

**Bishop Richard reflects on this Sunday’s Readings at Mass :**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Isaiah, in the First Reading of this Sunday’s Mass, presents us with two connected themes: the search for God, and the ways of God. Every human heart is designed for God. The greatest journey of our lives is the journey to God. It is what our lives are all about – it is what gives us a purpose and fulfilment beyond anything we might imagine. This journey is one of many surprises, many discoveries and encounters with the God Who is love. We come to realise that, in comparison to God, we are very small indeed. God is so great that our language fails. God is so much greater than we can understand or describe. God is mystery – and the moment will always come when we realise that, as Isaiah puts it, His way are not our ways.

Jesus, in the parable of the workers in the vineyard, offers a vision that we might find problematic. In contractual terms, the worker who has laboured all day is paid according to the agreement – but how can it be just to pay the same to someone who is hired when the working day is almost done? We must remember the first line of the parable: 'The Kingdom of God is like...'. This is a parable about the journey to a loving Father. One person may be blessed to know this journey for many years – another might only find the way late in the day; but the Kingdom is there for both. The God of love wants us to share His life, both now as we travel on our pilgrim way, and in eternity.

St Paul struggles with this somewhat. The love of God in eternity is so great, he wants it now; but Paul also knows that he has work to do for the good of the Kingdom. Knowing that we are truly loved by God right now, striving to live the purpose for which we are created, is a most wonderful discovery on this journey – a journey with and to the One who loves us.

With every blessing, + Richard

**Discussions are being held about Mass times** for both parishes (CTK and St Joachim’s) and the Ordinariate. You can read the rationale on our website, but no substantial changes will be made until after Easter and discussion within the parishes. See [www.christthekingeastbourne.com](http://www.christthekingeastbourne.com)

**Senior Support Group.** On 4th October, Heather is offering a ‘Seniors Support Group’ with the name to be decided by the group. It will meet in the parish hall at CTK, 11am-1.00pm. A light lunch will be available. This group will be offering friendship, helping and supporting one another in whatever needs we may have and like to discuss. Be great to see you.

**St Joachim’s** are planning to have a Quiz and Harvest Souper on Sat 14th Oct. More details to follow.

**Marriage preparation Course : Can you help?** Your parish and the deanery urgently need parishioners to help run a short Marriage Preparation Course for engaged couples. The course is one designed by the diocese that couples preparing to marry have to attend as a condition prior to marriage and all materials are provided. It is run over four 2 hour sessions on the dates and times that you would choose. You can be couples or individuals to run the course and all training would be given. It is an enjoyable course and one where you, with your experience of marriage, have a great deal to offer the couples looking to spend the rest of their lives together. If you would like to join this important ministry, please contact Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene.

**Aid to the Church in Need.** Jerry Lohan has contacted us to say thank-you for the welcome and response from the parishes for last week’s appeal for the Aid to the Church in Need. You can still make a contribution using the envelopes in the church.

**Hymns for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time :**

Open : CTK 533 ‘The Lord’s my shepherd’  
St Jo’s 706. ‘The Lord’s my shepherd’  
Off : CTK 438. ‘O worship the King’  
St Jo’s 559. ‘O worship the King’  
Close: CTK 514. ‘Tell out my soul’  
St Jo’s 684. ‘Tell out my soul’

**Theology of the Body :** Fr Neil has now completed his reflections on the Theology of the Body based on the teachings of Pope St John Paul II. There will be a break for a while until a new series of talks will restart in the near future.

**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.

**Spanish Lessons available.** Spanish Lessons for beginners age 9 upwards, every Saturday at 11.00am in the parish room at CTK; £5 to register then £3 per lesson. All welcome.

**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).

**Hospital Mass :** there is a monthly Mass on the last Tuesday of the month in the hospital chapel at the DGH at 12noon; the next Mass is on Sept 26th. We gather to pray for the patients, staff and their families. All welcome; the chapel is on the first floor by Michelham ward.

**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.

**Kairos Prayer Group** meets fortnightly on Weds, with the next meeting on 27th Sept at 7.30pm-9.00pm in OLR parish hall; all welcome to join this prayer group which includes hymns, scripture reflection, shared prayer and teaching.

**Bible Alive** is a monthly magazine with daily reflections on the Mass readings and articles about the bible. October’s edition is available at the back of the church.

**Parish Clergy :**  
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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**  
**Enquiries: 01323 760048**

**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 Danny Lynch RIP and victims of recent floods in Libya. 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.



	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
Sat. Sept 23rd		
St Padre Pio	CTK. : 4-4.45pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	Margaret Denmead RIP
Sun Sept 24th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo's : 9.30am. Mass  CTK. : 11.30am Mass  CTK. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Thanksgiving  Dennis Sheahan RIP  Ben Bray RIP
Mon Sept 25th	No Public Mass	(Catherine Mammit)
Tues Sept 26th Ss Cosmas & Damien	CTK : 10.00am Mass.	Fr Sergio Arturo Chavira Alvarez MG
Wed Sept 27th St Vincent de Paul	ST Jo's : 10.00am Mass	Persecuted Church
Thurs Sept 28th	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm : Exposition and Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm. Mass (DW)	Freda Moon
Fri Sept 29th Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	CTK. : 12noon Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.30pm - 5.00pm.	Fr Sergio Arturo Chavira Alvarez MG
Sat Sept 30th St Jerome	4-4.45pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  CTK : 5.00pm Mass	Rosemary - 19th Birthday
Sun. October 1st 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo's : 9.30am Mass  CTK : 11.30am Mass  CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	Priests  Jonathan Oliver RIP  Graham & Sharon - Ruby wedding anniv

**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:** Denis Clavio, John Barron, Alan Wroclowski, Daniel Henry Lynch, Philip Drake