

**Bishop Richard reflects on this Sunday’s Mass Readings :**

‘On the Wednesday of Holy Week, at the Mass of Chrism, the priests of the Diocese renewed their priestly promises and those present in the Cathedral, representing all the faithful of the Diocese, confirmed the commitment to prayer for our priests and to work with them in the mission the Lord has given to His Church.Today – Good Shepherd Sunday - the entire Church focuses once more on prayer and reflection for priests and, specifically, for vocations to the Priesthood.

Every one of us has a vocation, a calling, given to us by God so that we can take our rightful place in the life of the Church and the world, bringing the message of the Gospel to those around us in accordance with God’s will for us as individuals and for all his people. This is a consequence of our Baptism – life lived in the love that exists in the Blessed Trinity.

Those called to the Ordained Priesthood commit themselves to the service of Christ and His people. The priest celebrates the Sacraments with and for the whole Church, specifically for those he is sent to serve. He preaches the Word in accordance with the teachings of Christ and His Church. He is a leader in the community – a leader through service. The promises of the Priesthood – prayer, obedience, celibacy – enable him to truly give his life in service and to be a sign of the Kingdom of God for the world.

This Good Shepherd Sunday, I invite you to join me in a time of prayer for Vocations to Priesthood in our Diocese, leading up to Pentecost Day. To assist us in this time of prayer, a leaflet has been produced, outlining an intention for each of the coming weeks and providing a ‘prayer itinerary’ for this journey to Pentecost. I ask also that, in every parish, a Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood is offered each week. This is already the practice in many places, as are times of Eucharistic Adoration especially for this important intention.

May this Good Shepherd Sunday and the time that follows to our celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady and the Apostles, be a period of fervent and fruitful prayer for us all.

With every blessing, Bishop Richard.’

**Coronation Tea at St Jo’s** on 7th May after Mass, no charge but donations welcome. Raffle - £1 adult ticket/50p for children with Coronation prizes. Raffle tickets on sale this weekend. All welcome.

**Coronation Tea at CTK** on May 8th to celebrate King Charles III’s coronation will be held hall 2-4.00pm. It will be a chance for us to get together as a parish to mark this significant event. Tea will include sandwiches and scones; there will be no charge though a donation will be appreciated. If you are intending to go to the tea, can you please let Heather know by this weekend as she has to organise enough food for everyone; sign up on the sheet at the back of the church or email her on : jhmmcdebsx@aol.com. All welcome.

**Good Shepherd Sunday.** This Sunday we keep a special day for reflecting on vocations to the priesthood, and Bishop Richard has sent a Pastoral Letter about praying for vocations as a parish and as individuals; there are copies of his letter available at the back of the church. He recommends a time of prayer for vocations between now and Pentecost Sunday, May 28th. There are also a limited number of pamphlets detailing “A Month of Prayer for Vocations.”

**Please note** there is no Mass on Wednesday at St Jo’s; Deacon Eugene will lead a Liturgy of the Word.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage applications are now open.** It takes place 28 July-3 Aug by air or 27 July-4 Aug by coach/Jumbulance. See poster at the back of the church.

**Hymns for 4th Sunday of Easter**  
Open : (CTK). 195. ‘Hail Redeemer, King divine’ (St Jo’s) 475. ‘Loving Shepherd of thy sheep.’ Off.(CTK) 28. ‘All that I am’ (St Jo’s) 23. ‘All that I am’.  
Close : (CTK) 533 ‘The Lord’s my shepherd’ (St Jo’s). 706 ‘ The Lord’s my shepherd.’

**An exciting opportunity for young people:**  
The Bursary Fund was formed by The Catenian Association, a Catholic organisation which promotes friendship and strengthens Catholic family life. The Bursary Fund makes two types of awards: **Lourdes Awards.** Every year many young Catholics travel to Lourdes to work as a helper or as support staff to an assisted pilgrim. **Individual Project Awards,** a financial grant to assist a young Catholic to undertake an individual project by volunteering to do something wonderful for someone else in the UK or overseas. More information about the Catenian Bursary Fund on. [www.catenianbursary.com](http://www.catenianbursary.com) or contact Eastbourne Catenians : [ebc186@outlook.com](mailto:ebc186@outlook.com). Also see the noticeboard at the back of the church.

**200 Club.** 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.

**Prayers before Mass** will be recited every Sunday at 10.45am, but on the first Sunday of the month they start at 10.30am.

**Theology of the Body.** By popular demand, Fr Neil will be continuing his sessions on Pope Saint John Paul’s teaching on the theology of the body; the meetings will be held after Tuesday’s 10.00am Mass, at 11.00am, and on Thursday evening after the 7.00pm Mass at the meeting of the Men of St Joseph.

**Prayer for King Charles on his Coronation :**  
‘O God, to whom every human power is subject, grant to your servant our sovereign Charles success in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from civil peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen’.  
There are free copies of a prayer card for King Charles on the occasion of his coronation. Please take a copy home with you.

**May Devotions.** May is traditionally the month dedicated to Our Lady. Next weekend we have the Crowning of Our Lady’s statue. The holy rosary is an excellent prayer which brings us closer to Mary and through her to Jesus.

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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**  
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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 Roy Worsley and priests and deacons.

**Polling day May 4th:** The CTK Church Hall is being used as a Polling Station next Thursday. Please take care when using the car park as there will be people coming in and out of the hall throughout the day.

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.



	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Mass Intentions
<b>Sat. April 29th</b>	<b>4-5.00pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>  <b>CTK. : 5.00pm</b>	Norman Lambert RIP
<b>Sun April 30th</b>	<b>St Jo’s : 9.30am. Mass</b>	Thanksgiving for Reena
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>CTK. : 11.30am Mass</b>  <b>‘Good Shepherd Sunday’</b>	Hannah (Annie) McCarthy RIP  Jenny & Robert Langley.
<b>Mon May 1st</b> St Joseph the Worker	<b>No Public Mass</b>	( Sylvia Seelegama RIP)
<b>Tues May 2nd</b> St Athanasius	<b>CTK. : 10.00am. Mass</b>	Jim Thompson RIP
<b>Wed May 3rd</b> St Philip and James	<b>St Jo’s : 10.00am :</b>	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Thurs May 4th</b> English Martyrs	<b>CTK : 5.30 : Exposition and Holy Hour for priests</b>  <b>CTK : 7.00pm Mass</b>	Genowefa Noszczynska RIP
<b>Fri May 5th</b>	<b>CTK : 12noon Mass Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm.</b>	Fr Peter Carr RIP
<b>Sat May 6th</b>	<b>4-5.00pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>  <b>CTK : 5.00.Mass</b>	Russel de la Motte
<b>Sun. May 7th</b>	<b>St Jo’s : 9.30am Mass</b>  <b>CTK : 11.30am Mass</b>  <b>CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)</b>	Otto Douglas Weidemann RIP  Genowefa Noszczynska RIP  Genowefa Noszczynska 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, Colleen Stock, 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

**For the recently deceased:** Barbara Dare, Jose Ameijenda, Fr David Russell, Donald Wilkins, Sylvia Stilton, Bishop Christopher Budd, Kevin Mahon, Ann Snelling, Joseph Ajisafe Mayeloye, Daniel Ramscar, Patrick Chatfield, Roy Worsley

