

Fr Neil writes about the changes to Mass times in the parish.

As you are all well aware the issue of mass times has been in the air for a number of months. As your parish priest this dilemma has caused a great many sleepless nights as I have wrestled with a number of possible options. Inevitably any change has its challenges especially if it affects the usual mass time and style of mass offered.

The shortage of priests is an issue that has been kicked down to road for a number of years, the consequences cannot be avoided any longer. I don't want to be making these decisions. I am forced to, as the ongoing issue of the lack of priests are outside of my control. The changes that I am announcing are only the first of what will be larger changes to come in light of the implementation of the Pastoral Plan.

This first stage requires a shift from four masses over the weekend to three. This reduction in the number of masses is to look after the long term health of your priest. It also allows space to minister outside of Christ the King and St Joachim's parishes in line with the Pastoral Plan. The mass time to go will be the 4pm Sunday mass. Please pray for those who usually attend this mass.

The good news is that there will, in this first stage, still be a 5pm vigil mass at CTK, a 9.30am Sunday mass at St Joachim's and an 11.30am Sunday mass at CTK. However there will be changes to the style of mass at the 11.30am Sunday mass which will follow the Divine Worship pattern.

As an Ordinariate priest, one of the three masses needs to use Divine worship. While some may see this as a problem using unfamiliar words, the presence of an Ordinariate priest can secure that a member of clergy could be attached to this parish for a number of years ahead.

The shape of the 11.30am will look very much like it does now. The difference will be in style of language used, different translations of the Gloria, and Creed, along with a couple of addition prayers. Change, I know, is difficult but please can I ask you to support me and the parish community, particularly at CTK, in embracing the challenge of change in good grace, for the sake of the Church's mission in glorifying God, and in loving obedience to his will for us at this time.

These changes will come into effect on Sunday 14th April 2024.

In His Service. Fr Neil

Lent Groups. 'Journeying with Jesus through Lent': During Lent there will be an opportunity to join a Lenten group. The meetings will be held on Tuesday 19th March at 10.30am and on Wednesday March 20th at 7:30pm. Both in the parish room at CTK.

Stations of the Cross : during Lent at CTK, there will be Stations each Friday at 5.00pm following Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as every Sunday in March at 10.30am. On Wednesdays during Lent at St Jo's, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.00am, followed by Mass at 10.00am. Then there will be Stations of the Cross at 10.30am.

DONA Contactless payment card machine is available at the back of CTK. Payments using the machine have increased over recent weeks; thanks to those who are using it.

Feast of St Joseph – This Tuesday, March 19th, is the Feast of St Joseph, so you can suspend your Lenten fasting and abstinence for the day! This year, St Patrick's day falls on a Sunday so is not kept as a celebration.

Parish Community Lunch at CTK this Sunday, March 17th, after the 11.30am Mass. Bring and share some food with the parish community at 1.00pm in the parish hall.

Hymns for the 5th Sunday of Lent :
Open : CTK. (50). 'At the Name of Jesus'
St Jo's. : (59). 'At the Name of Jesus'
Off : CTK (67). 'Blest are you'
St Jo's (90). 'Blest are you'
Close (692) 'Father we love you':
St Jo's. : (167). 'Father we love you'

National Day of Prayer & Fasting for Life on March 23rd, the vigil of Palm Sunday. Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this land. Pray especially that the government will not bring in national buffer zones.

The DGH Hospital chapel service is organised this Sunday March 17th by our parish. We gather to pray for the patients, as well as all staff and the families of the sick. The service is at 3.00-3.30pm in the hospital chapel on the 3rd floor. Free car parking available. All welcome.

Men's Way of the Cross – All men, 18yrs-60yrs, are invited to join in this Churches Together 5-6 hour night Stations of the Cross along Beachy Head, on Friday 22 March 2024. Gather at OLR Church 9-10pm; 10-11 Mass and start of the walk; 4-6am back at OLR for 15 Mins silent Adoration followed by a hearty breakfast in the Parish Hall.

Proposed changes to Abortion law
Two significant back-bench amendments have been tabled to the Governments' Criminal Justice Bill concerning abortion law. The first amendment proposes a reduction in the time limit to reflect viability. The second proposes the legalisation of self-abortion at any stage, for any reason. For further information and how to respond see: [https:// righttolife.org.uk/](https://righttolife.org.uk/)Please do take some time to consider the implications of this.

Easter Services 2024
<u>Maundy Thursday March 28th</u>
7.00pm. CTK : Mass of the Lord's Supper. With watching till midnight.
<u>Good Friday March 29th</u>
3.00pm - CTK : Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm - St Jo's : Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
<u>Holy Saturday March 30th</u>
8.00pm : CTK. Solemn Vigil of Easter (Clocks go forward)
<u>Easter Sunday March 31st</u>
St Jo's : 9.30am : Mass CTK : 11.30am. : Mass

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<http://christthekingeastbourne.org>

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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 Sue Way and Patrick Chatfield 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.



	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Mass Intentions
Sat. March 16th	CTK. : 4-4.45pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun March 17th Fifth Sunday of Lent	St Jo's. 9.30am CTK 11.30am	Thanksgiving Jim Murray RIP
Passion Sunday	CTK. 4.00pm. (DW)	Harry Rock RIP
Mon March 18th	No public Mass today	(Anu)
Tues. March 19th St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM	CTK : 10.00am Mass	Maria Dos Santos. RIP
Wed March 20th	St Jo's : 9.00am Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am. Mass 10.30am. Stations of the Cross	Holy Souls
Thurs March 21st	CTK : 5.30pm-7.00pm Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm Mass (DW)	May McCormack RIP
Fri March 22nd	CTK. 12noon : Mass Followed by exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm. CTK. : 5.00pm Stations of the Cross	Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP
Sat March 23rd	CTK : 4-4.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Mass	Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP
Sun. March 24th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	St Jo's. : 9.30am. Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass CTK. : 4.00pm. Mass (DW)	Nora Sutherland Rita Brown RIP People of the Parish

We pray for the sick of the parish, especially : 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, Theresa Kitchener, Betty Donovan, Marie Williams, Terry Swales, Pauline Solis, Alexandra Waters, Lucas Mack, Zachary Hurst, Daniel Markham, Maria P Veras, Alison J Thomas, Alan Calivas, Maria Rosa Ferro, Deacon Dave Turner, June Neville, Sylvia Brady, Sue Davies, Samantha McLoughlin, Graham Pegley, Enogue G Peixoto

For the recently deceased: For the repose of the souls of : David McMeekin, Theresa Janka, Viviana Anna Maria Fossati,

