

Bishop Richard reflects on this weekend’s Mass readings :

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus places before us – in the clearest terms – the reality of discipleship. It is the demand of renunciation of self and the taking up of the Cross. This is a daunting prospect, perhaps, but it also brings with it the fervour to which the prophet Jeremiah called – ‘a fire burning in the heart.’

This is the fire of the love that God gave to Jeremiah, which we receive when we are truly open to all that Jesus has done for us – and does for us, each and every moment of our lives. When we are faced with the reality of the love of God and we truly open our hearts and minds to all that the Lord gives us, there can be only one way for us – the way of love that is also the way of the Cross, leading us to new life.

St Paul, writing to the Romans, calls us to live our lives in a completely new way, a way that is different to the way of the world around us. This is as true today as it was when St Paul wrote his letter. As followers of Christ, we are called to model our minds on Him. This will always bring about changes in our behaviour, our way of doing things, our way of being. This way is a sign to the world around us of the wonder of God’s love. Through our baptism we are called to this new way, and a life spent in bearing witness to the love of Christ.

It is in this way that we find the perfection of which St Paul speaks, as we carry the Cross and the fire of God’s love in our hearts.

With every blessing, + Richard Moth

Schools and colleges reopen this week - prayers and best wishes to our pupils and students (as well as teachers and all school staff) as they return after the summer break. We pray that they will all have a positive, spiritual and fruitful academic year ahead.

Please note that there is NO MASS on Wednesday Sept 6th at St Joachim’s as Fr Neil is saying 2 Masses at St Richard’s Catholic College, Bexhill, for the students and staff at the beginning of the new school year. Deacon Eugene will lead a Liturgy of the Word at 10.00am at St Joachim’s.

Men’s Rosary Walk. On Friday 15th September, there will be a Men’s Rosary Walk. We will meet at the Red Lion, Stone Cross BN24 5EG, at 7.00pm. The walk will take 30-40mins and then will finish at the Red Lion with a drink.

First Holy Communion Preparation for 2024. Forms are available this weekend for those children who would like to receive their First Holy Communion next year in both CTK and St Joachim’s. They can be collected from the back of the church. Forms need to be returned to Fr Neil by October 1st.

A Day of Reflection for Grandparents – Tuesday 26 September 2023 11am-3.30pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
Life experience comes at the price of the hard knocks and joyful moments and Fr Stephen Ortiger will help us to explore those and how we can see the hand of God in our lives. Our Youth Adviser, Lizzie Wakeling, will offer some helpful hints and tips into communicating with young people and tuning into what they may find helpful as they navigate their way in life. Book at <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/2spx9bns>

Parish Social Committee : Heather, the Parish Social Committee coordinator, has stepped down after several years’ service. 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 next Sunday 10th September at 7.00pm in CTK parish room; so if you’re interested in helping our parish community draw closer together, you’re very welcome to attend.

Hymns for 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time :
Open : CTK 116. ‘Dear Lord and Father’.
St Jo’s 143. ‘Dear Lord and Father’
Off CTK 226. ‘I am the Bread of Life’
St Jo’s 272. ‘I am the Bread of Life’
Close: CTK 50. ‘At the Name of Jesus’.
St Jo’s 59. ‘At the Name of Jesus’

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 this Saturday, 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.

Theology of the Body : Fr Neil will continue his reflections on the Theology of the Body based on the teachings of Pope St John Paul II on Tuesday 5th September after the 10.00am Mass at CTK, in the parish room. All welcome.

‘**World In Need**’ is an international gospel-humanitarian mission based in Crowborough, East Sussex. They have installed a clothing bin in the car park at CTK. If you have any unwanted clothing items, please place them in the bin; they do not have to be in a plastic bag. The bin is emptied regularly.

This year's annual ‘March For Life’ in support of unborn children and their mothers was held in London on 2nd September between 10.30 am and 4.30 pm. We continue to remember in our prayers this very important moral issue that human life from the womb onwards will be respected and nurtured.

The Season of Creation began on Friday 1st Sept and runs to Wed 4th October. The theme for 2023 is ‘Let Justice and Peace Flow.’ Pope Francis writes ‘Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.’ Read the Pope's message in full at <https://seasonofcreation.org/2023/05/25/message-of-pope-francis-for-creation-day-2023/?ct=t>
We continue to pray for Pope Francis as he carries out his Apostolic Journey to Mongolia. We can follow the Pope’s visit on www.vatican.va.

Advance Notice : Mass on Friday September 22nd at CTK will be at 1.00pm, not 12noon; Fr Neil has a funeral at 11.00am at Wealden crematorium. Adoration will follow the Mass as normal.

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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 for a personal intention or a special individual, by the Blessed Sacrament tabernacle, the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham or the statue of St Joseph by the church porch? This week the candles are for Tom Haggar RIP and Christians in Pakistan. There are forms available at the back of the church if you would like to sponsor a candle.

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.



	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
Sat. Sept 2nd	CTK. : 4-4.45pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	Private Intention
Sun Sept 3rd 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo's : 9.30am. Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass CTK. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	People of the parish Steven Graves RIP Priests & Deacons
Mon Sept 4th St Cuthbert	No Public Mass	(priests)
Tues Sept 5th	CTK : 10.00am Mass.	Angela de la Motte
Wed Sept 6th	ST Jo's : 10.00am No Mass today	Liturgy of the Word
Thurs Sept 7th	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm : Exposition and Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm. Mass (DW)	Jose & Peter Mariate & family
Fri Sept 8th Nativity of Our Blessed Lady	CTK. : 12noon Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.30pm - 5.00pm.	3rd Anniversary Mary Augusthy RIP
Sat Sept. 9th St Peter Claver	4-4.45pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Mass	People of the Parish
Sun. Sept 10th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Education Sunday	St Jo's : 9.30am Mass CTK : 11.30am Mass CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	Otto Douglas Weidemann RIP Thanksgiving for the life of my mother For every home to welcome Christ

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: Steven Chatfield, Eileen Marshall, Denis Clavio, Fr Trevor Welland, John Barron, Alan Wroclowski, Daniel Henry Lynch