

[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

Change of Mass Times : please note that from April 14th onwards, weekend Masses at CTK will be Sat eve at 5.00pm, Sunday morning at 9.30am at St Jo's, 11.30am at CTK which will be Divine Worship. There will be no 4.00pm Mass.

Fr Neil will be away for his well earned post-Easter break from April 15th-20th April. There will be no daily Mass that week, but allocated intentions will be said privately by Fr Neil. There will be a Liturgy of the Word led by Deacon Eugene at St Jo's on Wed 17th at 10.00am; and the Holy Hour for Priests will continue on Thurs 18th April 5.30-7.00pm as will Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fri 19th April, 12.30-5.00pm.

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.

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

Hymns for 2nd Sunday of Easter :
Open : CTK (207). 'He is risen, tell the story'
St Jo's (247). 'He is risen tell the story'
Off : CTK. (28). 'All that I am' (x2)
St Jo's. (23). 'All that I am' (x2)
Close : CTK. (14). 'Alleluia...give thanks'
St Jo's. (383). 'Lord Jesus Christ'

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham. We are planning a pilgrimage to the national shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on 5/6th July 2024, leaving Eastbourne Friday A.M. returning Sat P.M, staying in en suite accommodation. The cost (inc DBB, transport): approx £175 pp. 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.

St George's Day celebration Tues April 23rd. Come and share traditional fish and chips to mark the Solemnity of our national patron, St George. In the parish room at CTK at 6.00pm. There are leaflets at the back of the church; please take a copy and choose your options and place it in the box at the back of the church with full payment by Sun April 21st. Also see the poster at the back of the Church.

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.

The Promise of the Father - Life in the Spirit Seminar; - Arundel Cathedral Centre & Online. 'The New Eve' : Wed 10 April 8pm; 'Salvation' : Weds 17 April 8pm; 'New Life' Wed 24 April 8pm; 'Receiving the Promise': Wed 8 May 8pm; 'Mission' Wed 15 May 8pm, 'Pentecost Vigil' : @ Arundel Cathedral Mass, Adoration and Prayer Ministry Sat 18 May 6pm, 'A New Creation' : Thurs 23 May 8pm. Talks by Fr Graham Ricketts, Fr Rod Jones OSB, Fr Richard Ounsworth OP and Bishop Richard Moth. More information and to book go to: <https://www.catholicparishofworthinandlancing.co.uk/the-promise-of-the-father/> or email: dabcdsc@gmail.com.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord is celebrated on Monday April 8th, transferred from March 25th.

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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? 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.

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 and parish.

	2nd Sunday of Easter	Mass Intentions
Sat. April 6th	CTK. : 4-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Mass	David McMeekin RIP
Sun April 7th	St Jo's. 9.30am	David McMeekin RIP
2nd Sunday of Easter	CTK 11.30am	People of the parish
'Divine Mercy Sunday'	CTK. : 3.00pm CTK. : 4.00pm. Mass (DW)	Divine Mercy Service Private Intention
Mon April 8th	No Public Mass today	(George Prince)
Annunciation of Our Lord		
Tues April 9th	CTK : 10.00am Mass	Charles, Sarah, Lloyd and Sven for healing
Wed April 10th	St Jo's : 10.00am. Mass	Holy Souls
Thurs April 11th	5.30-7.00pm : CTK. Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm	David McMeekin RIP
Fri April 12th	12 noon CTK : Mass Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm	Fr Peter Carr RIP
Sat April 13th	CTK : 4.15-4.45pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5.00pm. Mass	Mary Greavy
Sun. April 14th	St Jo's. : 9.30am. Mass	Mary Prince
3rd Sunday of Easter	CTK. : 11.30am 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, Elias 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, Mgr George Hay

