

Scott Hahn reflects on this Sunday's readings :

The words God speaks to Israel in today’s First Reading are intended for us as well. The Church is the fulfilment of God’s covenant promises to Israel—a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (see Deuteronomy 26:19; Isaiah 62:12).

In the Church, we have been gathered as the new “Israel of God” (see Galatians 6:16). He has made us His own people, the flock He tends, as we sing in today’s Psalm. Moses was Israel’s first shepherd (see Exodus 3:1). With the Promised Land in view, he prayed that God would raise up a successor so that God’s people would not be left as sheep without a shepherd (see Numbers 27:17).

These same words are used in today’s Gospel to describe Jesus’ pity for the crowds, who are “troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.” Israel’s shepherds—the Pharisees and scribes—had abandoned and misled the people through their hypocrisy and spiritual blindness (see Matthew 23:1–36; Jeremiah 50:6). But God had long before promised that He Himself would come and save His sheep—searching over the whole earth where they had been scattered “for lack of a shepherd” (see Ezekiel 34:1–24). Jesus is the new Moses and new David promised by the prophets, a divine shepherd-king sent to restore God’s priestly kingdom (see John 10:11). As Moses commissioned Joshua as his successor, so we see Jesus today giving the Twelve His powers and authority (see Matthew 9:35; 10:1). In God’s plan, they are to seek out the lost sheep of Israel first and then bring all nations into the fold (see Acts 13:46; Romans 1:16). Together we have been saved and reconciled to God, as we hear in today’s Epistle. As He delivered Israel, He has also made us a kingdom of priests in the Church (see Revelation 1:6). So we come in this Mass to serve Him with gladness, to praise His kindness, which endures forever.

(Scott Hahn is a Catholic theologian and author)

Fr Michael Debesay, a Comboni missionary, will be making an appeal next weekend at all Masses on behalf of the work done by his order in Africa, Latin America and Asia. We welcome Fr Michael and look forward to finding out about the missionary activity they undertake and how we can support them.

June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There are copies of a litany and other prayers to the Sacred Heart at the back of the church. From Fri 16th June, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, until the end of June, we are invited to join in the Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which will be said on Thurs at 6pm, and on Fri and Sat at the end of the Adoration at 4.45pm. All welcome.

St Joachim’s Parish Barn Dance and BBQ on July 22nd. Put the date in your diary, more information to follow soon.

Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association invite you to a UN Treasure Hunt Quiz at Christ The King parish hall on Monday 19th June : 7.30 to 9pm. All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to attend and find out more about the United Nations.Tea/coffee etc willl be available.

Friends of St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School proudly presents Big Top Bonanza, Summer Fair & Circus on Saturday July 15th, 10.30am-4.00pm. For tickets enter ‘[Friends of St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School](#)’ into a search engine and follow the link. This is an excellent way to support our local Catholic primary school.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Hymns :
 Open : (CTK) 27 ‘All people that on earth..’
 (St Jo’s) 22 ‘All people that on earth..’
 Off.(CTK) 320 : Lord accept the gifts we offer’
 (St Jo’s) 377 ‘Lord accept the gifts we offer’
 Close : (CTK) 392. ‘O God our help in ages past’
 (St Jo’s). 528. ‘O God our help...’

‘Day for Life’ takes place on June 18th. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, ‘Day for Life’ is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. The theme is ‘Listen to her’ and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women but also on men and others.

Kairos Prayer Group meets every fortnight at OLR parish hall from 7.15-9.00pm. Everyone is welcome to join in this beautifully crafted mix of praise and worship, praying with the scriptures and meditation. Next meeting on June 21st.

Two Arundel & Brighton seminarians, Eddie Hopkins and Gustavo Campanello were ordained to the Diaconate on 10th June at Westminster Cathedral. They will continue formation at Allen Hall in London and will undertake diaconate placements. Please pray for Eddie and Gustavo, and for vocations to the priesthood.

Life of Christ, 27 June - 1 July at Wintershall (cost: £10-25). The greatest story of all time is movingly recreated with authentic detail, outstanding quality sound and music. The Life of Christ is a passion play, watch as hundreds of actors bring the story of Jesus to life in an open-air epic production set in stunning Surrey countryside. *Book at <https://wintershall.org.uk/life-christ-6?ct=t>*

Pope Francis is continuing his post operative recovery in hospital. Speaking recently, the Director of the Vatican Press Office, Matteo Bruni, said: "The Holy Father rested well during the night... [medical staff report that] they are planning his discharge for the next few days."

Feasts this week. English saints, St Alban, the Protomartyr of England, and Sts Thomas More and John Fisher are celebrated this week. We also remember the Nativity of St John the Baptist on Saturday.

Hospital Mass is said at midday in the chapel at Eastbourne Hospital on the last Tuesday of each month; the next Mass is on June 27th. All welcome as we pray for the patients, staff and their families.

CTK Parish choir : The first rehearsal of the choir will be on Sunday 25th June at 10.45am. Please come to the parish hall via the side door. Any questions, please speak to Antony the organist or Ilona.

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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 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 Harry Rock RIP and our Confirmation candidates.

Prayers before Mass: the Holy Rosary will be recited every Sunday at 10.45am. All welcome.

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Sat. June 17th	CTK. : 4-4.45. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	Edyta Pawlak
Sun June 18th	St Jo's : 9.30am. Mass	Ann Bowen RIP
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK. : 11.30am Mass	Suzanne
	CTK. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Harry Rock RIP
Mon June 19th	No Public Mass	(Priests Intention)
Tues June 20th	CTK. : 10.00am Mass	Pad McCormack RIP
St Alban		
Wed June 21st	ST Jo's : 10.00am Mass	
St Aloysius Gonzaga		
Thurs June 22nd	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm : Exposition and Holy Hour for Priests CTK : 7.00pm. : Mass (DW)	Sylvia Slusarczyk.
Fri June 23rd	CTK. : 12noon Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm.	In thanksgiving to the Trinity
Vigil of St John the Baptist		
Sat. June 24th	4-5.00pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00.Mass	People of the parish
Sun. June 25th	St Jo's : 9.30am Mass	Ella & Colin Smitherman RIP
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK : 11.30am Mass	Thanksgiving
	CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	Peace of Body and Mind

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, John Mack, Alison J Thomas, Mary Ayling, Alan Calivas, Maria Rosa Ferro,

For the recently deceased: Joseph Ajisafe Mayeloye, Daniel Ramscar, Patrick Chatfield, Roy Worsley, Margareta (Greti) Roche, Colleen Stock, Steven Chatfield, Eileen Marshall

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