

Bishop Richard Moth reflects on this Sunday's Gospel :

"You did not choose me; I chose you." These words of the Lord in this Sunday's Gospel are for each and every one of us. The Lord chooses me; He chooses you. This choice of the Lord begins at the very first moment of our existence. At the moment of conception, we are loved by God, we are His creation.

At baptism, we are called to live our lives in the love that exists eternally in the Blessed Trinity. While our parents may bring us to be baptised, it is the Holy Spirit who prompts. The Sacrament of Baptism is God's action. It is the grace of God that takes away the effect of Original Sin, fills us with His love, brings us into the Church, the Body of Christ. For the adult coming to faith, the Holy Spirit is active, calling the person to faith, to this same action of God Himself in the sacrament.

Perhaps we often feel unworthy of God's love. "Why would God choose me?" we might ask. Very often, we find ourselves called to have confidence in God's love for us: to trust in Him. It is worth giving a moment

to reflect that, in His love for us, in His call to us in baptism – and in the many other ways that He calls us – God is placing His confidence in us: in me, in you. How often in the Gospels do we find Jesus saying: "Do not be afraid"?

There is no need for fear. The way ahead may be a daunting one, the path rough at times, the road steep and narrow, but there is no need to fear, for, chosen by God, we walk in His love. God, in the person of His Only Son, gives new life and we are guided by the Holy Spirit, strengthened through the sacraments. Each and every one of us has "some definite purpose," as St John Henry Newman reminds us. We are chosen and loved by God.

With every blessing, Bishop Richard Moth

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.

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Thursday 9 May, the fortieth day of Eastertide. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means (not least for the love and support of one another) we should make every reasonable effort to be present at Mass on this day. Holy Mass will be offered at CTK at 7.00pm(DW). (Fr Neil is saying an extra Mass at St Thomas a Becket school in the afternoon). There is also Holy Mass at Our Lady of Ransom, Grange Rd, at 11am & 7pm.

40 Year Wedding Anniversary : Congratulations to Chris and Glynis Mockett, parishioners at St Joachim's Church, on their 40th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. Wishing them every blessing.

First Holy Communions take place next Sunday, May 12th, at both St Joachim's (9.30am) and CTK (11.30am). We remember our children in our prayers as they receive Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time; we also remember their families and friends. Many thanks to the catechists who have helped to prepare the children for this very special day over the last few months.

Flower Festival at St Nicholas Church, Pevensey -'All things bright and beautiful'- takes place May 25th-27th. Refreshments available, admission free but donations welcome. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Hymns for 6th Sunday of Easter :
Open : CTK (338). 'Love is his word'
St Jo's (399). 'Love is his word'
Off : (456) 'Praise to the Lord'
St Jo's.(608). 'Praise to the Lord'
Close : CTK (375) 'Now thank we all our God'
St Jo's. (512). 'Now thank we all...'

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 to the parish room for a chat and a coffee. For more information, contact 07396561624.

200 Club : Fr Neil drew the numbers for April 2024, and the winners are : 1st: (No 163) £100 John Carmody; 2nd: (No 114) £75 Jackie Riggs; 3rd: (No 102) £50 George Gibson. If you are interested in joining this excellent parish fundraising activity, there are application forms at the back of the church.

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.

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 for private devotion. The traditional Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady will take place during the 11.30am Mass on May 5th.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the Marian month of May is for the formation of Religious, Monks, Nuns, and Seminarians. He urges prayers so that they "may grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and communal formation, leading them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel."

A month of prayer for vocations : The journey from Eastertide to Ascension and Pentecost calls us to mission. This year, in the light of the new Pastoral Plan, the whole Diocese is invited to come together for prayer to the Holy Spirit to grant us a missionary spirit, through the raising up of new vocations to all walks of life but especially to the priesthood.

This week's prayer intention : *Let us pray for greater numbers to respond generously to celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass. Read about the Spirit of sacrifice (1 Peter 4:13-16)*

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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 we pray for Rev John Kimberley RIP, Sr Veronica RIP and Luke Roarty 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.

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

	6th Sunday of Easter	Mass Intentions
Sat. May 4th English Marytrs	CTK. : 4-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Mass	Lydia Horlina RIP
Sun May 5th	St Jo's. 9.30am	Thanksgiving
6th Sunday of Easter	CTK 11.30am (DW)	Martin Parsons
Mon May 6th	No Public Mass today	(Russell de la Motte)
Tues May 7th	CTK. 10.00am. Mass	Beats Sweeney. RIP
Wed May. 8th	St Jo's : 10.00am. Mass	David Sharp
Thurs May 9th	5.30-7.00pm : CTK. Holy Hour for Priests Mass 7.00pm (DW)	Brenda Fox RIP, Alan Putland RIP & Arthur Putland RIP
Fri May 10th	CTK : 12noon Mass 12.30pm CTK : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm	Holy Souls
Sat May 11th	CTK : 4.15-4.45pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5.00pm. Mass	Valeria Cassidy - birthday
Sun. May 12th	St Jo's. : 9.30am. Mass	People of the Parish
7th Sunday of Easter	CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Sheila & Brian, Freda & Peter

We pray for all the sick of the parish, and 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, 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 : Rev John Kimberley, Agnes Popoola, June Neville, Sr Rosemary Claire Skinner SBVM, Fr John Hunwicke

