

**Fr Neil writes about the Rationale for the Reorganisation of Masses :**

The diocese, like all the dioceses of England and Wales, is facing a vocations crisis. By 2030 there will be twenty odd priests operating in the diocese, who are 65 or under. The diocese at the moment has over a 100 mass centres.

Fr Barry’s last gift to the parishes was to encourage and facilitate the appointment of me as your parish priest. Although Fr Barry doesn’t approve of some of the changes I’ve made, my appointment has enabled the parishes to maintain and enhance the usual pattern of weekday and Sunday masses.

Without my appointment the priestly ministry would most likely have been administered from OLR with either St Joachim’s closing and a single Sunday mass at CTK or a pattern similar to Peacehaven and Seaford of fortnightly Sunday mass between the two churches.

Eastbourne has gone from 5 priests to 3 in the last two years. As joint parishes, even with the loss of Fr Thomas, the masses at St Joachim and CTK have been maintained bar the loss of the Saturday morning mass.

The bishop has asked all deaneries to review all mass times in the light of the future lack of priests. It is diocesan policy, that for the health of the priest, that they say no more than three Sunday masses on a regular basis, which includes any vigil mass. Since Fr Thomas left I have been saying 4 Sunday masses each weekend. For the long term future of our churches and my health we have to move to only 3 Sunday masses over the weekend.

However, here’s the rub, I am an Ordinariate priest and I am obliged to say one Ordinariate Sunday mass each week. (Remember, I was appointed parish priest because the diocese didn’t have another priest available.) Therefore any future plan requires 1 of the 3 Sunday masses to be Ordinariate using Divine Worship.

The Ordinariate group is likely to lose their Sunday afternoon mass time. The mass times of 5pm vigil, 9.30am and 11.30am needn’t change but the venues might. An exact plan hasn’t yet been fixed. No one likes change but I am trying to think of the long term future of St Joachim’s and CTK. A little pain now may well save a whole lot of dramatic heartache later.

I share this with you so that you may have a better understanding of the situation we find ourselves in. We have to ask ourselves whether we are all prepared to be inconvenienced and some willing to swallow Divine Worship for the future sake of our churches? The attitude we take to these changes will have an impact which will directly affect the futures of both St Joachim’s and CTK.

**This year's annual March For Life** in support of unborn children and their mothers will be held in London on Saturday 2nd September between 10.30 am and 4.30 pm. Mass takes place at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30 am and events will be held at The Emmanuel Centre 10.30 am -1.00pm followed by the procession of witness for the unborn and rally at Parliament Square. Further information contact Isabel 07773501721 or Ben 07885505116.

**A Day of Reflection for Grandparents** – Tuesday 26 September 2023 11am-3.30pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley  
Life experience comes at the price of the hard knocks and joyful moments and Fr Stephen Ortiger will help us to explore those and how we can see the hand of God in our lives. Our Youth Adviser, Lizzie Wakeling, will offer some helpful hints and tips into communicating with young people and tuning into what they may find helpful as they navigate their way in life. Book at <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/2spx9bns>

**DGH hospital Mass** is celebrated on the last Tuesday of each month at 12noon in the hospital chapel. The next Mass is on August 29th. All welcome as we pray for the patients, staff and families.

**Hymns for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time :**  
Open : (CTK) 309. ‘Let us with a gladsome mind’  
(St Jo’s) 362. ‘Let us with a gladsome mind’  
Off.(CTK) 522 ‘Take our bread’  
(St Jo’s) 23. ‘All that I am’ (x2)  
Close : 49 ‘Praise my soul the king of heaven’  
(St Jo’s). 602 ‘Praise my soul the king of heaven’

**Sponsored Walk :** Brother Neil and his family know first hand the impact of rheumatoid arthritis. To this end, his wife Gwen and daughter Caitlyn are raising money for the NRAS, challenging themselves to walk 57km uphill and down dale across the South Downs to Hove on Sept 2nd in (hopefully!) 14 hours. Find them on Just Giving ‘Caitlyn and Gwen’s South Coast Challenge’; there is also a collection box at the back of the church. Many thanks for your support.

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

**Parish Social Committee :** Heather, the Parish Social Committee coordinator, is stepping down at the end of August. We need new volunteers to join the Committee, with ideas, good organisational skills - and if you could cook, that would be a bonus! A meeting of the Committee will be held in September - exactly date to be confirmed - so if you're interested, please attend.

**Theology of the Body :** Fr Neil has restarted his reflections on the Theology of the Body, a series of talks on the work of Pope St John Paul II. The next talk will be on August 22nd, after the 10.00am Mass in the parish room. All welcome.

**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.

**‘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; they do not have to be in a plastic bag. The bin is emptied regularly.

**Retreat Day Monday 25 September** with silence and space to reflect. Materials on the lives and teaching of the Saints of Sussex and art and craft materials. Beautiful country house in the South Downs near Arundel. Cost £15. Optional sessions of spiritual direction available. Sussex Heritage Centre, Arundel, BN18 9QY. For more details or to book, see [www.sussexheritage.co.uk](http://www.sussexheritage.co.uk) or phone Maria on 01903 413606.

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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, the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham or the statue of St Joseph by the church porch? This week the candles are for Angela Buckley, Bill Barry and John Barry. There are forms available at the back of the church.

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	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
Sat. Aug 19th	CTK. : 4-4.45pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	Rachel & Michael’s Wedding
Sun Aug 20th 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo’s : 9.30am. Mass  CTK. : 11.30am Mass  CTK. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Deceased Members of Neilan family  People of the Parish  Nikolai Horlin RIP
Mon 21st Aug	No Public Mass	(Thanksgiving)
Tues Aug 22nd The Queenship of Our Lady	CTK : 10.00am	Mary Anastasi RIP
Wed Aug 23rd St Rose of Lima	ST Jo's : 10.00am Mass	Holy Souls
Thurs Aug 24th St Bartholomew	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm : Exposition and Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm. Mass (DW)	Anne-Marie Scouthern
Fri Aug 25th	CTK. : 12noon Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.30pm - 5.00pm.	Sarah McNaughton
Sat. Aug 26th Blessed Dominic Barberi	4-4.45pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  CTK : 5.00pm Mass	Bernard Pavey RIP
Sun. Aug 27th 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo’s : 9.30am Mass  CTK : 11.30am Mass  CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	Priests  All Benedictines  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 Solis, Alexandra Waters, Daniel Markham, Maria P Veras, Alison J Thomas, Mary Ayling, Alan Calivas, Maria Rosa Ferro, Deacon Dave Turner

**For the recently deceased:** Colleen Stock, Steven Chatfield, Eileen Marshall, Denis Clavio, Fr Trevor Welland, John Barron, Alan Wroclowski