

Scott Hahn reflects on this Sunday’s readings :

Today’s readings, like last week’s, ask us to meditate on Israel’s response to God’s Word—and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today’s Gospel especially. Again, we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom’s mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in which the Word can grow and bear fruit. As we sing in today’s Psalm, in Jesus, God’s Word has visited our land to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit (see John 7:38; Revelation 22:1).

The first fruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in Baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today’s Epistle (see Romans 5:5; 8:15-16). In this, we are made a “new creation” (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), the first fruits of a new heaven and a new earth (see 2 Peter 3:13).

Since the first humans rejected God’s Word, creation has been enslaved to futility (see Genesis 3:17–19; 5:29). But God’s Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today’s First Reading. His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God’s will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steals it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns.

In the Eucharist, the Word gives Himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness. And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord’s Day (see Mark 4:29; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 1:10)—when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.

Welcome to Fr Nicholas Levisieur who is celebrating Divine Worship on Sunday; he is a priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham in the parish of Pembury, Kent.

‘World In Need’ is an international gospel-humanitarian mission based in Crowborough, East Sussex. They have installed a clothing bin in the car park at CTK. If you have any unwanted clothing items, please place it in the bin in a plastic bag. The bin will be emptied regularly.

July is the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. There are copies of a litany to the Precious Blood at the back of the church. This devotion goes all the way back to the early church; in 96 AD, Pope St. Clement I wrote: “Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ”

Services this week - Fr John will be celebrating the usual daily Masses this week at CTK and St Jo’s; there will also be exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 5.30-7.00pm, Friday 12.30-5.00pm, Sat 4-4.45pm. Confession is also available at the usual time and on-call.

Celebrating the Feast of Ss Joachim & Anne Saturday 22 July 2.30pm at Arundel Cathedral: Mass for grandparents & the elderly. We will celebrate this day with Mass followed by refreshments afterwards in the cathedral centre. More information can be found here <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/> The booking link is <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ m5cnf6tr>

A Day With Mary led by Fr Serafino Lanzetta on Sat 12th August at Arundel Cathedral : 9.30am-5.00pm. Rosary, Holy Mass, sermon on Our Lady. See poster at the back of the church.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Hymns :
Open : (CTK) 10 ‘All creatures of our God..’
(St Jo’s) 15. ‘All creatures of our God and King’
Off.(CTK) 67 ‘Blest are you, Lord God ...’
(St Jo’s) 90. ‘Blest are you...’
Close : CTK. : 597. ‘We plough the fields...’
(St Jo’s). 684. ‘Tell out my soul...’

CTK Summer BBQ on Saturday August 19th from 1pm-4.30pm. Beef Burgers and Hot Dogs on sale at approximately £3.50 each. Bring your own wine etc. Tea and Coffee 50p, squash 20p Games for children, quiz for adults. All welcome.

Discussions are being held about Mass times for both parishes (CTK & St Joachim’s) and the Ordinariate. Any comments or questions, see Fr Neil.

Theology of the Body. Due to Fr Neil’s break over the next few weeks, the sessions on St Pope John Paul II’s teaching on the theology of the body will restart when he has returned.

Fr Neil will be away from July 12-22nd. Fr Nicholas Levisieur of the Ordinariate Parish in Pembury will celebrate Divine Worship on Sunday at 4.00pm. Fr John Yemi Popoola, a friend of Augustine’s, will be celebrating Mass this weekend at CTK and St Jo’s. Mass times may be altered while Fr Neil is away; daily mass is offered at OLR. We extend a warm welcome to both visiting priests who are enabling Fr Neil to have a well earned break.

Spanish Lessons available. Spanish Lessons for beginners age 9 upwards, will start on September 9th at 11am. £5 to register then £3 per lesson. Please contact Heather : 07908487603.

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.

ADoRE Mini Retreat, 22 July, 9.30am-5pm (online). Join a mini-retreat of spiritual renewal on Zoom. Through our worship at Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prophetic reflection, praise and inspiring talk, attendees will develop our understanding and appreciation of how we are to respond to Jesus’ call. See <https://www.altonrenewal.com/?ct=t> for more information.

Kairos Prayer Group meets at OLR church hall every fortnight 7.15pm-9.00pm. Everyone is welcome for an evening of praise and worship, praying with the scriptures, meditation, teaching. Next meeting July 19th.

Men of St Joseph meet in the parish room this Thursday after the 7.00pm Mass.

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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 Fr Trevor Welland RIP and Alan Wroclawski RIP

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

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Sat. July 15th	CTK. : 4-4.45. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	Pad McCormack RIP
Sun July 16th	St Jo’s : 9.30am. Mass	People of the Parish
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK. : 11.30am Mass	Holy Souls in purgatory
	CTK. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Valeria
Mon July 17th	No Public Mass	(Priest’s intention)
Tues July 18th	CTK : 10.00am Mass	Pad McCormack RIP
Wed July 19th	ST Jo's : 10.00am Mass	Jan & Patricia RIP
Thurs July 20th	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm : Exposition and Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm. Mass (DW))	Ann & Paul RIP
Fri July 21st	CTK. : 12noon Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.30pm - 5.00pm.	Thanksgiving
Sat. July 22nd St Mary Magdalen	4-4.45pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00.Mass	Noreen
Sun. July 23rd	St Jo’s : 9.30am Mass	People of the parish
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK : 11.30am Mass	Etna Curran RIP
	CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	Priest’s Intention

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: Patrick Chatfield, Roy Worsley, Margareta (Greti) Roche, Colleen Stock, Steven Chatfield, Eileen Marshall, Denis Clavio, Fr Trevor Welland, John Barron, Alan Wroclowski