

Scott Hahn reflects on this Sunday’s readings :

‘God is always teaching his people, we hear in this week’s First Reading. And what does he want us to know? That he cares for all of us, that though he is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve him may hope for his mercy if they turn to him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by his works and preaching. The kingdom’s growth is hidden — like the working of yeast in bread; it’s improbable, unexpected — as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Again this week’s readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does he permit some to reject the word of his kingdom. Because, as we sing in Sunday’s Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

He is just, Jesus assures us; evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by his patience, God is teaching us that above all he desires repentance, and the gathering of all nations to worship him and to glorify his name.

Even though we don’t know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in Sunday’s Epistle. But first we must turn and call upon him, we must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of his word bear fruit in our lives.

So we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat, truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin.

For now, he makes his sun rise on the good and the bad (see [Matthew 5:45](#)). But the harvest draws near. Let’s work that we might be numbered among the righteous children, who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.’

‘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”

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.

Arundel Festival Organ Recital, Arundel Cathedral, 28 August at 1pm. The Organ Recital will be given by Richard Tanner of Rugby School. Featuring music by Bach, Liszt, Reger, Elgar and others, the programme will appeal to a broad audience - come and experience the amazing Hill organ in the generous acoustic of Arundel Cathedral. Free entry with retiring collection, all are very welcome.

Fr Kevin : Congratulations and God’s blessings for Fr Kevin as he celebrates his 30th anniversary of ordination on Mon 24th July.

This week’s services : welcome to Fr Bruno who is celebrating Sat evening Vigil Mass for us; there is no Mass at St Joachim’s on Wed. Deacon Eugene will lead a Liturgy of the Word.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Hymns :

Open : (CTK) 242 ‘Immortal, invisible’
(St Jo’s) 301 ‘Immortal, invisible’
Off.(CTK) 320 ‘Lord accept the gifts’
(St Jo’s) 377 ‘Lord accept the gifts’
Close : CTK. : 455 ‘Praise to the holiest’
(St Jo’s). 606 : ‘Praise to the holiest’

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 soon.

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.

Hospital Mass is held on the last Tuesday of the month in the DGH hospital chapel at 12noon. The next Mass is on July 25th. We gather to pray for the patients, staff and their families. All welcome.

Marriage Anniversaries Mass, Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne, Saturday 30 September at 11.30am. Led by Bishop Richard, it celebrates anniversaries which are special to each individual couple. To register your place go to [https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/ events/1slrztw9?ct=t](https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/1slrztw9?ct=t)

Arundel Cathedral : A fantastic new exhibition exploring the rich history of our Cathedral opened recently at Arundel Museum. The exhibition explores the design, construction (and much more) of our diocesan mother church and runs until 11th August. There is a short film which provides an introduction and its connection to St. John Henry Newman. To watch go to <https://vimeo.com/844148117?ct=t>

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly : July 23rd. “*His mercy is from age to age*” (Lk 1:50) is the theme of this Sunday's 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and it presents to us the joyful meeting of the young Mary and her older relative, Elizabeth. Pope Francis wants to draw our attention to this meeting as an icon for this year’s celebration, and to what Church of today can learn from it. There are copies of the Pope’s message at the back of the church.

Feast of St Joachim & St Anne is celebrated on Wed. They are traditionally regarded as the parents of Our Lady. We pray especially for our Church and community in Hampden Park.

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<http://christthekingeastbourne.org>

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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.

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

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.



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Sat. July 22nd	CTK. : 4-4.45. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	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. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Priest’s Intention
Mon July 24th	No Public Mass	(Priest’s Intention)
Tues July 25th	CTK : 10.00am	Cecilia and Rasto RIP
St James		
Wed July 26th St Joachim & St Anne	ST Jo's : 10.00am Liturgy of the Word.	(Ann-Marie Scouthern)
Thurs July 27th	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm : Exposition and Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm. Mass (DW))	Cyril and Darina RIP
Fri July 28th	CTK. : 12noon Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.30pm - 5.00pm.	For all deceased relatives, friends, Steven & Patrick RIP
Sat. July 29th Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus	4-4.45pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00.Mass	Pad McCormack RIP
Sun. July 30th	St Jo’s : 9.30am Mass	Chako Joseph & Sr Lisia Joseph RIP
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK : 11.30am Mass	Ryszard Stanczak RIP
	CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	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: Patrick Chatfield, Roy Worsley, Margareta (Greti) Roche, Colleen Stock, Steven Chatfield, Eileen Marshall, Denis Clavio, Fr Trevor Welland, John Barron, Alan Wroclowski