

Bishop Richard Moth reflects on this Sunday's Gospel :

On Thursday we celebrated the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. His public ministry complete, Jesus returns to the Father, but He never leaves us. He promises us the Holy Spirit and today we are, as it were, with the Apostles in the Upper Room as they await the coming of the Holy Spirit, which we shall mark on Pentecost day next Sunday.

Today's Gospel is taken from Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper, from his prayer to the Father for his disciples. Jesus prays that they – and we – may be one, united in faith, in our discipleship, in our mission. Jesus offers this prayer in the context of a world that will not always welcome the message, a world that is full of distraction, a world in which the power of the evil one will be ever-present. This is the world in which we live too.

It is into this world that the Lord sends us. Our mission is to proclaim His Resurrection, the hope that is the Kingdom of the Father, to a world that is in need of peace, a world in which the dignity of the human person is challenged, a world in which so many live with addictions, a world affected by climate change, a world where so many are seeking life.

The message of the Resurrection is the one message that brings humanity to fulfilment. It is "Life to the full."

With every blessing, Bishop Richard Moth

First Holy Communions take place this 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.

Mr Paul Barber is being inducted by Bishop Richard as the new principal at St Richard's Catholic College, Bexill, on Monday May 13th. We pray for Mr Barber and all the college community.

Phoenix Choir will be singing Rhythms of Life, Sacred and Secular Songs that Swing, including Bob Chilcott's Little Jazz Mass, on Saturday 8 June at All Saints Church, Grange Road at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are available £12 (£5 for under 18s/students) from the Visitor Centre, Reid & Dean Estate Agents and WeGotTickets.

Pentecost Sunday is celebrated next Sunday. A Novena to the Holy Spirit is available in preparation for the great feast of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles in the Upper Room, and the birthday of the Church. See www.praymorenovenas.com.

Vigil prayer for Corpus Christi will take place at CTK on Saturday 1st June from 7pm to 11pm. There will be the Rosary and prayers for vocations with hymns, intercessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. After the 5pm Mass you can join in the supper in the hall before the prayers begin. Bring your own food.

Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers, Arundel Cathedral, 29-30 May. Experience our Cathedral Carpet of Flowers in celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. View the carpet 9.30am-7pm on Wednesday and 9.30am-5.30pm on Thursday. Mass, followed by a procession to Arundel Castle, will begin at 5.30pm on the Thursday. Everyone is welcome.

'The Promise of the Father' a talk, 15 May, 8-9.30pm, online. Fr Raymond Tumba will explore "Mission" in the fifth session of this series designed specifically for our Diocese, to support The Word Who is Life Pastoral Plan. If you have not registered already, you can watch the talks on YouTube.

Hymns for 7th Sunday of Easter :
Open : CTK (57). 'Be still and know'
St Jo's (69) 'Be still and know'
Off : CTK. (432). 'O thou who at thy Eucharist'
St Jo's. (556). 'O thou who at thy Eucharist'
Close : CTK (449). 'Praise my soul'
St Jo's. (602). 'Praise my soul'

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.

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.

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.
For the 7th week of Easter. : Let us pray for more priests who will celebrate the sacraments of healing with the living and the dying. Read about the forgiveness of sins (Jn 20, 19-23)

Bible Alive is a monthly magazine with daily scripture reflections from the liturgy and other helpful articles to develop our spiritual life. June's edition is available at the back of the church. Donations welcome.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima is celebrated on May 13th. We ask for her prayers at this time that she will intercede for us and our troubled world.

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.

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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 Agostinho Alves RIP, Maria Dos Santos, and Fabio, Jenny, Kevin Alves. 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.

	7th Sunday of Easter	Mass Intentions
Sat. May 11th	CTK. : 4-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Mass	Valeria Cassidy - birthday
Sun May 12th	St Jo's. 9.30am	People of the Parish
7th Sunday of Easter	CTK 11.30am (DW)	Freda & Peter
Mon May 13th	No Public Mass today	Thanksgiving for priests
Our Lady of Fatima		
Tues May 14th	CTK. 10.00am. Mass	James & Bridget McCarthy RIP
St Matthias		
Wed May 15th	St Jo's : 10.00am. Mass	Holy Souls
Thurs May 16th	5.30-7.00pm : CTK. Holy Hour for Priests Mass 7.00pm (DW)	Stephen Chatfield RIP
Fri May 17th	CTK : 12noon Mass 12.30pm CTK : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm followed by the Litany of Loreto	Seamus Devlin RIP
Sat May 18th	CTK : 4.15-4.45pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5.00pm. Mass	Mark Phelps RIP
Sun. May 19th	St Jo's. : 9.30am. Mass	People of the Parish
Pentecost Sunday	CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	David Cockett

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

