

**Bishop Richard reflects on the Solemnity of St John the Baptist :**

On Saturday June 24th we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist. Along with the Lord Himself and Our Lady, John the Baptist is the only other person whose birth is marked in the Church's calendar. This is a way of marking his particular place in God's plan.

John is the very last of the prophets of the Old Law. He points the way to Jesus; his mother Elizabeth is the cousin of Mary. He stands alone in many respects - his lifestyle as a desert dweller, his work as a baptiser to whom so many come for the forgiveness of their sins. His remarkable life ends with his being put to death by Herod, another feast that we celebrate.

Above all else he points the way to Jesus - like no other prophet he can literally say 'there is the Lamb of God'. The one who Jesus Himself describes as having 'no equal' is marked especially by his humility, for he proclaims that his ministry is over as he sees the Lord, and recedes into the background, his work complete.

As followers of Jesus, we too stand apart in a certain sense. We must be ready to be noticed on account of our faith, even though this may bring us difficulties and ridicule. Like John we point the way to Christ, to be as it were, windows through which the Lord can be seen. The Christian life opens the way for us, to the life of grace, but it is only that we may be at one with the Lord in our every action, that He may be seen.

With every blessing, Bishop Richard

**Fr Michael Debesay, a Comboni missionary,** is making an appeal this 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 his order undertakes and how we can support them.

**Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul** is celebrated on Thursday June 29th. Mass times are : 12noon & 7.00pm (DW), both CTK. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means (not least out of love and support for one another) we should make every reasonable effort to be present at Mass on this day.

**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, 5-9.00pm. Tickets go on sale this weekend- £5 adult, £2.50 for children, under 3's free. The evening will include music, games and a raffle. All welcome to this great opportunity to support the parish community and have a fun evening.

**Friends of St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School** proudly present Big Top Bonanza, Summer Fair & Circus on Sat 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.

**Congratulations to our young people** who were confirmed last weekend at Arundel Cathedral by Bishop Richard. We continue to remember them and their families in our prayers as they begin this new phase in their Christian life.

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Hymns :**

Open : (CTK) 122 'Do not be afraid'  
(St Jo's) 147. 'Do not be afraid'  
Off.(CTK) 262. 'I watch the sunrise'  
(St Jo's) 288 : 'I watch the sunrise'  
Close : 297 : 'Lead kindly light'  
(St Jo's). 348. 'Lead kindly light'

**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>

**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. It is open to the public and all welcome as we pray for the patients, staff and their families.

**International Food Festival** was a great success last weekend. Over 80 people sat down to an amazing variety of food from 12 different countries and cultures; over £900 was raised for parish funds. It was also an opportunity to celebrate with Fr Neil as he marked 12 years since his ordination as a Catholic priest. Many congratulations, Fr Neil! We are hoping to have a summer BBQ later on in the year.

**Catholic Medical Association** is holding a retreat day at Tyburn Convent, Hyde Park Place, London, on July 15th from 9.15am-4.00pm. The day is being led by Fr Michael Jarmulovic who is a priest in Westminster Diocese and a medical doctor. The day is a free event, and open to all healthcare staff and includes Mass and adoration. For more details, contact Mary, tel : 07806498301

**Benches at CTK. :** Following Fr Neil's hints about pews in the church over recent weeks, he has been able to find some suitable benches for us and these will be installed in the near future.

**Mental Health Champion Training Day,** 15 July, 9am - 4pm, Worth Abbey, RH10 4SB (cost: £60). This one day course trains you as a Mental Health First Aid Champion, giving you an understanding of common mental health issues and confidence to advocate for mental health awareness. The course is accredited by MHFA England. To register go to <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/vqvlg8c2?ct=t>

**The 150th anniversary** of the Consecration of Arundel Cathedral will be celebrated next Saturday (1 July). The celebration will begin with Solemn Vespers in the Cathedral at 6 o'clock on Friday evening. On Saturday, there will be a Solemn Mass there at 12 noon. Both liturgies will be live-streamed through the Cathedral website.

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**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 sanctification of people at CTK and Arthur & Ivy Green RIP.

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

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Sat. June 24th		
The Nativity of St John the Baptist	CTK. : 4-4.45. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	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. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Peace of Body and Mind
Mon June 26th	No Public Mass	(Priest's intention)
Tues June 27th St Cyril of Alexandria	CTK. : 10.00am Mass	Lost things found
Wed June 28th St Irenaeus	ST Jo's : 10.00am Mass	Pad McCormack RIP
Thurs June 29th Sts Peter & Paul	CTK. : 12noon Mass CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm : Exposition and Holy Hour for Priests  CTK : 7.00pm. : Mass (DW)	Priest's intention  Health of body & mind
Fri June 30th First martyrs of the see of Rome	CTK. : 12noon Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm.	Deceased Knights of St Columba & their wives
Sat. July 1st Consecration of Arundel Cathedral	4-5.00pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  CTK : 5.00.Mass	Roy Worsley RIP
Sun. July 2nd 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo's : 9.30am Mass  CTK : 11.30am Mass  CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	Trust in God  Bridget Brady RIP  People of the parish

**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:** Daniel Ramscar, Patrick Chatfield, Roy Worsley, Margareta (Greti) Roche, Colleen Stock, Steven Chatfield, Eileen Marshall, Denis Clavio, Fr Trevor Welland

The theme is **‘Listen to Her’** and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others.