

Bishop Richard Moth reflects on this Sunday's Gospel :

In the second reading of this Sunday, St John writes of the Christian vocation: "Loved by the Father, called to be God's children living lives that will take us to see Him". John invites us to think about the wonder of this calling, this journey, to think about the love that God bestows upon us. It is our life's work to grow in our understanding and true appreciation of the depth and wonder of this gift. It is from this baptismal calling – for this journey begins there – that our very lives flow. This is the starting point for vocation, for discipleship.

We do not make this journey alone – whether our discipleship be expressed in the vocation of marriage, as a single person, in vowed and religious life, or in the sharing in the ministerial priesthood as deacon, priest or bishop. It is God Who calls. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, accompanies us every step of the way, laying down His life for us and the Holy Spirit – in the gifts we receive – is our strength. All is gift. All is the love of God.

It is this context, in this reflection on God's love in His call to every one of us, that the whole Church prays on this "Good Shepherd Sunday" especially for vocations to priesthood and to religious life. Please pray for all those across our diocesan family who sense this call, who are discerning their way, those in our Vianney Group. Please pray for our seminary students, for those embarking on religious life; for those preparing for diaconate and those who will join them this year.

Pray in thanksgiving for all the religious, deacons and priests of our diocese. Give thanks for the response they have given to the specific call they have answered, and for the tremendous gift of service that they are for the Church and the world.

With every blessing, Bishop Richard Moth

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

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.

Computers, mobile phones, laptops : if you have an electrical device and would like support or help with using it, or just want your questions answered, come along to the parish room at CTK on Thursdays 11am-1.00pm. A local charity, PC Helping Hand, is offering free help and advice. Come along for a chat and a coffee. For more information, contact 07396561624.

This Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Vocations and is also Good Shepherd Sunday: Let us pray God to give worthy priests, deacons and religious to His Holy Church: 'O Lord Jesus Christ, who has chosen the Apostles and their successors, the bishops and priests of the Catholic Church, to preach the true Faith throughout the whole world, we earnestly beseech you to choose from among us in this parish and diocese, priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives to make you better known and loved. Amen.'

The Diocesan Vocations Team has also launched a month of prayer for vocations from this Sunday till Pentecost Sunday; there are special prayer leaflets in the church porch or on the diocesan website : www.dabnet.org.

Hymns for 4th Sunday of Easter :
Open : CTK (195). 'Hail Redeemer, King Divine'
St Jo's (59). 'At the name of Jesus.'
Off : CTK. (226). 'I am the Bread of Life'
St Jo's.(272). 'I am the Bread of Life'
Close : CTK (528). 'The King of love my Shepherd is'
St Jo's. (475). 'Loving Shepherd'

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.

EDGH : Next Mass: Tues 30 April at 12 noon in the Hospital Chapel on the 3rd floor, opposite Friston ward. If you are going into hospital or have a friend in hospital who would like a visit from Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene, please let us know.

Assisted Suicide Debate - There will be an important debate on assisted suicide in the House of Commons on Monday 29th April at 16.30. This debate is taking place as a result of the campaign by media personality Dame Esther Rantzen, who wants a change in the law to legalise assisted suicide. It is vital that as many MP's as possible speak up in the House to oppose any move to make assisted suicide legal in England and Wales. Our local MP. : Caroline Ansell. Tel 01323.409000, email : caroline.ansell.mp@parliament.uk.

Feast days this week. : on Tuesday we celebrate the solemnity of St George, our national patron saint; on Thursday 25th April, we celebrate the feast of St Mark, the evangelist who wrote the second gospel.

Apostleship of Prayer : Each month Pope Francis entrusts a prayer intention to his Worldwide Prayer Network, the Apostleship of Prayer. These intentions express the Pope's concern for humanity and the mission of the Church. For April 2024, the Holy Father requests us to pray "That the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture and for an end to the discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world"

Worth Abbey Open Day - The Abbott and Community invite you to Worth Abbey from 11.00am to 4.30pm on Saturday 1st June for a social and spiritual day. Share monastic prayer in the Abbey Church and enjoy the beauty that is Worth. Enjoy a guided walk through the woods and fields and visit St Bruno's retreat centre. Families welcome, there will be activities for children. www.worthabbeypilgrims.com.

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For enquiries for baptism, first communion, confirmation, and marriages please speak to either Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene; also ring the office. 01323 760048

Parish Hall Bookings
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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.

	4th Sunday of Easter	Mass Intentions
Sat. April 20th	CTK. : 4-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Mass	Mark Phelps RIP
Sun April 21st	St Jo's. 9.30am	People of the Parish
4th Sunday of Easter	CTK 11.30am (DW)	Noreen McCormack
'Good Shepherd Sunday'		
Mon April 22nd	No Public Mass today	(Holy Souls)
Tues April 23rd	CTK. 10.00am. Mass	Thanksgiving for Luisa Piccareta
St George		
Wed April 24th	St Jo's : 10.00am. Mass	Holy Souls
Thurs April 25th	5.30-7.00pm : CTK. Holy Hour for Priests Mass 7.00pm (DW)	Family of A Janka
St Mark		
Fri April 26th	CTK Mass : 12noon 12.30pm CTK : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm	Lilli Cassidy
Sat April 27th	CTK : 4.15-4.45pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5.00pm. Mass	Hend & Timothy Ezat
Sun. April 28th	St Jo's. : 9.30am. Mass	Otto Douglas Weidermann RIP
5th Sunday of Easter	CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Harry Rock 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 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, Canon Daithi Foley

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

