

Bishop Richard reflects on this Sunday’s Readings at Mass

At this time of the Church’s year, we are in Ascensiontide, having celebrated that feast on Thursday. Jesus has returned to the Father and the Apostles are waiting in expectant hope for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

We, of course, have received the Spirit – in our baptism and in our confirmation. Indeed, at present, we rejoice in the great number of our young people who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time of year. All are coming to the Cathedral – making a pilgrimage to the mother church of the Diocese in this Holy Year and in our 60th year.

St Stephen, whose martyrdom forms the text of the first reading this Sunday, was so closely conformed to Christ that he was ready to shed his blood in witness to Him. The word ‘martyr’ means ‘witness’ – so being a martyr in the broadest sense is the call for every Christian.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we hear Jesus tell us that through our witness, the world will come to believe in Him. This is the mission the Lord has given to each and every baptised person. Wherever we are – whatever we do – our lives must speak to others of the wonder of the Lord’s love for us and His call to every person, of every age, to life in Him.

With every blessing, +Richard

Change of Mass times at CTK this week. Please note that Holy Mass on Friday June 6th is at 12.30pm, following the 11.00am memorial service for Anna Castro-Clarke RIP, led by Deacon Eugene. There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till after Mass.

Corpus Christi Procession : there will be a procession on Saturday, 21st June, starting at 2pm from St Joachim's walking to CTK, arriving at 4.00pm for Eucharistic Adoration. We will need some petal girls and acolytes as well as people to share car lifts between CTK and St Jo’s. More details next 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!

Catholic Women's League Eastbourne Section Quiz Night Friday 27th June | Christ the King Hall Doors open: 6:30pm | Quiz begins: 7:00pm
Join us for an evening of fun and friendly competition at our CWL Parish Quiz Night! Hosted at Christ the King Hall, this event promises plenty of laughs, brain-teasing questions, and community spirit.
Tickets: £5 per person – available now from Ilona/Marie (CTK), or Sam/ Natalie (St Joachim's).
Teams: Maximum of 6 people per team – form your own or join one on the night. More information later.

CTK Seniors meet next on Wednesday June 11th in the parish room at CTK, 11.00am-1.00pm. It's a time to share with each other and enjoy a light lunch. Come along and meet old friends and make new ones! All welcome.

CWL also meets on June 4th from 7.00pm onwards in the parish room.

Hymns for 7th Sunday of Easter
Opening Hymn : CTK (547) ‘The Spirit lives..’
St Jo’s : (7). ‘Abba, Abba Father’
Off :CTK : (133). ‘Father I place...’
St Jo’s : (159). ‘Father I place...’
Close : CTK. : (62). ‘Bind us together Lord’
St Jo’s : (80). ‘Bind us together Lord’

Annual Church Cleaning Day at CTK on Sat 28th June (please note change of date) 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 forgiveness of sins (John 20:19-23) and pray for greater numbers to respond generously, to celebrate the Sacraments of healing with the living and the dead.

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).

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.

Blessed Carlo Acutis on Eucharistic Miracles at CTK. A small group course called ‘Abide in Me’ about the life of Blessed Carlo will be held on Tuesday 3rd June after the 10.00am Mass in the parish room, and on Wed 4th June at 7.00pm in the church (note change of venue); all welcome.

Day for Life is celebrated on Sunday 15 June The theme of the day is ‘Hope Does Not Disappoint’ More details later.

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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 Alan Crouch RIP and Nigel 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.

7th Sunday of Easter		Mass Intentions
Saturday May 31st	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Marcie
Visitation of the BVM	CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sun June 1st	St Jo's. 9.30am	Fr Gerrard
7th Sunday of Easter	CTK 11.30am (DW)	Martin Parsons RIP
Mon June 2nd	No Public Mass today.	(Bernard Bagley RIP)
Tues June 3rd	CTK Mass : 10.00am	Tania & Alexander Berkovich
St Charles Lwanga & Companions.		
Wed June 4th	St Jo's : 10am Mass	Roman Rudko RIP
Thurs June 5th	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests.	Dom Andrew & monks of Chilworth Abbey
St Boniface	CTK : 7.00pm Mass (DW)	
Fri June 6th	CTK 11am : Memorial Service for Anna Castro-Clarke RIP CTK : 12.30pm : Mass	Geoffrey Stalker RIP
	CTK : 1.00pm-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sat June 7th	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Vigil of Pentecost	CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Gina Wise RIP
Sun June 8th	St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass	Margaret Neil RIP
Pentecost	CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Paul Publico III 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, Grace Ware

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