

Bishop Richard reflects on this weekend’s readings :

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus send out the seventy-two and gives them a word for those they visit. This word, this message, is the message of peace – and peace is the first gift of the Risen Christ to the Apostles, spoken as He appears to them in the Upper Room.

In the 4th Century, as monasticism began to develop in Egypt, Syria and the Holy Land, monks would go to their spiritual fathers and ask for a word by which they might be saved. The word that was given to them, although expressed in different terms, was often about living in peace, in harmony, and in the silence that opens our hearts to the promptings of the Spirit. Just as the seventy-two offered a "word", given them by the Lord, so these monks of earlier times did the same – and this practice continues in the spiritual accompaniment sought by so many in our own times.

Openness to the word demands a spirit of listening, and we might reflect that the first word of St Benedict’s Rule is “Listen.”

When the seventy-two went on their journey, Jesus told them that if the word of peace was not received, it would come back to them. Listening is just as important as speaking, for the word that is spoken must find a home to be effective.

This message of peace is so necessary in our present world, and the need for the spirit of listening is equally necessary. May our word to the world be that of the seventy-two, for it is the gift of the Risen Lord: “Peace be with you.” May this message find a home in the hearts of all.

Peace is the gift of the Risen Lord to those gathered in the Upper Room on the first Easter Day. It is in Him that true, lasting, peace is to be found, for the Risen Lord has won the victory over sin and death. He offers us the gift of His peace – it is something real and it is a reality to be accepted.

In a world where, in so many places, peace is not a reality, it is our task, always and everywhere, to offer that greeting of the seventy-two disciples and the joy that is the gift of the Risen Christ.

With every blessing, + Richard

Welcome to Fr John as he arrives in the parish on July 10th for his annual visit! He will be with us for a month which will give Fr Neil an opportunity for a summer break.

International Food Festival will take place from 6.30pm next Saturday 12th July in the CTK parish hall. 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.

STELLA MARIS—the Apostleship of the Sea. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday this year is on Sunday 13th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea, and for the ministry of Stella Maris, the Catholic Church's agency that looks after seafarers and fishers.

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.

Hymns for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Opening Hymn : CTK (610). ‘When I survey’
St Jo’s : (173). ‘Firmly I believe’
Off :CTK : (510). ‘Take my life’
St Jo’s : (597). ‘Peace perfect peace’
Close : CTK : (442). ‘Peace is flowing’
St Jo’s : (595) ‘Peace is flowing’

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>

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.

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. There are copies of a litany to the Precious Blood and other prayers at the back of the church

‘Right to Life.’ : Next action on the Assisted Suicide Bill. ‘Right to Life’ have set up a simple tool that will enable us to email our MP to thank them if they voted NO, or express concern if they abstained or voted YES - and ask them to vote the right way the next time. Emailing our MP, regardless of how they voted, is crucial because the Bill may return to the House of Commons during the parliamentary stage. MPs may vote again on proposed changes to the Bill, which may be substantial and could even lead to its defeat. Go to <https://righttolife.org.uk/arv7>

Ordination to the Diaconate, 18 July, 1pm at Arundel Cathedral. Mike Dean from Crowborough will be ordained to the Diaconate later this month. People across our community of faith are welcome to attend the Mass in person or online via the cathedral livestream.

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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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Mass Intentions		
Saturday July 5th	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving
Sun July 6th	St Jo's. 9.30am	Jean Barcock RIP
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK 11.30am (DW)	Luke Roarty RIP
Mon July 7th	No Public Mass today.	(Barbara Heitzman RIP (anniversary)
Tues July 8th	CTK. : 10.00am Mass	Fr David Barnes RIP
Wed July 9th St Augustine Zhao Rong	St Jo’s : 10am Mass	Thanksgiving
Thurs July 10th	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests. CTK : 7.00pm Mass. (DW)	Catherine Mannix
Fri July 11th St Benedict	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 12.00noon : Mass	Geraldine McCormack
Sat July 12th	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Valeria Cassidy
Sun July 13th	St Jo’s. : 9.30am Mass	Marina Crossing recovery
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ‘Sea Sunday’	CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Davis Raphai - birthday thanksgiving

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, Donna Funnell, David Prynn, Fr Ray Blake