

Bishop Richard Moth reflects on this Sunday's Readings at Mass

Ezekiel, as we hear in the first reading this Sunday, is sent to the Chosen People of Israel who have turned away from God. In the Gospel today, the people of Nazareth – Jesus' home town – refuse to accept Him.

Jesus' followers, throughout the history of the Church, have faced the difficulties of incredulity, misunderstanding and rejection. We only have to reflect on the feasts of the saints to see the persecutions that have taken place in different ages. In our own age, we see the rejection of incredulity born of secularism and materialism. Surely, we hear, the world no longer needs faith!

Yet, it is into this very world that the Lord Himself call us to step. In the spirit of Ezekiel, we must proclaim the wonder of the Resurrection, the Good News of "Life to the Full" that is life with Christ – even if some do not want to hear the message. When we are rejected, even by those closest to us, we share in the experience of the Lord Himself.

St Paul, reflecting on his own experience in his second letter to the Corinthians, expresses not just acceptance but contentment with the difficulties he faced. With Paul, we recognise that we can do nothing on our own – the recognition of our own weaknesses is the very moment when we are able to open the doors of our minds, our hearts and our lives to Christ. All strength lies in Him and it is our conformity to Christ that enables us to do the work He has given to us, as we remain constant in our witness to Him.

With every blessing, Bishop Richard Moth

**Changes in Mass times :** Fr Neil will also be away from July 8th-29th for his summer break. There will be NO MASSES from July 8th-12th at CTK, but there will be Liturgy of the Word at St Jo's on July 10th at 10.00am led by Deacon Eugene. Holy Mass is celebrated daily at OLR.

**We welcome Fr John Popoola** who will be joining us from July 12th onwards; Fr John supplied for Fr Neil last year as well.

**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.

**Parish Work Day :** The Parish Work Day will be on August 3rd, 9.00am-4.00pm; are you able to lend a hand to do some odd jobs around the CTK site? We will spend the day carrying out various work that needs doing, so if you can help with painting, tidying, cleaning, various DIY skills etc please sign up on the list at the back of the church. 'Many hands make light work!'

**200 Club Winners :** the current winners for the 200 Club were drawn by Fr Neil last weekend; they are - 1st prize, £100 (no 11). David Hellicar; 2nd prize £75 (No 120). Roberto Dimaano ; 3rd prize £50 (no 124). Parish Number. Congratulations to our winners; if you would like to join this excellent parish fund-raising event, please collect a form from the back of the church.

**Hymns for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time :**

Open : CTK (122). 'Do not be afraid'  
St Jo's (147). 'Do not be afraid'  
Off : CTK (28). 'All that I am' (x2)  
St Jo's. (72). 'Be still for the presence'  
Close : CTK. (79). 'Christ be beside me'  
St Jo's. (74). 'Be thou my vision'

**Mass Intentions.** If you would like a Mass intention said for a family member, friend, or particular reason, e.g. anniversary, birthday etc, please fill in a form from the back of the church. Add your contact details if possible; there is currently a 2 to 3 month wait for Masses to be said so please give plenty of notice. Thank you.

**BBQ and Barn Dance at St Jo's 13/7/24,** 6-9pm with 'real fiddler', bring your dancing shoes! Tkts on sale Sunday after each Mass also available on the door. £7 adult £3 children bring your own drinks.

**International Food Fair** We need raffle donations for our International Food Fair event which will be held on Saturday 13th July. Could you make a dish from your home country or perhaps a dish you simply enjoy and would like to share with others? We need lots of different foods to make our evening a success. There is a signup sheet at the back of the church to add your name. Tickets are on sale after Mass over the next few weekends - adults £7, children under 12, £3. Dolly will be selling tickets after 11.30am Mass. Thank you.

**Pantomime advance notice!** We are planning to organise a pantomime at the end of January 2025. If there is enough enthusiasm from parishioners - adults and children - willing to take part as actors and to help in the many backstage roles needed, we will meet in early September to make further plans. If interested please add your name to the list at the back of the Church.

**CTK Seniors** meet again for our next session on Wed July 10th, at 11.00am-1.00pm in the parish room. All welcome as we join together for nibbles, sharing and fun.

**'Men of St Joseph' Rosary Walk** takes place on July 12th. We recite the Holy Rosary as we walk around our town praying for the intentions of the parish and our town. We gather at 7.00pm in the parish room at CTK and have time of sharing and reflection afterwards. We also meet on the last Friday of each month at CTK for Evening Prayer and sharing, starting at 7.30pm in the church.

**Mass Celebrating** the Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, the parents of Our Lady, on 20 July, 3pm at Arundel Cathedral. Sign up on the diocesan website.

**The Catholic Herald** is available at the back of the church; it's a monthly magazine that contains articles about current moral and faith issues. Donations welcome.

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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**  
Enquiries: 01323 760048

**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? This week the candles are for Fr Laurence Quin-Morris RIP and those in hospital. 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.

	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
Sat July 6th	CTK : 4.00pm-4.45pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  CTK. : 5.00pm Mass	Maria Dos Santos RIP
Sun July 7th	St Jo's. 9.30am  14th Sunday in Ordinary Time CTK 11.30am (DW)	Anette Abraham (B'day)  John Geraghty RIP
Mon July 8th	No Public Mass today	(Sandy Raywood)
Tues July 9th	No Public Mass today	(Philip Swates)
Wed July 10th	St Jo's : 10.00am Liturgy of the Word	(Holy Souls)
Thurs July 11th	5.30-7.00pm : CTK. Holy Hour for Priests No Public Mass today	(Lena McCarron RIP)
Fri July 12th	NO MASS TODAY 12.30pm CTK : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm	(Angela de la Motte - thanksgiving)
Sat July 13th	CTK. : 4.00pm-4.45pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm. Mass	Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP
Sun July 14th	St Jo's. : 9.30am. Mass	Sobin Saby
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	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, 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, Val Williams, Elenilse Martins, Alberto & Maria Nobrega, Antonio Lazo, Alicia Fillos, Sofia Rodrigo, Alicia Nobrega, Carlos Nobrega

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

