

Dear brothers and sisters,

During the course of this last week, we celebrated an important feast in the life of the Church – the Conversion of St Paul. He holds a special place in the Church’s life. He is the last of the Apostles, one who recognised that he had been chosen out of time – so much later than the others, and through the experience of the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus. He is the Apostle to the Gentiles, the one who brought the Gospel message to the wider world of his own day. We might ask ourselves: without the ministry of St Paul, would we have received the Good News?

Paul shows tremendous vigour in his following of the Gospel. He is not frightened to ‘tell it as it is’ and he pays the price. He is often persecuted and, in the end, he gives his life for Christ.

With his feast day in mind, we might ask ourselves about the call to conversion that comes to each and every one of us. It is a conversion that calls us to live our lives in a particular way – the way of the Gospel, the way of the Beatitudes that we hear proclaimed in this Sunday’s Gospel.

These texts that form the beginning of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, recorded in Matthew’s Gospel, challenge us to take a close look at our own lives. Living the Beatitudes means standing out from the crowd. The Christian should be noticed as one who upholds what is right, shows mercy and purity, who has a poverty of spirit and lives in gentleness, who is ready to embrace loss and who will be ready for persecution.

We may feel that we have a way to go before we achieve true conversion of heart, mind and life – but this is the way of the baptised and the more we embrace this way, the more we find freedom of heart in Christ and the life that He calls us to share in Him and with all around us.

With every blessing, + Richard

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. For more information or to register for the next weekend on Feb 24-26 call/text : 07887 296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com.

Holocaust Memorial Day. This day was kept on Friday last, as we reflect on the horrors of the persecution of the Jews in the Second World War. We think especially of the Eastbourne Liberal Jewish Community which meets regularly in the parish room at CTK.

Racial Justice Sunday falls on 5th February. Our theme “*All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together*” reflects on the role each of us must play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. Resources can be found on the Bishops’ Conference website at: www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday

Feasts this week. On Feb 2nd, we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. It marks the Christ-child being presented in the temple 40 days after his birth and hailed as the ‘light to the gentiles’; it’s also known as Candlemas. Fr Neil will bless any candles you have at the 7.00pm Mass at CTK; please bring them to Mass on that day. On 3rd Feb: Feast of St Blaise, patron of those with throat infections. By tradition we bless all throats at this Mass.

Marriage Week 7-14th February. Marriage Week celebrates the vibrancy of marriage as the basis for family life and is an annual event encouraging couples to invest in their marriage and relationships. Search “Marriage Week” for some helpful links and suggestions or see the Diocesan website. Contact Katherine Bergin at katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk for further information.

Hymn Numbers for 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time :
Open : (CTK). 66. ‘Blest are the pure in heart’ (St Jo’s) 88. ‘Blest are the pure in heart’
Off. : (CTK.) 15. ‘Alleluia, sing to Jesus’ (St Jo’s) 37. ‘Alleluia, sing to Jesus’
Close : (CTK) : 473. ‘Seek ye first’ (St Jo’s) : 633 ‘Seek ye first’

Catholic Children’s Society A & B Crisis Fund:
There are many vulnerable families in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib offerings to support this important work. You can donate at the Crib by the Lady Chapel or via: www.cathchild.org.uk/crib.

‘Matthew 25’. Dr Lesley Dawson will be speaking on the work of this local charity that supports homeless, unemployed and otherwise vulnerable people in Eastbourne. The meeting is in our parish room on Mon 30th Jan at 7.30pm. All parishioners and friends welcome. Donations to this charity can be placed in the box at the entrance to CTK.

Monthly Hospital Mass at the DGH : Mass is said at 12noon on the last Tuesday of each month, which is this week on 31st Jan, in the hospital Chapel to pray with and for the staff and patients. All welcome. If you know of anyone in hospital/hospice/ nursing home/at home who would like a pastoral visit, please speak to Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene.

Pancakes on sale on the 19th February, after 11.30 Mass at CTK. They cost £1 each. Money will go towards church funds. On Sunday 16th April there will be a Bacon Butty sale after the 11.30 Mass.

Fr Neil’s Podcast : Fr Neil was interviewed recently by Fr Ed Tomlinson who, like Fr Neil, is a priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Fr Ed has a Catholic podcast called ‘This turbulent priest’. Fr Neil talks about his spiritual journey into the Catholic Church. It can be found by putting ‘[this turbulent priest podcast](#)’ into your search engine.

Pilgrimage to Knock. 15th March 2023. £699 per person sharing. Price includes flight, transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel, with full board. Entertainment and excursions included. Special St Patrick’s Day celebrations. Contact Patricia : 01268.762278/07740175557.

Beach Head Chaplaincy : Do you have compassion for the lost and broken? Would you be able to give 5 hours a week? ...Get involved as a Volunteer Chaplain. Find out more : www.bhct.org.uk. Contact: Karen Elkington on 07792 788606 or e-mail karen.elkington@bhct.org.uk.

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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 McCarthy & Healy families RIP and Jim McNeil RIP

Prayers before Mass at CTK. The Holy Rosary will be recited every Sunday at 10.45am. On the first Sunday of the month, the prayer will be at 10.30 together with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome.

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	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
Sat. Jan 28th St Thomas Aquinas	CTK : 4.00-5.00pm CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Maureen Danaghair RIP
Sun Jan 29th	St Jo’s 9.30am. Mass	Holy Souls
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK. 11.30am Mass CTK. 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Roland de La Motte Jacqueline
Mon Jan 30th	No Public Mass	(Priests)
Tues Jan 31st St John Bosco	CTK : 10.00am	To be guided by the Holy Spirit
Wed Feb 1st	St Jo’s : 10.00am : Mass	Sabu & Reena Family in thanksgiving
Thurs Feb 2nd	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition and Holy Hour for priests 7.00pm Mass (DW)	Micheal Mordaunt RIP
Fri Feb 3rd St Blaise	CTK : 12 noon Mass followed by exposition and adoration till 5.00pm	Fr Jonathan
Sat Feb. 4th	CTK. : 4.00-5.00pm CTK 5.00pm Mass	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Pauline Crunden
Sun Feb 5th	St Jo’s 9.30am Mass CTK 11.30am Mass CTK 4pm mass (DW)	Rebecca’s 7th birthday Thanksgivings to the Holy Trinity Wendelle Hatton

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

For the recently deceased: Timothy Van-Eugen, Mathew Orr, Victor Beale, Mary Cuddeford, Marian Molden, Pope Benedict XVI, Lois Forbes,

