

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

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 26th March at 10.30am and on Wednesday March 27th 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.

Easter Week Mass times : please note that there will be a 10.00am Mass each day during Easter week, i.e. April 2nd-5th.

Mens' Way of the Cross. Thanks to all who helped to make the all night way of the cross such a meaningful occasion. 30 men walked over the Downs reciting the rosary and following Our Lord's last journey. Many thanks to Arek, Bro Neil and especially to Ilona and her band of helpers who provided a hearty breakfast!

Hymns for Palm Sunday :
Open : CTK. (19). 'All glory, laud and honour'
St Jo's. : (17). 'All glory, laud and honour'
Off : CTK (66). 'Blest are the pure in heart'
St Jo's (88). 'Blest are the pure in heart'
Close : CTK. (465). 'Ride on, ride on'
St Jo's. : (623). 'Ride on, ride on'

EDGH MASS : Holy Mass is celebrated monthly at the hospital. Next Mass is on Tues 26 March at 12 noon in the Chapel on the 3rd floor. All welcome. If you are going to hospital or have a friend in hospital who would like a visit from Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene, please let us know.

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham. We are planning a pilgrimage to the national shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in either June or July this year, leaving Eastbourne Friday morning returning the following day in the evening staying overnight in en suite accommodation. The cost including dinner bed and breakfast and transport will be approximately £175 pp. If you are interested in joining 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.eastbournectk@abdiocese.org.uk.' Many thanks.

Easter Services 2024

Maundy Thursday March 28th

7.00pm. CTK : Mass of the Lord's Supper. With watching till midnight. (DW)

Good Friday March 29th

10.00am CTK : Children's Liturgy
3.00pm - CTK : Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. (DW)
3.00pm - St Jo's : Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday March 30th

7.00pm : CTK. Solemn Vigil of Easter (Clocks go forward)

Easter Sunday March 31st

St Jo's : 9.30am : Mass
CTK : 11.30am. : Mass

(PLEASE NOTE : NO EVENING MASS)

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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 John Kimberley and Graham Pegley. 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.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on April 7th; there will be a service at CTK at 3.00pm with the Sung Chaplet and Confessions.

	Palm Sunday	Mass Intentions
Sat. March 23rd	CTK : 4-4.45pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm	Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP
Sun March 24th	St Jo's. 9.30am CTK 11.30am CTK. 4.00pm. (DW)	Nora Sutherland Rita Brown RIP Graham Pegley
Mon March 25th	No public Mass today	(Conversion of England)
Tues. March 26th	CTK : 10.00am Mass	Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP
Wed March 27th 'Spy Wednesday'	St Jo's : 9.00am Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am. Mass 10.30am. Stations of the Cross	Mark Phelps RIP
Thurs March 28th Maundy Thursday	CTK : 7.00pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper (DW) with watching at the altar of repose till midnight	Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP
Fri March 29th Good Friday	10am CTK : Children's Liturgy for Good Friday 3.00pm - CTK : Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (DW) 3.00pm - St Jo's : Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	
Sat March 30th Holy Saturday	CTK : 7.00pm. Solemn Vigil of Easter	Michelle
Sun. March 31st Easter Sunday	St Jo's. : 9.30am. Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass (NO 4.00pm Mass)	Derek Eaton-Smith. RIP Ryszard Stanczak RIP

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 Sillis, 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

