

**Bishop Richard reflects on the permanent diaconate :**

Dear brothers and sisters,

On Friday of this week, those of our Diocese in formation for the Permanent Diaconate gathered at the Shrine of our Lady of Consolation in West Grinstead. This gathering takes place each year at about this time, and at Vespers those moving from their year of initial formation into the more formal 3-year programme of study are admitted for Candidacy for Orders.

At the Mass which follows, our students - depending on their stage of formation - receive the ministries of Lector and Acolyte. While in some ways a gentle celebration, it is a significant moment in the journeys of our students, their families, and the parish communities who support them in their continuing discernment and study.

Please pray for our students for the Permanent Diaconate; Patrick Bergin, Claude Chetta and Mathew Thomas, all admitted to Candidacy. Mike Dean who receives the Ministry of Lector, and Ben Williams and Simon Tierney who receive the Ministry of Acolyte. Please pray also for an increase in the numbers responding to the call to diaconal ministry in the life of the Diocese.

The vocation of the deacon lies most especially in the Ministry of Word, and in charity. Word and charity are clearly connected, for charity flows from the Word and is carried out in a myriad of ways.

As we look to the future of our Diocese, the ministry of our deacons will develop even further; they will be called to greater responsibilities in the years ahead as has been the case at other times in the history of the Church. This year, Graham Palmer joins our other diaconate students as he embarks on his initial year of formation. May he be joined by many others in the coming years

With every blessing, + Richard

**Appeal at Christ the King and St Joachim's, Eastbourne. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Jerry Lohan will be running an Appeal, in our parish, this weekend on behalf of 'Aid to the Church in Need'. 'Aid to the Church in Need' supports persecuted Christians in over 140 countries around the world and is currently involved in 5,000 projects. ACN work directly with bishops, priests and religious sisters and brothers to make sure that the aid goes directly to those that it is intended for. Many of our religious partners risks their own lives every day to provide help and spiritual support to our suffering brothers and sisters. Your kind donation, of whatever you can afford, will help get aid to where it is needed most during these troubling times.

**Mass this week :** 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.

**Discussions are being held about Mass times** for both parishes (CTK and St Joachim's) and the Ordinariate. You can read the rationale on our website, but no substantial changes will be made until after Easter. See [www.christthekingeastbourne.com](http://www.christthekingeastbourne.com)

**Senior Support Group.** On 4th October, Heather is offering a 'Seniors Support Group' with the name to be decided by the group. It will meet in the parish hall at CTK, 11am-1.00pm. A light lunch will be available. This group will be offering friendship, helping and supporting one another in whatever needs we may have and like to discuss. Be great to see you.

**Hymns for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time :**

Open : CTK 36. 'Amazing Grace'  
St Jo's 40. 'Amazing Grace'  
Off : CTK 511 'Take our Bread'  
St Jo's 496. 'My God and is thy table spread'  
Close: CTK 242. 'Immortal, invisible'  
St Jo's 301. 'Immortal, invisible'

**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 19th September after the 10.00am Mass at CTK, in the parish room. All welcome.

**Garden of Remembrance.** We need more help with tending the Garden of Remembrance at CTK, and general weeding around the CTK site; if you can spend some time keeping the garden and church premises in good condition, let Fr Neil know. We're also looking for someone to coordinate those who help.

**Spanish Lessons available.** Spanish Lessons for beginners age 9 upwards, every Saturday at 11.00am in the parish room at CTK; £5 to register then £3 per lesson. All welcome.

**COLLECTORS - ANNUAL MASS COUNT**

Please would you count all those who attend our Sunday Masses in CTK and St Jo's on the 17th & 24th September and 1st & 8th October. These numbers have to be reported to the Diocese and kept for our parish records. Please put the numbers on the form in the sacristy.

**Parish Website.** We now have a calendar with details of the weekly Mass Intentions for CTK and St Jo's on our Parish Website, as well as other information about parish life. See [www.christthekingeastbourne.org](http://www.christthekingeastbourne.org).

**Hospital Mass :** there is a monthly Mass on the last Tuesday of the month in the hospital chapel at the DGH at 12noon; the next Mass is on Sept 26th. We gather to pray for the patients, staff and their families. All welcome; the chapel in on the first floor by Michelham ward.

**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.

**200 Club.** : winners for September are : 1st No 99 £100 Dina Green; 2nd No 122 Parish No; 3rd No 213 £50 George Gibson. Congratulations to this month's winners; if you would like to join this excellent parish fundraiser, there are forms at the back of the church. Only £1 a week.

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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 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 Luke Roarty RIP and Philip Drake RIP. 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.



	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
Sat. Sept 16th	CTK. : 4-4.45pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	Mary Raphael RIP
Sun Sept 17th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo's : 9.30am. Mass  CTK. : 11.30am Mass  CTK. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Alo Duffy  Sherene de la Motte  Zachary Hurst
Mon Sept 18th	No Public Mass	(Joanne Stebbs)
Tues Sept 19th	CTK : 10.00am Mass.	Maria de Jesus
Wed Sept 20th	ST Jo's : 10.00am Mass	Margaret O'Sullivan
Thurs Sept 21st	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm : Exposition and Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm. Mass (DW)	Vicente de Sousa
Fri Sept 22nd	CTK. : 1.00pm Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.30pm - 5.00pm.	Deena & Simon
Sat Sept. 23rd	4-4.45pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  CTK : 5.00pm Mass	Margaret Denmead RIP
Sun. Sept 24th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo's : 9.30am Mass  CTK : 11.30am Mass  CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	Thanksgiving  Dennis Sheahan RIP  Ben Bray 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 and John Hollands, Kirina Blaty, Moira Morrison, Philip Duffy, Pamela Chatfield, Eddie Burke, Theresa Kitchener, Betty Donovan, Marie Williams, Terry Swales, Pauline Sollis, Alexandra Waters, Zachary Hurst (age 3 years) Daniel Markham, Maria P Veras, Alison J Thomas, Mary Ayling, Alan Calivas, Maria Rosa Ferro, Deacon Dave Turner

**For the recently deceased:** Eileen Marshall, Denis Clavio, Fr Trevor Welland, John Barron, Alan Wroclowski, Daniel Henry Lynch, Philip Drake