

Scott Hahn reflects on this weekend’s Mass readings :

‘As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today’s First Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes his disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church (see [Galatians 6:16](#)). He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel (see [Leviticus 19:17–20](#); [Deuteronomy 19:13](#)). The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers, similar to those given to Peter (see [Matthew 16:19](#)). They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins, and to reconcile sinners in his name (see [John 20:21–23](#)).

But the powers he gives the apostles and their successors depend on their communion with him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, the disciples are to gather in his name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father. But today’s readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we’re to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we will hear in next week’s Readings as well.

Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them. This is the love that Paul in today’s Epistle says we owe to our neighbours. To love our neighbours as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths.

We should never correct out of anger, or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today’s Psalm, urging sinners to hear God’s voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that he is the one who made us, and is the rock of our salvation.’

**Men’s Rosary Walk.** On Friday 15th September, there will be a Men’s Rosary Walk. We will meet at the Red Lion, Stone Cross BN24 5EG, at 7.00pm. The walk will take 30-40mins and then will finish at the Red Lion with a drink. There will be no meeting of the Men of St Joseph on Thurs 14th.

**First Holy Communion Preparation for 2024.** Forms are available this weekend for those children who would like to receive their First Holy Communion next year in both CTK and St Joachim’s. They can be collected from the back of the church. Forms need to be returned to Fr Neil by October 1st.

**Parish Social Committee :** Heather, the Parish Social Committee coordinator, has stepped down after several years’ service. 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 this Sunday 10th September at 1.00pm, after the 11.30am Mass, in CTK parish hall; so if you’re interested in helping our parish community draw closer together, you’re very welcome to attend.

**COLLECTORS - ANNUAL MASS COUNT** Please would you count all those who attend our Sunday Masses in CTK and St Jo’s on the 17th & 24th September and 1st & 8th October. These numbers have to be reported to the Diocese and kept for our parish records. Please put the numbers on the form in the sacristy.

**Parish Website.** We now have a calendar with details of the weekly Mass Intentions for CTK and St Jo’s on our Parish Website, as well as other information about Parish life. See [www.christthekingeastbourne.org](http://www.christthekingeastbourne.org).

**Hymns for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time :**  
Open : CTK 693. ‘For all the nations’  
St Jo’s 800. ‘When I needed a neighbour’  
Off CTK 432. ‘make me a channel’  
St Jo’s 478. ‘Make me a channel’  
Close: CTK 498. ‘Soul of my Saviour’  
St Jo’s 663. ‘Soul of my Saviour’

**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. Find them on Just Giving ‘Caitlyn and Gwen’s South Coast Challenge’. Many thanks for your support.

**Theology of the Body :** Fr Neil will continue his reflections on the Theology of the Body based on the teachings of Pope St John Paul II on Tuesday 12th September after the 10.00am Mass at CTK, in the parish room. All welcome.

**Garden of Remembrance.** We need more help with tending the Garden of Remembrance at CTK, and general weeding around the CTK site; if you can spend some time keeping the garden and church premises in good condition, let Fr Neil know. We’re also looking for someone to coordinate those who help.

**Education Sunday** is kept this week when we think about our local Catholic Schools and continue to support them with our prayers and commitment. We pray for the pupils, staff, governors and all involved in St Thomas a Becket Primary School, and St Richards Catholic College, Bexhill.

**“The Sign of the Times for Catholic Professionals and Workers”** a talk given by given by Fr Mike Hagan, a Schoenstatt Father from South Africa - 7.30 pm on Sept 11th in OLR Parish Hall.

**Spanish Lessons available.** Spanish Lessons for beginners age 9 upwards, will start this week on September 9th at 11.00am in the parish room; £5 to register then £3 per lesson. All welcome.

**Catholic Herald,** a monthly magazine giving in depth news and views about the church and the world, is available at the back of the church. Donations welcome. This month’s edition includes an article on Catholic author JJR Tolkein, marking the 50th anniversary of his death.

**Kairos Prayer Group** meets fortnightly on Weds, with the next meeting on 13th Sept at 7.30pm-9.00pm in OLR parish hall; all welcome to join this prayer group which includes hymns, shared prayer and teaching.

**Advance Notice :** Mass on Friday September 22nd at CTK will be at 1.00pm, not 12noon; Fr Neil has a funeral at 11.00am at Wealden crematorium. Adoration will follow the Mass as normal.

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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**

**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 for a personal intention or a special individual, 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 James and Emma RIP and Daniel Henry Lynch RIP. There are forms available at the back of the church if you would like to sponsor a candle.

**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.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Sat. Sept 9th	CTK. : 4-4.45pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	People of the Parish
Education Sunday		
Sun Sept 10th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo's : 9.30am. Mass	Otto Douglas Weidemann RIP
	CTK. : 11.30am Mass	Thanksgiving for the life of my mother
	CTK. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	For every home to welcome Christ
Mon Sept 11th	No Public Mass	Anne-Marie
Tues Sept 12th	CTK : 10.00am Mass.	For more people to pray the rosary
Wed Sept 13th	ST Jo's : 10.00am Mass	Holy Souls
Thurs Sept 14th	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm : Exposition and Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm. Mass (DW)	For spiritual & earthly needs
Fri Sept 15th	CTK. : 12noon Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.30pm - 5.00pm.	For greater use of the Confessional
Sat Sept. 16th	4-4.45pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  CTK : 5.00pm Mass	Mary Raphael RIP
Sun. Sept 17th	St Jo's : 9.30am Mass	Alo Duffy
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK : 11.30am Mass	Sherene de la Motte
	CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	Zachary Hurst

**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 and John Hollands, Kirina Blaty, Moira Morrison, Philip Duffy, Pamela Chatfield, Eddie Burke, Theresa Kitchener, Betty Donovan, Marie Williams, Terry Swales, Pauline Sollis, Alexandra Waters, Zachary Hurst (age 3 years) Daniel Markham, Maria P Veras, Alison J Thomas, Mary Ayling, Alan Calivas, Maria Rosa Ferro, Deacon Dave Turner

**For the recently deceased:** Eileen Marshall, Denis Clavio, Fr Trevor Welland, John Barron, Alan Wroclowski, Daniel Henry Lynch