

Scott Hahn reflects on this Sunday’s Mass Readings :

‘By His death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father’s house.His Father’s house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ’s body.

As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today’s Epistle, Jesus is the “stone” destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God’s dwelling on earth (see Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16).

Each of us is called to be a living stone in God’s building (see 1 Corinthians 3:9, 16). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be “holy priests” offering up “spiritual sacrifices”—all our prayer, work and intentions—to God.

This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. God’s covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see Exodus 19:6). By our faith in Christ’s new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies (see 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Romans 12:1).

In today’s First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the “ministry of the Word.” The Lord’s Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today’s Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father. His Word continues its work in the world through the Church.

We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see Acts 19:20)and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see 1 Peter 1:23).’

(Scott Hahn is an American Catholic author and Scripture scholar)

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Patrick Chatfield, Fr Neil’s father, who died recently. Please keep Fr Neil, his mother, their family and friends in your prayers.

Please note : there will be NO MASS this Tuesday May 9th, the Mass intention will be said privately. The daily Mass schedule for the rest of the week returns to normal.

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 in the 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. All welcome.

Requiems. Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following whose funeral dates are listed here : Daniel Ramscar’s funeral is on Tues May 16th at 11.00am at CTK; Roy Worsley’s funeral is on Friday May 19th at 1.30pm at CTK; Ann Snelling’s funeral is on Thurs May 25th at 1.00pm at St Jo’s; Margareta (Greti) Roche’s funeral is on Thurs 1st June at 11.00am at CTK. ‘Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.’

Our Lady of Fatima, 13th May. Between May and October 1917, Our Lady appeared to three Portuguese children – Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia. In the apparitions, Our Lady asked the children to pray the rosary for the world. Let us pray during this Pentecost month that the Holy Spirit may fill us with the fruit of God’s love to serve people with the joy of the gospel.

Hymns for 5th Sunday of Easter
Open : (CTK). 112 ‘Crown him with many crowns.’
(St Jo’s) 139. ‘Crown him with many crowns’
Off.(CTK) 498. ‘Soul of my Saviour’
(St Jo’s) 663. ‘Soul of my Saviour’
Close : (CTK) 329 ‘Lord of all hopefulness’
(St Jo’s). 386. ‘Lord of all hopefulness’

An exciting opportunity for young people:
The Bursary Fund was formed by The Catenian Association, a Catholic organisation which promotes Catholic life. The Fund makes 2 types of awards: **Lourdes Awards** - every year many young Catholics travel to Lourdes to work as a helper to an assisted pilgrim. **Individual Project Awards** - a grant to assist a young Catholic to volunteer in the UK or overseas. More information about the Catenian Bursary Fund on. www.catenianbursary.com or contact Eastbourne Catenians : ebc186@outlook.com. Also see the noticeboard at the back of the church.

May Devotions. May is traditionally the month dedicated to Our Lady. This 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 her Son, Jesus. There are copies of a leaflet to help us with our rosary devotions at the back of the church; take one for a friend or family member.

Corpus Christi vigil night on Sat 10th of June.
The parish prayer group is organising a Prayer Night Vigil for Corpus Christi. The prayers start after Sat 5pm Mass at CTK - around 7pm and will end at 11pm. The Rosary will be recited in multiple languages. Come to spend as long or as short a time in prayer as you wish. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. There will be time for meditation, hymns and intentions. After the Mass we will have supper before prayer starts - bring your own food!

200 Club. The first of the monthly 3 prizes was drawn by Deacon Eugene on April 29th. The winners are as follows : 1st - No 55 £100 Sylvia Brady; 2nd - No 200 £75. David Cockett; 3rd - No 173 £50 Marina Green. New members are welcome - please see Application forms at back of CTK church.

Vocations : Last Sunday saw the start of a month of prayer for vocations in particular for the mission of the Church and the priesthood in Arundel and Brighton. Find out more about vocations on the A & B website at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/faith/vocations?ct=t>

‘Removing the Splinter’ - an online talk for Young Adults (18-35), 15 May, 7.30pm. The next session in the series ‘A Call to Holiness - Living out your Baptismal Vocation’. Fr Rod Jones OSB, of Worth Abbey, will focus on the things we may need to ask Jesus to heal and so allow us to follow him more closely. For more information contact : lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

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<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 King Charles III and Roy Worsley RIP.

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter			Mass Intentions
Sat. May 6th	4-5.00pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	Russel de la Motte	
Sun May 7th	St Jo’s : 9.30am. Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass CTK. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Otto Douglas Weidemann RIP Genowefa Noszczynska RIP Genowefa Noszczynska RIP	
Mon May 8th	No Public Mass	(In honour of Our Lord’s suffering)	
Tues May 9th	No Public Mass	(Mohsen Amiri Shekari)	
Wed May 10th	St Jo’s : 10.00am : Mass	Mary McCormack RIP	
Thurs May 11th	CTK : 5.30 : Exposition and Holy Hour for priests CTK : 7.00pm Mass	St Anthony’s assistance	
Fri May 12th	CTK : 12noon Mass Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm.	Derek Forman RIP	
Sat May 13th	4-5.00pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00.Mass	Michael Maloney	
Sun. May 14th	St Jo’s : 9.30am Mass CTK : 11.30am Mass CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	Thanksgiving Luke Roarty RIP Patrick Chatfield 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, Deacon Dave Turner, Fr Dominic O’Hara

For the recently deceased: Barbara Dare, Jose Ameijenda, Ann Snelling, Joseph Ajisafe Mayeloye, Daniel Ramscar, Patrick Chatfield, Roy Worsley, Margareta (Greti) Roche

