

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

The Lord's call to us is often surprising, unexpected and challenging. Amos, the prophet, from whom we hear in this Sunday's first reading, was – it seems – enjoying a quiet life pruning sycamore trees and looking after sheep. He did not see himself as a prophet. He is clear in his description: “the Lord took me” he says and told him “Go.” Amos responded with fidelity, even though he was not welcomed in the sanctuary at Bethel, the House of God.

In the Gospel Jesus tells the twelve to “Go.” He had called them, from their various different backgrounds. He teaches them, forms them – and sends them. What is more, they are to travel light, leaving comforts behind.

St Paul, writing to the Ephesians, says: “Before the world was made, He chose us, chose us in Christ... for His own kind purposes.” It is both wonderful and daunting to realise that God made His choice for us before ever the world was. God's choice for us – for all people of every age and place – is that we praise Him.

The mission He gave to Amos lay in calling the people home. To leave all that prevented them from being God's people, to leave behind all that prevented them from being who they were called to be – to enable them to praise God in all that they did and in all that they were.

The mission of the twelve was also a message of repentance and healing – that all would welcome the Lord Himself, and be His people, giving praise to God.

So with us – the call to each and every Christian, through our baptism, is to be someone who calls others to God, to be the people that God, in His love and mercy, calls us to be.

With every blessing, Bishop Richard Moth

We welcome Fr John Popoola who will be joining us from July 12th onwards; Fr John supplied for Fr Neil last year as well. He will be celebrating weekend and weekday Masses, confessions and other pastoral duties while Fr Neil is away as well as helping generally around the parish. Please contact Deacon Eugene if you have any urgent pastoral issues.

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? A meeting will be held in OLR Hall next Thurs 18 July, 7.00pm, 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 as we discuss this very important change to the future pastoral provision in our parishes and beyond.

Prayer for our Diocese at this time of change. ‘Lord, the Word who is Life, may all the people of our Diocese grow in openness to the power of the Holy Spirit, so that through a growth in understanding and courage, and truly open to your call, we may bear powerful witness to all around us, for you are Lord for ever and ever Amen’

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.

Bacon Butties are on sale next Sunday after the 11.30 Mass at CTK.

Hymns for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time :
Open : CTK (263). ‘I will be with you’
 St Jo’s (175). ‘Follow me’
Off : CTK (320). ‘Lord accept the gifts we offer’
 St Jo’s. (377). ‘Lord accept the gifts we offer’
Close : CTK. ‘(188) ‘Go the mass is ended’
 St Jo’s. (203). ‘Go the mass is ended’

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.

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.

DGH Mass : Mass is celebrated at 12noon on the last Tuesday of each month in the chapel at the District General Hospital, in Eastbourne. This month it is on July 30th. The chapel is on the 3rd Floor next to Michelham ward; all welcome as we pray for the patients, staff and families.

‘Men of St Joseph’ meet on the last Friday of each month at CTK for Evening Prayer at 7.30pm, followed by a time of sharing. Our next meeting is on July 26th. All men of the parish welcome as we pray for the intercession of St Joseph for our families and all the families of the parish.

SEA SUNDAY: Sunday 14 July. Every year churches around the world celebrate and pray for seafarers and all who earn their living on the sea. We thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives. Please keep them in your prayers.

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. A BBQ lunch will be provided for the willing volunteers! ‘Many hands make light work!’

2025 – A YEAR OF JUBILEE. The Holy Father has named 2025 as a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. “Jubilee” is the name given to a particular year : a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”. The Jubilee of Hope will begin in December 2024 with Pope Francis opening the “holy door” in St. Peter’s Basilica, offering the world’s 1.3 billion Catholics the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence and a year of special graces.

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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? This week the candles are for Fr Neil and Julianne’s wedding anniversary and Agnes Popoola 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.

	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
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 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time CTK 11.30am (DW) Sea Sunday	Sobin Saby People of the parish
Mon July 15th	No Public Mass today	(Private Intention)
St Bonaventure		
Tues July 16th	CTK. : 10.00am. Mass Our Lady of Mount Carmel	In thanksgiving - Angela de La Motte
Wed July 17th	St Jo's : 10.00am Mass	Keith Mccardle. RIP
Thurs July 18th	5.30-7.00pm : CTK. Holy Hour for Priests CTK. 7.00pm Mass (DW)	Florence Mayeloye
Fri July 19th	CTK. 12noon 12.30pm CTK : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm	Helga Edwards RIP
Sat July 20th	CTK. : 4.00pm-4.45pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm. Mass	Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP
Sun July 21st	St Jo's. : 9.30am. Mass	Simna Saby
16th 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, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Rosemary Fenn

