

Bishop Robert Barron reflects on the Solemnity of St Peter and Paul.

Today’s Gospel spells out the importance of Peter’s confession. For it is upon this inspired confession that the Church is built. Not, mind you, on popular opinion, which is shifting and indecisive, and not on personal holiness, which is all too rare. It is built upon the inspired authority of Peter—and I say, “Thank God!”

We make this troubling and extraordinary claim that it is through a special charism of the Spirit that Peter and his successors govern the Church. Now, I realise that we have many Protestant friends and that this text has been, between Catholics and Protestants, a stumbling block. Let me clarify what is and is not at stake here.

What is the focus of Peter’s confession? It has to do with who Jesus is. This is the rock upon which the Church is built. We don’t say for a moment that all of Peter’s practical decisions are right, that everything he says is right. But we are saying that he is right about who Jesus is: a man who is also the Son of the living God. And this is the source and ground of the whole operation.

Bacon Butties will go on sale at CTK this Sunday after the 11.30am Mass. Please join us in the hall; proceeds will go to parish funds.

Catholic Women’s League meets on 2nd July in the parish room 7.00-9.00pm. Come along and share with parishioners.

International Food Festival will take place at 6.30pm on Saturday 12th July in the CTK parish room. Tickets are now available: £7 for adults and free for children. 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. There will be a raffle on the evening and we are looking for prizes for the raffle - chocolates, wine, toiletries (new and unused please), etc. Please leave the items at the back of the church, marked ‘raffle’. Further details at the back of the church.

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration on Saturday 5th July at the Church of Our Lady & St Francis, West Grinstead RH13 8LT. The day includes Holy Mass rosary and Exposition of the Blessed sacrament and the opportunity for Confessions.

Diocesan Festival of Hope: 20th September (Ardingly): Our Diocese will be gathering to celebrate its 60th Anniversary, the Jubilee Year of Hope, and the Pastoral Plan with its call to Mission. Sadly, space is limited which means that not everybody who might wish to attend will be able to. Each parish has a small number of tickets which will be allocated via its parish priest. Thanks for your understanding. The whole Diocese will be prayed for, and those attending will be encouraged to share back in their parishes the fruits of the day's reflections.

Annual Church Cleaning Day at CTK on Saturday 2nd August, 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. Please sign up sheet at the back of the church. Any questions, please see Amanda.

July is dedicated as the Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus. This devotion honours the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, emphasising the significance of His blood shed for humanity's redemption. The Church was essentially born from the blood that flowed from Christ's pierced side, signifying the initiation of the Sacraments. There are copies of a litany to the Precious Blood and other prayers at the back of the church

Hymns for Sts Peter and Paul:
Opening Hymn : CTK 518 The Church’s One Foundation
St Jo’s : 688 The Church’s One Foundation
Off :CTK : 243 In Bread We Bring You Lord
St Jo’s : 302 In Bread We Bring You Lord
Close : CTK : 146 For All The Saints
St Jo’s : 176 For All The Saints

Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage 2025 "Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope" 9th - 23rd 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-jubilee-pilgrimage-of-hope-join-us-and-spread-the-word>

Pope Leo has announced that Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized together on 7th September.

Ordinations to the Priesthood, Arundel Cathedral, 5th July at 12pm. Deacons Scott Coleman and Gary Carter will be ordained to the Priesthood for our diocese. All are welcome to attend the Mass. The ordination will also be on the cathedral's livestream.

Family Adoration on Saturday 5th July, 11.00-11.30am at CTK. Come and share this excellent devotion and pray for the children and families of our parish.

Assisted Suicide Bill : Unfortunately, the Bill was passed last Friday. We can still register our opposition to the Bill; more details later. Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, said in a statement: 'We have been consistently outspoken in our opposition to the legalisation of assisted suicide, and we are shocked and disappointed that MPs have voted in favour of the Bill. This Bill is flawed in principle with several provisions that give us great cause for concern.'

Foundation Governor at St Thomas a Becket school. St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School is seeking to appoint a Foundation Governor. You must be a practising Catholic and have a keen interest in education and young people. If you can spare a few hours to support the school, please email : sbyrne@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk for more information.

CTK Seniors meet next on Wednesday 9th July in the parish room at CTK, between 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
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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? 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.

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul		Mass Intentions
Saturday June 28th	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Fr Timothy Ezat
Sun June 29th	St Jo's. 9.30am Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul, Apostles CTK 11.30am (DW)	Holy Souls David Baker
Mon June. 30th St Irenaeus	No Public Mass today.	(Lydia Horlina)
Tues July 1st Consecration of Arundel Cathedral	CTK. : 10.00am Mass	For Priests
Wed July 2nd St Oliver Plunkett	St Jo's : 10am Mass	Thanksgiving
Thurs July 3rd St Thomas, Apostle	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests. CTK : 7.00pm Mass. (DW)	Marcie Cassidy on her Confirmation
Fri July 4th	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 12.00noon : Mass	For priests
Sat July 5th	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving
Sun July 6th	St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass	Jean Barcock RIP
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Luke Roarty 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, Theresa Kitchener, Donna Funnell