Bishop Richard reflects on this Sunday's Readings at Mass

We rejoice this Sunday as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the young Church - Our Lady and the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room. The coming of the Holy Spirit transforms their lives. No longer do they remain locked in the room together, fearful for the future. They go out to proclaim the message of the Risen Christ.

So with us, who have received the Holy Spirit at our baptism and confirmation. We are called to be fearless in announcing the Good News in our present, often darkened, world.

At this particular moment, as MPs prepare to debate the "Assisted Dying Bill", I renew the call for us to <u>write to our MPs</u>, asking them to vote against this potential legislation. The vote will take place on the 20 June. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us in our prayer and our action to do all we can to promote the dignity of life.

At this time, too, so many young people of the Diocese are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. They do this at an exciting moment for the Church, when we are seeing the green shoots of increased numbers of adults being baptised and more people coming to our churches in search of the gospel message. Please join with me in praying for our young people, that strengthened by the gifts of the Spirit that they receive, they continue their journey of life with Christ, taking their place in the mission of the Church.

With every blessing, +Richard

Change to Mass times this week: Please note there will be NO MASS at CTK on Thursday June 12th as Fr Neil is attending a meeting in London. There is daily Mass at OLR at 11.00am. There will still be Holy Hour for Priests at CTK 5.30pm-7.00pm.

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, acolytes and servers as well as people to share car lifts between CTK and St Jo's. If you are able to share a lift from CTK to St Jo's, please let Fr Neil know.

Grandparents' Pilgrimage - Worth Abbey - 11 June 10am - 3.30pm A day of reflection and friendship. Join us for Mass, time to pray together and the wonderful opportunity to talk to fellow grandparents. To register, go to https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events and then follow the Grandparents' Pilgrimage link. We look forward to seeing you there.

Catholic Women's League Eastbourne Section Quiz Night Friday 27th June I Christ the King Hall Doors open: 6:30pm I 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.

International Food Festival will take place at 7.00pm on Sat 12th July at CTK parish hall. We are asked to bring along food from our native country or our tradition and share with our fellow parishioners. It is a great evening where we share as an international Catholic community and get to know something of the many culinary delights we were brought up with. More details later.

Arundel Carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral on Feast of Corpus Christi, June 19th. Coach departs from CTK 12.15pm, Eastbourne Town Centre 12.45pm and St George's Polegate 1.00pm. (Note change of departure time from CTK)

Hymns for Pentecost Sunday

Opening Hymn: CTK (560). 'This is the day'
St Jo's: (731). 'This is the day'
Off: CTK: (501). 'Spirit of the Living God'
St Jo's: (125) 'Come down O Love Divine'
Close: CTK.: (70). 'Breathe on me...'
St Jo's: (98). 'Breathe on me...'

Annual Church Cleaning Day at CTK on Sat 2nd August (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. We will start at 9.00am, and finish at 1.00pm to enjoy a BBQ together. Any questions, please see Amanda.

'Day for Life' is celebrated on Sunday 15
June The Church teaches that life is to be
nurtured from conception to natural death. The
theme this year is *Hope does not Disappoint:*Finding meaning in Suffering. It is inspired by
Romans 5:5-6

Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking
Pilgrimage 2025 "Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope"
9 - 23 August. This year's route will visit every
deanery in the Diocese. To find out more and
book your place go
to https://thepilgrims.org.uk/wp/2025-jubileepilgrimage-of- hope-join-us-and-spread-theword

Sacred Heart of Jesus. June is traditionally celebrated in the Church as the month of the Sacred Heart. The Heart of Jesus is seen as a symbol of the love that Jesus has for all mankind. There are copies of a litany of the Sacred Heart and devotions to the Heart of Jesus available at the back of the church.

St Thomas A Becket School summer fair!
Saturday the 28th June 11-3pm. This year's theme is "Love Around The World".
Celebrating our schools diverse cultures with food, music, games and fun for all the family. £1 entry. All very welcome.

Assisted Suicide Bill: The next debate at Report stage is due Friday 13th June. The 3rd reading vote is likely to be 20th June or even into early July. Some MPs have switched their voting intentions already but more converts are needed. Please contact our local MP and state your opposition to the Bill: Josh Babarinde, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

CTK Seniors meet next on Wednesday June 11th in the parish room at CTK, 11.30am-1.30pm. It's a time to share with each other and enjoy a light lunch. Come along to meet old friends and make new ones! All welcome.

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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

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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 Donna Funnell RIP and 'my private intentions'. 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.

	Pentecost	Mass Intentions
Saturday June 7th	CTK: 4-4.45pm.: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	CTK.: 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Gina Wise RIP
Sun June 8th	St Jo's. 9.30am	Margaret Neil RIP
Pentecost	CTK 11.30am (DW)	Paul Publico III RIP
Mon June 9th Mary, Mother of the Church	No Public Mass today.	(For Priests)
Tues June 10th	CTK Mass : 10.00am	Serena May
Wed June 11th St Barnabas	St Jo's: 10am Mass	Breedge Kennedy RIP
Thurs June 12th Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High	CTK: 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests.	
Priest	CTK : No Public Mass today	(Thanksgiving)
Fri June 13th St Anthony of Padua	CTK: 10.00am-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK: 12.00noon: Mass	Deena Lobo RIP
Sat June 14th	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	CTK: 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Nadine Hellicar RIP
Sun June 15th	St Jo's.: 9.30am Mass	Deceased members of the McAteer family
The Most Holy Trinity 'Day for Life'	CTK.: 11.30am Mass (DW)	Harry Rock RIP

We pray for all the sick of the parish, and especially: Eithne Lloyd, Stuart McCarthy, Jane Hollands, Marie Williams, Maria P Veras, Sylvia Brady, Alexandra Waters, Neidilane Emerch, Rose Hellyer, Graham Pegley, Serena May, Enogue G Peixoto,

For the recently deceased: For the repose of the souls of : Gina Wise, Robert Friel, Theresa Kitchener, Donna Funnell