

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

Dear brothers and sisters,

The hymn with which St Paul begins his letter to the Philippians is, like any hymn that we sing, easy to commit to memory. Its brevity does not hide the fact that it is a beautiful summary of Jesus’ work of salvation.

Jesus’ death on the Cross brings forgiveness for our sins and leads to the Resurrection that is our life. We do well to reflect on the immensity of the gift of forgiveness. For the one who truly repents, the burden of sins is gone. The load that we carry in life is left behind and we can, in the words of St Benedict, 'run in the way of the Lord’s commands.'

Forgiveness is not only for us as individuals. When we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we do so in the context of the Church, which is His Body. The Christian community must be a community of forgiveness. Our experience of forgiveness must, surely, overflow into our family lives, our schools, parishes, and places of work. We must be seen by the world as a people of forgiveness. When we truly become such a people, we witness to Christ in a most powerful way. This is, surely, one of the most effective manifestations of the mission to which we are called.

As we grow in our understanding of the Lord’s ways for us, His call to us, His forgiving love for us, let us be witnesses of His gifts to our brothers and sisters.

With every blessing,

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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 a discussion within the parishes. See 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.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Why not try to say a decade of the Rosary daily for your intentions, and those of your family and friends? Our Lady draws us closer to her Son and as our Heavenly Mother cares for us deeply. There are prayer cards at the back of the church to help with this devotion and some rosaries available. This Sunday we celebrate Rosary Sunday.

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 designed by the diocese and couples have to attend before marriage; 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.

Baby Loss Service. Join us with the Eastbourne Wave of Light in remembrance of babies and children lost too soon. Sunday 15th October at 6.45pm, Our Lady of Ransom Church, Grange Road, Eastbourne BN21 4EU with support from Eastbourne Churches Together. We look forward to welcoming you and your family at 6.45pm ready to light a candle at 7pm to join in with the SANDS “National Wave of Light”.

Hymns for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time :
Open : CTK (66) ‘Blest are the pure in heart’
St Jo’s (88) ‘Blest are the pure in heart’
Off : CTK (610) ‘When I survey’
St Jo’s (118). ‘Colours of day’
Close: CTK (298) ‘Lead us Heavenly Father’
St Jo’s (351). ‘Lead us Heavenly father’

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.

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. Please put the numbers on the form in the sacristy.

Parish Website. We have a calendar with details of the weekly Mass Intentions for CTK and St Jo’s on our Parish Website, and information about parish life. See www.christthekingeastbourne.org.

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 as soon as possible.

St Joachim’s are having a Quiz and Harvest Souper on Sat 14th Oct. Doors open 6pm to start 6.30pm. Teams of 4, £5 a ticket but don’t worry if you don’t have a team - come along and we’ll create teams. It includes soup & roll, bring your own drinks. Also at St Jo’s, a date for your diary : 2nd December, carols & mulled wine 3pm.

Day retreat for Discerning the Priesthood :
14.10.2023, St Pius X Church, Guildford. Have you considered Christ may be calling you to serve Him as His priest? Contact - vocations@abdiocese.org

Bacon Butties will be on sale after the 11.30 Mass on October 8th; £1 each with proceeds going top parish funds. Other parish events to look out for : All Saints Celebration on Wed 1st Nov, with children to come dressed as their favourite saint. More details to follow.

Men’s Rosary Walk : The next walk will be on Friday 13th October. We will start from CTK at 7.00pm and finish there as well with some bottled beers and nibbles etc. Come and join us!

Synod on Synodality begins this week in Rome and lasts a month; we pray for those talking part that they will open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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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 Doreen Patricia Byrne and Lilian Mary Kiely. 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.



	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
Sat. Sept 30th St Jerome	CTK. : 4-4.45pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	Rosemary - 19th Birthday
Sun Oct 1st 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo's : 9.30am. Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass	Priests Jonathan Oliver RIP
Rosary Sunday	CTK. : 4.00pm Mass (DW)	Graham & Sharon - Ruby wedding anniv
Mon Oct 2nd Holy Guardian Angels	No Public Mass	(Matthew Orr RIP)
Tues. Oct 3rd Blessed Martyrs of Sussex	CTK : 10.00am Mass.	Stanislawa Warzynska. RIP
Wed Oct 4th St Francis of Assisi	ST Jo's : 10.00am Mass	Seafarers & all types of slavery
Thurs Oct 5th	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm : Exposition and Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm. Mass (DW)	Maria Rita Teixeira. RIP
Fri Oct 6th	CTK. : 12noon Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.30pm - 5.00pm.	Thanksgiving for every blessing
Sat Oct 7th Our Lady of the Rosary	4-4.45pm. CTK : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Mass	Souls in purgatory
Sun. Oct 8th	St Jo's : 9.30am Mass CTK : 11.30am Mass CTK : 4pm Mass (DW)	For all kinds of suffering in the world For much desired earthly and spiritual blessings Oliver Drzewniak - for a blessed life

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, Lucas Mack, 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: Alan Wroclowski, Daniel Henry Lynch, Philip Drake, Doreen Patricia Byrne, Lilian Mary Kiely