

Bishop Richard Moth reflects on this Sunday's readings at Mass :

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday's readings speak of two themes: rest and action. Both of these are necessary in the Christian life.

In the First Reading, Ezekiel paints a picture, in divinely inspired words, of the action that God takes to ensure a place of safety for the people of Israel. It is God who plants a cedar tree on the high mountain. The Cedar is regarded as a noble tree. It provides shade, and its wood, with its scent, is used for the panelling of the Holy Place. In the shade of this tree – planted by God Himself – all find rest.

St Paul, in his letter to Corinthians, expresses his desire to be at home – at peace and at rest – with the Lord. For us – as for Paul – the whole of our lives as Jesus' followers must be about the fulfilment of all the Lord would do in us. A life lived in conscious response to God's will, the way of the Gospel, is the sure way for us to find life.

Jesus, in the Gospel, brings rest and action together. The sower throws seed on the land. What happens next is beyond him. God is active and the sower, in his work, is cooperating with God's action. It is in the time of 'rest', as it were – when the seed is growing unseen – that God is at work.

These texts remind me of the two sisters of Bethany: Martha and Mary. Martha is always busy. Mary recognises the need to simply be with the Lord, to sit at his feet and rest in his presence. Both are needed. Martha and Mary need to be, as it were, present in us all. The times of shelter and rest with Christ – the times of prayer, the moments when we are especially conscious of placing ourselves in His presence, reflection on the Scriptures, the Eucharist – are the very times we need for the action that God calls us take – and the call to action, the call to mission – is ever present.

We must be builders of His Kingdom and this will require continuing advocacy for the value and dignity of human life, continuing work for peace, continuing support for the refugee, the dispossessed, and the continuing proclamation of the Gospel and the life that the Lord gives through his Death and Resurrection.

With every blessing, Bishop Richard Moth

**Exploring the Catholic Faith.** Are you interested in exploring the Catholic faith, or do you know someone who might be interested? A course that will be both in person and on-line will begin in September in preparation for reception into the Catholic Church next Easter. Forms need to be filled out in the meantime. Please speak to Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene.

**Soon to become a new parish - what next?** (OLR Hall Thurs 18 July, 7.00 pm): Exploring the plans for the coming months on becoming a new Mega (moderated) Parish, from Eastbourne to Rye! What part will you play in this? Refreshments available. All are welcome.

**Eastbourne Deanery Confirmations.** We pray for our young people who are to be confirmed by Bishop Richard on Saturday at 11.00am at OLR. May the Holy Spirit continue to pour out His gifts and blessings on our youngsters as they move forward in their lives as Catholic adults.

**Bishop-elect David Waller** is being ordained Bishop-Ordinary of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham on June 22nd at Westminster Cathedral; we remember Bishop-elect David in our prayers and all members of the Ordinariate, especially Fr Neil and parishioners.

#### Hymns for 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time :

Open : CTK (473) 'Seek ye first'  
St Jo's (633). 'Seek ye first'  
Off : CTK. (67). 'Blest are you Lord'  
St Jo's. (90). 'Blest are you Lord". (x2)  
Close : CTK. (521). 'The day thou gavest'  
St Jo's. (691). 'The day thou gavest'

**June is traditionally dedicated** to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. To help with our private devotions, there is a Litany to the Sacred Heart available at the back of the church.

#### Teddy bears' picnic after Mass at St Jo's

**23/6/24.** Bring along your favourite teddy/toy and a blanket if it's a nice day. Join the celebrations, games, singalong and a family celebration and cake sale. Also advance notice : we are having a barn dance at St Jo's on 13/7/24. More details to follow.

**International Food Fair** We need raffle donations for our International Food Fair event which will be held on Saturday 13th July (note change of date). As well as donations please, could you cook a dish either from your home country or one you love and share it at our Fair? We need a variety of dishes to make our event a success. Event details are to follow.

**Day With Mary** Special day of instruction, intercession and devotion to Mary based on the messages given at Fatima in 1917, Arundel Cathedral on 29th June from 9.30am-4.30 pm. Holy Mass, rosary and devotions. If you need transport contact John on 01323 726334. See the poster at the back of the church.

**Newman Association** : Eastbourne and Bexhill Circle is hosting a talk by Fr Kevin Dring on "Sexuality and gender issues within contemporary Catholic thought" at St Martha's church hall, Little Common, on Thurs 20th June, 7.30-9.00pm. For further information contact John, 01323 726334.

**Parish Work Day** : are you able to lend a hand to do some odd jobs around the CTK site? We will spend the day on 20th July carrying out various work that needs doing, so if you can help with painting, tidying, cleaning, various DIY skills etc please see Fr Neil or Amanda. More information later. 'Many hands make light work!'

**Day for Life** This weekend marks the Church's annual Day for Life, reflecting the teaching that every life should be nurtured and respected from conception to natural death. The theme this year is "The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life."

**Hospital Mass** : There is Mass celebrated in the chapel at the Eastbourne Hospital on the last Tues of each month, so this month's is celebrated on June 25th at 12noon. All welcome as we pray for the patients, staff and their families.

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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 the candles are for our Confirmation candidates and Bishop-Elect David Waller. 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.

	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
Sat June 15th	CTK : 4.00pm-4.45pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  CTK. : 5.00pm Mass	People of the Parish
Sun June 16th	St Jo's. 9.30am  11th Sunday in Ordinary Time CTK 11.30am (DW)  Day for Life	George Prince  Harry Rock RIP
Mon June 17th	No Public Mass today	(Juliette & Robert Breant)
Tues June 18th	CTK. 10.00am Mass	Brasseur family
Wed June 19th	St Jo's : 10.00am Mass	Holy Souls
Thurs June 20th	5.30-7.00pm : CTK. Holy Hour for Priests 7.00pm. Mass (DW)	Fr Ademir Marques
Fri June 21st	CTK. : 12.00 Mass 12.30pm CTK : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm	Private Intention
Sat June 22nd	CTK : 4.00-4.45pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  5.00pm. Mass	Maria Dos Santos RIP
Sun June 23rd	St Jo's. : 9.30am. Mass  12th Sunday in Ordinary Time CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Ann Bowens RIP  People of the Parish

**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, Canon Oliver Heaney, Val Williams, Elenilse Martins

**For the recently deceased:** For the repose of the souls of : Agnes Popoola, Sr Rosemary Claire Skinner SBVM, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Rosemary Fenn

