

Bishop Richard reflects on this weekend’s readings :

This Sunday’s Gospel is the Parable of the Good Samaritan. This is a text that we know so well, that there is a danger that familiarity hampers a real listening to the proclamation of the Gospel. St Benedict, whose feast we celebrate on Monday 11th, speaks of ‘Listening with the ear of the heart.’ This is so much more than hearing, it is more than listening at the level of the mind, it is a listening that brings the Word of God to the very core of our being, the place of love. This Sunday, with a Gospel we know so well, listening at that depth brings so many blessings.

Pope Francis, in his encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti*, uses the Good Samaritan as a model for every interaction – including the international stage. The going out to brothers and sisters, enjoined by the Lord in this parable, is the way forward for the world, he tells us. This may seem so difficult – even in our homes, with those closest to us, it can be hard. Yet we are reminded in this Sunday’s First Reading, from the Book of Deuteronomy, that the law given by God is truly possible, for the Word is IN us.

This is reflected again when we read the Parable of the Good Samaritan in a slightly different way – seeing ourselves as the one who is in the ditch and the Lord Himself coming to our aid. St Paul expresses this in his hymn at the beginning of the Letter to the Colossians (the Second Reading this Sunday), where he rejoices at the victory Christ has won. We need have no fear, the Lord has rescued us and now we – with the Word Who is Life in our hearts – can go out to our brothers and sisters, carrying out the work the Lord calls to do in His name.

With every blessing, + Richard

Welcome to Fr John who arrived 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.

‘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.

New Parish : There is a Deanery Newsletter available at the back of the church this weekend. It is excellently produced and has reports from the various parishes in the current Eastbourne and St Leonards deanery as well information about the new developments taking place and looking to the future. There is also a message from Fr Kevin, the Moderator of the New Parish, in which he also talks about future plans. Extra copies of this letter are also available.

Hospital Mass : Next Mass: Tues 29 July, 12.00 noon in the Hospital Chapel on Level 3, 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.

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

Jane Hollands RIP. We pray for the repose of the soul of Jane who died recently. We also remember Mark and Ilona, their family and friends in our prayers at this time.

Hymns for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Opening Hymn :
CTK (104). Come, Lord Jesus, come’
St Jo’s : (379) ‘Lord enthroned’
Off :CTK : (243) ‘In bread we bring you’
St Jo’s : (302). ‘In bread we bring you’
Close : CTK : (606) ‘whatsoever you do’
St Jo’s : (128). ‘Come Lord Jesus, come’

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>

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.

‘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>

The Eastbourne Parkinson's Choir will be performing in concert on 21st August in the church hall at Our Lady of Ransom, to raise funds for the Catholic Midlands Orphanage and Care Centre in Colenso, South Africa as well as for Our Lady of Ransom church. The doors will open at 6.00pm and the concert will commence at 6.30pm. Half way through a Ploughman/s meal will be served. There will also be a bar selling beer, wine and soft drinks. Tickets are priced at £12 each and tickets can be ordered by phoning Mick or Veronika Lees on 654468.

200 Club. Fr Neil selected the numbers for the current draw. Congratulations to our winners : 1st: No 177 (£100) John Carmody; 2nd: No 164 (£75) John Carmody; 3rd: No 40 (£50) Emma Encinas Steel. If you would like to join this excellent parish fundraising activity, there are forms at the back of the church.

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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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Saturday July 12th	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
‘Sea Sunday’	CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Valeria Cassidy
Sun July 13th	St Jo's. 9.30am	Marina Crossing recovery
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK 11.30am (DW)	Davis Raphai - birthday thanksgiving
Mon July 14th	No Public Mass today.	(for priests)
St Camillus de Lellis		
Tues July 15th	CTK. : 10.00am Mass	Deacon Eugene
St Bonaventure		
Wed July 16th	St Jo’s : 10am Mass	Thanksgiving
Our Lady of Mount Carmel		
Thurs July 17th	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests. CTK : 7.00pm Mass. (DW)	Basia Sikora
Fri July 18th	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 12.00noon : Mass	Susan Way RIP
Sat July 19th	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Anna Janka
Our Lady’s Saturday		
Sun 20th July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo’s. : 9.30am Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Priest’s Intention Helga Edwards RIP

We pray for all the sick of the parish, and especially : Eithne Lloyd, Stuart McCarthy, 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 : Donna Funnell, David Prynn, Fr Ray Blake, Jane Hollands