

Bishop Richard Moth reflects on this Sunday's Gospel :

Jesus is very clear about the call to His disciples to bear fruit, something that is simply impossible unless we remain close to Him, part of the vine.

Given the current worldview - with conflict, famine, challenges to our climate, economic hardship, and an ever-present devaluing of the dignity of human life before our eyes in the news at almost every moment - the Lord's call to each of us to bear fruit, to be His disciples, is a call to action to each and every one of us. This action grows out of prayer, our experience of the Eucharist, and our encounter with the Lord as we see Him present in others.

St John in his first letter expresses it another way: our love is not to be just words or mere talk but something real and active. This is the measure of our discipleship, the proof that we are children of the truth, coheirs with Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

At the beginning of Lent, we heard the words of St Paul: "now is the favourable time, this is the day of salvation." This same sense of urgency is with us each and every day as we seek to do the Lord's work and is most pressing in these present times. May our experience of faith, a lived relationship with the person of Jesus, find expression in our care for our brothers and sisters wherever they may be.

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.

**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](http://www.dabnet.org).

**CTK Seniors.** Next meet on Wed May 8th, 11am-1.00pm in the parish room at CTK. Come along for a time of sharing and companionship. All welcome as we gather to support each other and make new friends. A light lunch will be provided.

**Mens' Rosary Walk** on Friday May 10th; meet at CTK parish room 7.00pm; we walk around the town reciting the Holy Rosary for the intentions of the town and our parish. All welcome during this month dedicated to Our Lady.

**Rev John Kimberley RIP** : John's Requiem Mass is on Friday May 3rd at 11.00am at OLR. So there will be **NO MASS** this Friday at CTK as Fr Neil is concelebrating at the funeral Mass. There will still be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at CTK from 12.30pm-5.00pm followed by a prayer to Our Lady and the Litany of Loreto.

**May Devotions.** May is a month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady. A prayer to Our Lady and the Litany of Loreto will be recited every Friday at 5.00pm after Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There are copies of the Litany at the back of the church to take away. The traditional Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady will take place during the 11.30am Mass on May 5th.

**Hymns for 5th Sunday of Easter** :  
Open : CTK (242). 'Immortal Invisible'  
St Jo's (301). 'Immortal Invisible'  
Off : CTK. (320). 'Lord accept the gifts..'  
St Jo's.(377). 'Lord accept the gifts..'  
Close : CTK (337). 'Love divine'  
St Jo's. (398). 'Love divine'

**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](mailto:caroline.ansell.mp@parliament.uk).

**Feast days this week.** : St Catherine of Siena (Mon); Pope St Pius V (Tues); St Joseph the Worker (Wed); St Athanasius (Thurs); Ss Philip & James (Fri); English Martyrs (Sat)

**Worth Abbey Open Day** - The Abbot 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. Families welcome, there will be activities for children. [www.worthabbeypilgrims.com](http://www.worthabbeypilgrims.com).

**Agnes Popoola RIP** please pray for the repose of the soul of Agnes who died recently; she is the mother of Fr John who supplied here last Summer. We remember him and his family and friends in our prayers.

**Computers, mobile phones, laptops** : if you have an electrical device and would like support using it, come along to the parish room at CTK on Thurs 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. (NB, no meeting on Thurs May 2nd because of local elections)

**30 April - Day of Prayer for victims and survivors of abuse 2024:** This year we focus on communities who have been directly affected by allegations or convictions related to abuse, especially, but not exclusively, within the Church. Let us all keep this intention in our prayer.

**Ascension Thursday** is celebrated this year on May 9th.

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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? This week we pray for Agnes Popoola RIP and Harry Rock 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.

	5th Sunday of Easter	Mass Intentions
<b>Sat. April 27th</b>	<b>CTK. : 4-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>  <b>CTK. : 5.00pm Mass</b>	Hend & Timothy Ezat
<b>Sun April 28th</b>	<b>St Jo's. 9.30am</b>	Otto Douglas Weidemann RIP
<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>CTK 11.30am (DW)</b>	Harry Rock RIP
<b>Mon April 29th</b>	<b>No Public Mass today</b>	(Patrick Chatfield RIP)
<b>St Catherine of Siena</b>		
<b>Tues April 30th</b>	<b>CTK. 10.00am. Mass</b>	Alexandra White
<b>Pope St Pius V</b>		
<b>Wed May 1st</b>	<b>St Jo's : 10.00am. Mass</b>	Sylvia Seelagama RIP
<b>St Joseph the Worker</b>		
<b>Thurs May 2nd</b>	<b>5.30-7.00pm : CTK. Holy Hour for Priests Mass 7.00pm (DW)</b>	David White
<b>St Athanasius</b>		
<b>Fri May 3rd</b>	<b>CTK : No Mass today 12.30pm CTK : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm</b>	(Alexandra Cassidy)
<b>Sts Philip &amp; James</b>		
<b>Sat May 4th</b>	<b>CTK : 4.15-4.45pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
<b>English Martyrs</b>	<b>5.00pm. Mass</b>	Lydia Horlina RIP
<b>Sun. May 5th</b>	<b>St Jo's. : 9.30am. Mass</b>	Thanksgiving
<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)</b>	Martin Parsons 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 Blyat, 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, Sylvia Brady, Sue Davies, Samantha McLoughlin, Graham Pegley, Enogue G Peixoto, Elias Peixoto, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Canon Daithi Foley, Val Williams, Fr Ademir Marques

**For the recently deceased:** For the repose of the souls of : Billy McCarthy, Mgr George Hay, Rev John Kimberley, Agnes Popoola, June Neville, Sr Rosemary Claire Skinner SBVM

