

Bishop Richard reflects on Pope Leo’s election.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols was one of three Cardinals from England & Wales who voted in the conclave to elect Pope Leo XIV last week. Reflecting on the experience in his homily in the chapel of the Venerable English College in Rome on Sunday, Cardinal Vincent described the distinct absence of grandeur and self-importance among the cardinals:

“We moved from the General Congregations to the conclave on Tuesday evening and entered that sealed space – no phones, no contact with the outside world. What happened there? For me, it became not so much a sealed space as a precious space. It was peaceful. There was no clamour. There was attentiveness to each other. In fact, I was a bit sorry when it ended, because there was so much more time to use creatively and to give generously. It suggests that we might all benefit from a day a week without our phones, and allow that inner freedom to flourish again.”

Cardinal Vincent also highlighted the prayerful atmosphere: “It was a prayerfulness to which everybody contributed,” he said. “There weren’t too many formal prayers, but being prayerful is a disposition, not necessarily an activity. I think it was that disposition – that turning to God – that marked this time most strongly...”

"We chose a son of St Augustine, and I was just a few yards away when Cardinal Parolin put the question to Cardinal Prevost, ‘Do you accept?’ And with utter calmness, he said, ‘I accept’... He will show us again and again that the very core of our journey lies in our relationship with Christ Jesus, in love, in gratitude, and in joy. Without that, everything else counts for little.”

With every blessing, +Richard

Pope Leo XIV. The Pope's Inauguration Mass takes place today, Sunday 18th May. This marks the official start of his papacy. Let us keep him in our prayers.

Changes to Services this week. Fr Neil is away this week on an Ordinarate Festival. There will be NO MASS at CTK and St Jo’s Mon-Fri. Fr Neil will say he allocated Mass intentions. Deacon Eugene will lead a Liturgy of the Word Service on Wed at St Jo’s at 10.00am. There will still be a Holy Hour for Priests on Thurs 22nd at CTK 5.30-7.00pm and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am-3.00pm at CTK on Friday 23rd. Mass is celebrated each day at OLR at 11.00am.

Blessed Carlo Acutis Exhibition on Eucharistic Miracles at CTK. This excellent exhibition is at CTK until June 1st. It will be based in the church. The church will be open at various times during the week. Fr Neil will be giving a talk on Eucharistic miracles on Sunday 18th May at 1.30pm. There will also be a presentation on the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis on Tues 20th May at 10.30am and Wed 21st May at 7.00pm. A small group course called ‘Abide in Me’ about the life of Blessed Carlo will be held from Tuesday 27th May after the 10.00am Mass and from Wed 28th May at 7.00pm for the next 4 weeks. There will also be a family/youth presentation by Fr Neil on Eucharistic Miracles on Saturday 24th May at 11.00am followed by Adoration and refreshments in the hall. There is more information on the posters in church and from handouts available this weekend.

Arundel Cathedral Carpet of Flowers. Join us for a special pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral on the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 19th. See the stunning Carpet of Flowers, attend Mass at 5:30pm, and take part in the procession and Benediction. Travel by coach, departing from Christ the King 12.30pm, Eastbourne Town Centre 12.45pm and St George’s Polegate 1.00pm. £20 per person. To book: please provide name/s, contact number, email, along with full payment by Sunday, June 1st to Ilona (CTK, St Jo’s), Jean (St Wilfrid’s), Sandra (St George’s) or leave in the sacristy, marked *Arundel Pilgrimage*. Sandra will contact all those booked on w/c 9th June with final itinerary and confirm pick up arrangements. We hope you can join us!

Hymns for 5th Sunday of Easter
Opening Hymn : CTK (514). ‘Tell out my soul’
St Jo’s : (684). ‘Tell out my soul’.
Off :CTK : (339). ‘Love is his word’
St Jo’s : (399). ‘Love is his word’
Close : CTK. : (37). ‘And did those feet’
St Jo’s : (317).‘Jerusalem the golden’

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‘New Parish’ Open Meeting Cancelled :
Please note that this meeting, which was due to take place on Tuesday 20 May has been postponed till a further date. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. A rescheduled date will be announced soon.

GCSE Exams continue this week so we ask God’s blessing on the students taking the exams and their families and teachers.

Month of Prayer for Vocations. Over the next few weeks we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. This week we are asked to read daily about the Spirit of Truth (Jn 14:15-21) and to pray for all young people to have the gift of discernment in a changing world. There are prayer leaflets available at the back of the church.

Phoenix Choir presents Midsummer Mass by Michael Fields, and Feel the Spirit by John Rutter. Sat 7th June at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Grange Rd. Tickets £15 (under 18/ students £5). See poster at the back of the church for more details.

Prayer List for the Sick. The list in the newsletter has become rather long; shortly we will remove all the names unless we have been specifically told to keep them in. Let Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene know if you would like your name or the name of someone you know to be kept on the list. Or leave the name in a marked envelope in the sacristy.

‘Bible Alive’ for June is now available at the back of the church. It contains daily reflections on the Mass readings and articles about our spiritual life.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation
The Sacrament of Confession is available at CTK on Thurs 6-6.45pm, Friday, 12.45-2.00pm Saturday, 4-4.45pm. And on-call. Contact Fr Neil.

For enquiries for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage, 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:** A/C Name : **RCD A&B Christ the King Eastbourne.** Sort Code : **40-05-20** A/C No : **91127012; St Joachim’s A/C. Sort Code : 40-05-20; A/C No : 51077058.**

Votive Candles. Would you like to sponsor a candle for a personal intention or a special need at CTK? This week the candles are for the Obikwelu family and Chris Partridge 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 still not available at the back of CTK. It should be available soon. Payments using the machine have increased over recent weeks.

5th Sunday of Easter		Mass Intentions
Saturday May 17th	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Anene Obikwelu
Sun May 18th	St Jo's. 9.30am	Michael Carmody RIP
5th Sunday of Easter	CTK 11.30am (DW)	Stephen Graves RIP
Mon May 19th	No Public Mass today.	(Edith Obikwelu)
St Dunstan		
Tues May 20th	No parish Mass today	(Alphonsys Obilwelu)
St Bernadine of Siena		
Wed May 21st	St Jo’s : 10am Liturgy of the Word	(Holy Souls)
Thurs May 22nd	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests.	(Firefighters killed and all injured in the recent fire in Bicester)
St Rita of Cascia		
Fri May 23rd	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	(Rita Bowers)
Sat May 24th	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Theresa Kitchener RIP
Sun May 25th	St Jo’s. : 9.30am Mass	Roger Peart RIP
6th Sunday of Easter	CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Bryan & Sheila Hichisson - wedding anniv.

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, Kirina Blaty, Moira Morrison, Jane Hollands, Philip Duffy, Marie Williams, Terry Swales, Daniel Markham, Maria P Veras, Alison J Thomas, Alan Calivas, Maria Rosa Ferro, Sylvia Brady, Alexandra Waters, Sue Davies, Maria Conceicao Silva, Paula Alves, Neidilane Emerch, Philip Sargo, Maria Auta, Antonia Epifonio de Araujo, Rose Hellyer, Fatima Freitas, Enogue G Peixoto, Serena May

For the recently deceased: For the repose of the souls of : Gina Wise, Michael Carmody, Robert Friel, Theresa Kitchener