aug St Maximilian Kolbe	No Public Mass	(for Poland)
Tues Aug 15th The Assumption of Our Lady	CTK : 10.00am	Mary Anastasia RIP
	CTK. 7.00pm (DW)	Alexander Berkovich RIP
Wed Aug 16th St Stephen of Hungary	ST Jo’s : 10.00am Mass	Deceased members of McAteer family
Thurs Aug 17th	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm : Exposition and Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm. Mass (DW)	Priests
Fri Aug 18th	CTK. : 12noon Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.30pm - 5.00pm.	24th Wedding anniversary thanksgiving
Sat. Aug 19th St John Eudes	4-4.45pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Rachel & Michael’s Wedding
	CTK : 5.00.Mass	
Sun. Aug 20th 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo’s : 9.30am Mass	Deceased Members of Neilan family
	CTK : 11.30am Mass	People of the Parish
	CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	Nikolai Horlin RIP

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

For the recently deceased: Margareta (Greti) Roche, Colleen Stock, Steven Chatfield, Eileen Marshall, Denis Clavio, Fr Trevor Welland, John Barron, Alan Wroclowski