

Bishop Richard reflects on this Sunday's Gospel :

This Sunday's Gospel Reading, taken from Luke's text, follows on from the Emmaus encounter with the Lord and begins with the two disciples recounting their experience. As we read the Gospels describing the post-Resurrection appearances of the Lord, we might wonder why Jesus' followers were so slow to catch on! Mary of Magdala, Peter, John, Thomas, the disciples on the road to Emmaus – the number of experiences grows as we read the Gospels.

Yet still, the Lord needs to offer proof that He is truly risen. He questions their doubts and eats in their presence – further proof that He is truly alive, risen from the dead. Luke then writes that Jesus "opened their minds to understand the scriptures."

Through our baptism, we belong to Him. We are called to live our lives in the love that exists in God. We receive the Holy Spirit – the same Holy Spirit that came upon the Apostles at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit who is the gift of the Risen Christ. Our minds, too, can be open to understand the scriptures; minds free from any doubt that the Lord has truly risen.

This conviction is the gift that is the foundation for our mission as the Body of Christ – the mission to proclaim His life and love to a world in need – a mission we must carry out with total conviction and with every gift that God, in His mercy, has given to us. In this mission lies our joy and fulfilment.

With every blessing, Bishop Richard

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.

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

Lilia and Maria would like to thank everyone for their prayers, support and generosity for their sponsored walk to raise funds for Lourdes. They have now completed the 14 mile walk and 14 Stations of the Cross on 30/03. Lilia will be at both Masses on Sunday to collect sponsorships.

Mass Intentions. If you would like a Mass said for your intentions, please fill out a form from the back of the Church and return it to the sacristy clearly labelled. Please add your name, the intention for the Mass and a preferred date, also your contact details. Please book up a few months in advance if you would like a specific date and time. At present there is a 2/3 month waiting list for Masses to be said. Thank you.

John Kimberley RIP. We pray for the repose of the soul of John who has died after a short illness; he served as hospital chaplain at the DGH and All Saints for many years and was actively involved in Catholic parish life in Eastbourne. We pray for his family and friends at this time. 'Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen'

Hymns for 3rd Sunday of Easter :

Open : CTK (610). 'When I survey'
St Jo's (801). 'When I survey'
Off : CTK. (159). 'Give me joy'
St Jo's. (190). 'Give me joy'
Close : CTK (554). 'Thine be the glory'.
St Jo's. (728). 'Thine be the glory'

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.

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.

The Promise of the Father, Cathedral Centre, Arundel and online, 10 April - 23 May. An exciting new series of talks for people across the diocese in support of The Word Who is Life Pastoral Plan. The series aims to help participants to live lives empowered by the Holy Spirit, with seven talks led by renowned speakers. To find out more and book your place go to <https://www.catholicparishofworthingandlancing.co.uk/the-promise-of-the-father/?ct=t>

200 Club : Fr Neil drew the numbers recently and the winners are :

1st: No 36 £100 Jitka Balaikova;
2nd: No 80 £75 Heather McDonagh;
3rd: No 154 £50 Mike Woods.

Congratulations to this month's winners. If you would like to join this excellent fund raising activity, there are forms at the back of the church.

Bible Alive is a monthly magazine with excellent daily scripture reflections on the Mass readings and articles about Christian living. May's edition is available at the back of the church. There is a box if you would like to make a contribution.

EDGH : Next Mass: Tues 30 April at 12 noon in the Hospital Chapel. If you are in hospital or have a friend in hospital who would like a visit from Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene, please let us know.

Kairos Prayer Group meets every 2 weeks at OLR parish hall on Wednesdays, 7.30-9.00pm; the next meeting is April 17th. All welcome as we gather to praise and worship the Lord and receive sound Catholic teaching.

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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 John Kimberley RIP and Billy McCarthy 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.

	3rd Sunday of Easter	Mass Intentions
Sat. April 13th	CTK. : 4-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Mass	Mary Greavy
Sun April 14th	St Jo's. 9.30am	Mary Prince
3rd Sunday of Easter	CTK 11.30am (DW)	Private Interntion
Mon April 15th	No Public Mass today	Roy Worsley RIP
Tues April 16th	No Public Mass today	Patrick Sweeney RIP
Wed April 17th	St Jo's : 10.00am. Liturgy of the Word	Anna Janka
Thurs April 18th	5.30-7.00pm : CTK. Holy Hour for Priests No Public Mass today	For Priests & Vocations
Fri April 19th	No Public Mass today 12.30pm CTK : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm	Private Intention
Sat April 20th	CTK : 4.15-4.45pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5.00pm. Mass	Thanksgiving for Priests
Sun. April 21st	St Jo's. : 9.30am. Mass	People of the Parish
4th Sunday of Easter	CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Noreen McCormack
'Good Shepherd Sunday'		

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, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris

For the recently deceased: For the repose of the souls of : David McMeekin, Theresa Janka, Billy McCarthy, Mgr George Hay, John Kimberley

