

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

Life is a journey, a pilgrimage. It is the Lord Himself who calls us to walk in his ways. He calls us ever onward, to Himself. The Lord calls in gentle ways, each and every day. Even though there may be times when we try and choose our own way, abandoning Him in the process, the Lord never abandons us. Even if we follow our own path for a long time, He is always close, gently calling us to Himself.

In the First Reading this Sunday, from the Prophet Jeremiah, God calls the people back, from wherever they have gone, that they may know His love and care. Fear and terror will be no more, for the people will be secure in the God who cares for them.

In Jesus' time, sheep without a shepherd were at risk of attack from wolves. Perhaps unknowingly, the people who chased after Jesus and His disciples were seeking safety and the security of His word, His leadership.

So it is with us: the Lord calls us to be His, to know that we are loved by Him, safe in His presence. Even though the path ahead may be unclear, despite the worries and concerns we may be carrying, it is possible for us to find calm and security. As the Psalmist expresses it: "If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear." It is the Lord who calls us, the Lord Who accompanies us, the Lord Who shepherds us.

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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 was held in OLR Hall last Thursday exploring the plans for the coming months on becoming a new Mega (moderated) Parish, from Eastbourne to Rye! It was very well attended, with over 200 people present from many different parishes. Fr Kevin explained the background to the current Pastoral Plan and gave us an indication about the impact it would have on our parish life. We will have more detail in next week's newsletter.

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.

International Food Fair. : Many thanks to all who made the event such a great success. Over 60 people attended and we were able to eat food from 12 different cultures; many thanks to Dolly and Amanda and friends who helped to make the evening such a great occasion.

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

Archbishop John Wilson from the Southwark Archdiocese has recently returned from a pastoral visit to Nigeria and has written a letter about his visit; he comments on the strength of the Catholic faith in Nigeria and the debt we owe to Nigerian priests who work in our dioceses. There are priests currently ministering in Crawley parish and Fr John is supplying for us. Copies of the letter available at the back of the church.

Hymns for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time :
Open : CTK (27). 'All people that on earth do dwell'
 St Jo's (22). 'All people that on earth do dwell'
Off : CTK (356). 'My God and is thy table spread'
 St Jo's. (496). 'My God and is thy table spread'
Close : CTK. (533). 'The Lord's my shepherd'
 St Jo's. (706) 'The Lord's my shepherd'

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.

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.

RIGHT TO LIFE With the election of the new government there is a serious threat being faced across three critical fronts. Our opponents are attempting to introduce new laws that would allow abortion up to birth, legalise assisted suicide and make it legal for scientists to experiment on human embryos/ unborn babies up to when they are 28 days or four weeks gestation. Please visit their website to find out more and how you can help in this important work in safeguarding life from conception to its natural end: <https://righttolife.org.uk/>

Feast days this week; St Mary Magdalen, St Bridget of Sweden, St Sharbel Maklouf, St James the Apostle; prayers and best wishes to parishioners at St Joachim whose feast day is celebrated on Friday.

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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 Susan Way RIP and Fr Timothy Ezat, recently ordained. 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.

	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
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 CTK 11.30am (DW)	Simna Saby People of the parish
Mon July 22nd	No Public Mass today	(Fr Neil & Julianne's Wedding anniversary)
Tues July 23rd	CTK. : 10.00am. Mass	Close friends of Anne Marie Scothern
Wed July 24th	St Jo's : 10.00am Mass	Thanksgiving
Thurs July 25th	5.30-7.00pm : CTK. Holy Hour for Priests CTK. 7.00pm Mass (DW)	Fr Timothy Ezat
Fri July 26th	CTK. 12noon 12.30pm CTK : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.00pm	For the return of private possessions
Sat July 27th	CTK. : 4.00pm-4.45pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm. Mass	People of the parish
Sun July 28th	St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Fr Gerard

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, Colin Penfold

For the recently deceased: For the repose of the souls of : Agnes Popoola, Rosemary Fenn, Susan Way

