

Scott Hahn reflects on this Sunday's readings :

What is your new life in Christ worth to you? Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us?

If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading—asking not for a long life or riches, but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst, yet many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given that they—and we—might live.We too must ever discover the kingdom anew, to find it as a treasure—a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish (see **Philippians 3:8**).

And we must be willing to give up all that we have—all our priorities and plans—in order to gain it.Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul, in today's Epistle, calls the purpose of God's plan (see **Ephesians 1:4**). That purpose is that Jesus would be the firstborn of many brothers.His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will.

We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son.If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good—that we whom He has justified will also one day be glorified.

‘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 them in the bin in a plastic bag. The bin is emptied regularly.

Next Sunday, August 6th, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast recalls Our Lord revealing his glory to his disciples on the mountain in anticipation of his passion, death and resurrection.

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.

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage begins this weekend with people of all ages travelling to France. The pilgrimage is one of the most significant pastoral events in our diocesan calendar, with pilgrims journeying to Lourdes to serve one other and to renew their commitment to walk with Jesus - with the help of Our Lady and St Bernadette. We join the 500 pilgrims on their journey and remember them in our prayers.

‘A Winter's Tale’ presented by EODS at The Italian Gardens, July 26th-Aug 5th at 7.30pm. Box Office : 01323:412000. Please see notice at the back of the church.

Help Needed : We are looking for help to transport a fridge freezer from Hampden Park to CTK; it needs to be collected by Aug 10th. If you have access to a van and can help or you know of anyone who can, please contact Heather : 07908487603

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Hymns :

Open : (CTK) 38. ‘Love is his word’
(St Jo's) 399 ‘Love is his word’
Off.(CTK) 61. ‘Be thou my vision’
(St Jo's) 74. ‘Be thou my vision’
Close : CTK. 66. ‘Blest are the pure in heart’
(St Jo's). 88. ‘Blest are the pure in heart’

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.

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.

DGH Hospital Service. Our parish is leading the weekly service on August 13th at 3.00pm in the hospital chapel. It is being prepared and organised by the CTK prayer group. We gather to pray for the patients, staff and their families. Come along and take part in this excellent pastoral support for the sick and dying in our local hospital as well as all the dedicated staff. There is a planning meeting on Aug 2nd at 7.00pm in the Parish Room. 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 Youth Day 1-6 August 2023

Please pray for the Young Adults of the Diocese who are attending World Youth Day with The Holy Father this week, that the Lord may bless the them with open hearts that allow them to experience God's unfailing love, open minds that they may become aware of where the Lord is calling them, and open hands that they be willing to ‘Rise Up’ to become faithful workers in the vineyard of the Lord. You can follow their journey on Instagram @aandb_youth

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For enquiries for baptism, first communion, confirmation, and marriages please speak to either Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene; also ring the office. - 01323 760048

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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? This week the candles are for Maria de Jesus and Ian Platt RIP. 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.



	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
Sat. July 29th	CTK. : 4-4.45pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	Pad McCormack RIP
Sun July 30th	St Jo's : 9.30am. Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass CTK. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Chako Joseph & Sr Lisia Joseph RIP Ryszard Stanczak RIP People of the Parish
Mon July 31st St Ignatius Loyola	No Public Mass	(Priest's Intenion)
Tues Aug 1st St Alphonsus Liguori	CTK : 10.00am	Veronica Anastasi RIP
Wed Aug 2nd St Peter Julian Eymard	ST Jo's : 10.00am Mass	Ria & Kamila
Thurs Aug 3rd	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm : Exposition and Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm. Mass (DW)	Aisling & Batty
Fri Aug 4th St John Vianney. (Cure d'Ars)	CTK. : 12noon Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.30pm - 5.00pm.	Lydia Morlina RIP
Sat. Aug 5th	4-4.45pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00.Mass	People of the parish
Sun. Aug 6th Transfiguration of the Lord	St Jo's : 9.30am Mass CTK : 11.30am Mass CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	Thanksgiving Ryszard Stanszak RIP Father of All Mankind

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