

[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 Ordinatee 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 Ordinatee 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

Happy Easter and Thanks : Fr Neil and Deacon Eugene would like to thank all for their support over the Holy Week and Easter services and for the many gifts and best wishes they received.

Easter Week Mass times : please note that Holy Mass 2nd-5th April will be at 10.00am daily at CTK (Tues/Fri), and St Jo's on Wed. Please note NO MASS on Thurs 4th April.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on April 7th; this is a Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy, based on the Christological apparitions of Jesus reported by St Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), known as "the Apostle of Mercy". She was canonized in the year 2000 by Pope St John Paul. Celebration of the Feast of the Divine Mercy takes place on 7 April 2024, with the Chaplet of Mercy and Confessions, at 3pm in CTK led by Fr Neil.

'Journeying with Jesus through Lent'. Our parish preparation for Easter will continue for 1 more week, meeting on Tuesday April 2nd after 10.00am Mass and on Wed 3rd April at 7.30pm. Both in the parish room.

Holy Rosary will be recited every Sunday at CTK at 10.45am before Mass.

Hymns for Easter Day at St Jo's :
Open : (735) 'This joyful Eastertide'
Off : (37). 'Alleluia, sing to Jesus'
Close : (690). 'The day of resurrection'

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham. We are planning a pilgrimage to the national shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in either June/July 2024, leaving Eastbourne Friday A.M. returning Sat P.M, staying in en suite accommodation. The cost (inc DBB, transport): approx £175 pp. Please complete the sign up list at the back of the church indicating your date of preference. A non refundable deposit of £25 pp will be requested in due course.

Gift Aid : If you currently pay, or would like to pay, your offertory by standing order and you are a UK taxpayer, would you be willing to gift aid your payments? For every £1 given under Gift Aid we receive an additional 25p from HMRC. There are forms at the back of the church. Return them to David Cockett; or email them to him : 'PFC.eastbourne@abdiocese.org.uk.' Many thanks.

Men's Rosary Walk takes place again on Friday, April 12th from 7.00pm-9.00pm starting at CTK parish room. As we walk around the parish we recite the Holy Rosary, praying for God's blessing on our town.

CTK Seniors : meet again for our next session on Wed April 10th, at 11.00am-1.00pm in the parish room. All welcome as we join together for nibbles, sharing and fun. Join us for our post-Easter celebration.! If you need a lift, contact Dominic - 07709305657

"At prayer with Thomas Merton" : presents on YouTube 'daily prayers for dawn and dusk', drawn from the writings of the great 20th century Trappist mystic, Thomas Merton, interwoven with excerpts set to music composed by the sacred music composer Kathleen Deignan. This is a beautiful resource for a contemplative start and finish to each day of the week.

New App - 'Click to Pray 2.0' : Pope Francis is extremely enthusiastic about the Internet, which he describes as offering "immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity. This is something truly good, a gift from God." There is now a new version of his mobile app enabling people around the world to come together in daily prayer.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024: 26 July - 1 August. Spaces are now very limited. If still interested please contact the Diocese: www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home.

Easter Reading : there are copies of an Eastertide Calendar for children and Easter 'Walk With Me', available at the back of the church.

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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 Pamela Chatfield RIP and Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP. There are forms available at the back of the church if you would like to sponsor a candle.

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.

	Easter Sunday	Mass Intentions
Sat. March 30th		
Easter Vigil	CTK. : 7.00pm Solemn Vigil of Easter	Michelle
Sun March 31st	St Jo's. 9.30am	Derek Eaton-Smith. RIP
Easter Sunday	CTK 11.30am (No Evening Mass)	Ryszard Stanczak RIP
Mon April 1st	No Public Mass today	(For England)
Easter Monday		
Tues April 2nd	CTK : 10.00am Mass	Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP
Easter Tuesday		
Wed April 3rd	St Jo's : 10.00am. Mass	Conversion of England
Easter Wednesday		
Thurs April 4th	No Public Mass today	(Private Intention)
Easter Thursday		
Fri April 5th	10am CTK : Mass	Mission & Evangelisation of England
Easter Friday		
Sat April 6th	CTK : 4.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Easter Saturday	5.00pm. Mass	David McMeekin RIP
Sun. April 7th	St Jo's. : 9.30am. Mass	David McMeekin RIP
2nd (Low) Sunday of Easter	CTK. : 11.30am Mass CTK. : 3.00pm	People of the parish Divine Mercy Chaplet
'Divine Mercy Sunday'	CTK. : 4.00pm Mass. (DW)	Private Intention

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 Sollis, 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, John Kimberley

For the recently deceased: For the repose of the souls of : David McMeekin, Theresa Janka, Viviana Anna Maria Fossati, Canon Michael Spelman, Shaun Anthony Pavey (anniv), Billy McCarthy

