

Bishop Richard reflects on this Sunday’s Readings at Mass

This Sunday’s Gospel, in which Jesus bequeaths His gift of peace, must surely prompt us to prayer for peace. The continuing conflicts in Gaza, the war in Ukraine and in so many other places are before our eyes and in our minds daily as we continue to see, albeit at a distance, the impact on our brothers and sisters across the world.

We must pray for peace closer to home as well: in our homes, and in our own minds and hearts. With the many stresses to mental health, peace in mind and heart can be more difficult to find.

Into all these difficult circumstances comes the person of Jesus Himself. He shared in our sufferings and calls us to new life. This is a message each one of us needs to hear, and it is a message we must proclaim and to which we must witness with our own lives.

The reading from the Book of the Apocalypse is the vision of the new Jerusalem – the vision of heaven, in which all is filled with the light and glory of God. It is this light – the light of the Risen Christ – that we must carry into our often-darkened world.

Let us accept the peace of the Risen Christ, the peace the world cannot give – the first of his post-resurrection gifts – for this is the peace that transforms our world and gives us a taste of nothing less than the Kingdom of Heaven.

With every blessing, +Richard

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Thurs 29th May, the fortieth day of Eastertide. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means (not least for the love and support of one another) we should make every reasonable effort to be present at Mass on this day. Holy Mass will be offered at 12noon and 7.00pm (DW), both in CTK.

Community Lunch : come and share food and friendship with our fellow parishioners after 11.30am Mass this Sunday in the parish hall. Bring some food and spend time with each other to deepen and support our Christian community.

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. 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 is more information on the posters in church and from handouts available this weekend.

Arundel Cathedral Carpet of Flowers. Join us for a pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral on Feast of Corpus Christi, June 19th. See the Carpet of Flowers, Mass at 5:30pm, with procession and Benediction. Coach departs from CTK 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!

CTK Seniors meet on Thurs 29th May in the parish room, 10.30-12.30pm. Come along for tea and cake, and a chat with fellow parishioners. A chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Bible Alive for June is available at the back of the church. It contains reflections on the daily Mass readings and other articles about our Catholic faith. Donations welcome.

Hymns for 6th Sunday of Easter
Opening Hymn : CTK (116). ‘Dear Lord and..’
St Jo’s : (143). ‘Dear Lord and Father’
Off :CTK : (356) ‘My God and is thy table’
St Jo’s : (496). ‘My God and is thy table’
Close : CTK. : (3) ‘Abba Father.’
St Jo’s : (8). ‘Abba Father send your Spirit’

Annual Church Cleaning Day at CTK : On Sat 21st June, we will have a chance to clean up and tidy the church, hall, car park and surroundings at CTK. We'll be cleaning out cupboards, tidying up, painting and carrying out general odd jobs. The day was a great success last year and we're sure it will be the same this year. We will start at 9.00am, and finish at 1.00pm to enjoy a BBQ together. Look out for the sign up sheet at the back of the church. We will allocate jobs on the day. Any questions, please see Amanda.

A date for your diaries : on Sat 20th Sept, we will hold a late summer BBQ and fair. This will run from 10.00am to 3.00pm and will be raising funds for the church. We will be looking for stall holders and volunteer support on the day. More details to follow.

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 each day about the Spirit of sacrifice (1Peter 4: 13-16) and pray for greater numbers to respond generously, to celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass.

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.

Catholic Women's League Parish Quiz Night Friday 27th June I Christ the King Hall Doors open: 6:30pm I Quiz begins: 7:00pm Tickets: £5 per person – available now from Ilona/Marie-Pierre (CTK), or Sam/Natalie (St Joachim's)

Hospital Ministry, Next Mass : Tues 27th May, 12.00noon in the Hospital Chapel on the 3rd floor next to Michelham ward. If you or a loved one are in hospital, and would like a visit from a priest, or are going for surgery and would like to be anointed in advance, please let Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene know.

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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
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:** 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 Luke Roarty RIP, Pope Leo XIV and those preparing for priestly ordination soon. 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.

6th Sunday of Easter		Mass Intentions
Saturday May 24th	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Theresa Kitchener RIP
	CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sun May 25th	St Jo's. 9.30am	Roger Peart RIP
6th Sunday of Easter	CTK 11.30am (DW)	Bryan & Sheila Hichisson - wedding anniv.
Mon May 26th	No Public Mass today.	(Alex Ollivier)
St Philip Neri		
Tues May 27th	CTK Mass : 10.00am	Roland de la Motte RIP
St Augustine of Canterbury	DGH Hospital Mass. : 12noon	
Wed May 28th	St Jo's : 10am Mass	Holy Souls
Bl Margaret Pole		
Thurs May 29th	CTK : 12noon Mass	Gina Wise RIP, Theresa Kitchener RIP
Ascension of the Lord	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests.	
	CTK : 7.00pm Mass (DW)	Darina
Fri May 30th	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	CTK : 12noon : Mass	Prince & Teena's 14th wedding anniv
Sat May 31st	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Marcie
Sun June 1st	St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass	Fr Gerrard
7th Sunday of Easter	CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Martin Parsons RIP

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