

Scott Hahn reflects on this weekend’s readings :

God wants to dwell with each of us personally, intimately — as the mysterious guests once visited Abraham’s tent, as Jesus once entered the home of Mary and Martha.

By his hospitality in today’s First Reading, Abraham shows us how we are to welcome the Lord into our lives. His selfless service of his divine guests (see Hebrews 13:1) stands in contrast to the portrait of Martha drawn in today’s Gospel.

Where Abraham is concerned only for the well-being of his guests, Martha speaks only of herself — “Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself. ... Tell her to help me.”

Jesus’ gentle rebuke reminds us that we risk missing the divine in the mundane, that we can fall into the trap of believing that God somehow needs to be served by human hands (see Acts 17:25).

Our Lord comes to us, not to be served but to serve (see Matthew 20:28). He gave his life that we might know the one thing we need, the “better part,” which is life in the fellowship of God.

Jesus is the true Son promised today by Abraham’s visitors (see Matthew 1:1). In him, God has made an everlasting covenant for all time, made us blessed descendants of Abraham (see Genesis 17:19, 21; Romans 4:16–17, 19–21).

The Church now offers us this covenant, bringing to completion the word of God, the promise of his plan of salvation, what Paul calls “the mystery hidden for ages.”

As once he came to Abraham, Mary, and Martha, Christ now comes to each of us in word and sacrament. As we sing in today’s Psalm, he will make his dwelling with those who keep his word and practice justice (see also John 14:23).

If we do these things we will not be anxious or disturbed, will not have our Lord taken from us. We will wait on the Lord, who told Abraham and tells each of us: “I will surely return to you.”

(Scott Hahn is a Catholic scripture scholar and former Protestant minister)

International Food Fair. Thanks to those who supported this excellent parish event last weekend. More than £750 was raised for parish funds and over 50 people attended. Thanks to Dolly and her team for helping to organise this annual event.

Hospital Mass : Next Mass: Tues 29 July, 12.00noon in the Hospital Chapel on Level 3, next to Michelham ward. All welcome as we pray for patients, staff and families. 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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage begins on July 25th. Each year, the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton takes hundreds of pilgrims to Lourdes to visit the Shrine of Our Lady. By plane, by train, by coach, by car, by Jumbulance – some years even by bicycle! – they answer Our Lady’s call to come to the Grotto. Our diocesan group includes pilgrims who are sick, disabled, frail or elderly and need our help to make the journey, as well as families, teenagers, helpers, medics and many others. We pray especially for all those going including those from CTK and St Jo’s. If you have an intention you would like to send to Lourdes, please place it in an envelope marked ‘Lourdes Intention’ and hand it in to the OLR presbytery by July 23rd.

Feast days this week. Tuesday is the feast of St Mary Magdalen to whom Our Lord first appeared after the Resurrection; St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe; St Sharbel Makhluf, a Lebanese miracle worker of the 19th century. St James the Apostle is buried in Santiago de Compostela; St Joachim and St Anne by ancient tradition, already known in the 2nd century, are named as the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. God bless the parishioners of St Joachim’s, Hampden Park.

Hymns for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Opening Hymn :
CTK (478) ‘Sing all creation’
St Jo’s : (72). ‘Be still for the presence...’
Off :CTK : (430). ‘O the Love of my Lord’.
St Jo’s :(377). ‘Lord accept the gifts’
Close : (79). ‘Christ be beside me’
St Jo’s : (570). ‘O the love of my Lord’

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.

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.

Diocesan Festival of Hope Ardingly September 20th; 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. 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.

Gaza: Service of Remembrance, 28 July, 12.30pm, Foreign Office, London, SW1A 2AH. Westminster Justice and Peace, The London Catholic Worker, and Pax Christi invite you to a service to remember those who have died during the war in Gaza. For more information please contact homeofficevigil@gmail.com

We Believe : Wherever you are from Friday 25th to Sunday 27th July, you can be part of the We Believe Festival with Radio Maria England. We’ll be broadcasting live from the heart of the event — sharing powerful talks, Holy Mass, and Jubilee celebrations. Join us via DAB+ radio, the Radio Maria Play app, online at RadioMariaEngland.uk, or by asking your smart speaker to “Play Radio Maria England.” Stay connected, stay inspired — we believe, together.

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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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Mass Intentions		
Saturday July 19th	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Anna Janka
Sun July 20th	St Jo's. 9.30am	Priest's Intention
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK 11.30am (DW)	Helga Edwards RIP
Mon July 21st	No Public Mass today.	(David White)
St Laurence of Brindisi		
Tues July 22nd	CTK. : 10.00am Mass	Celebrants Intention
Sr Mary Magdalen		
Wed July 23rd St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe	St Jo's : 10am Mass	Holy Souls
Thurs July 24th	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests. CTK : 7.00pm Mass. (DW)	Priests Intention
Fri July 25th	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 12.00noon : Mass	Thanksgiving for Serena Way
Sat July 26th	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Ilona's birthday
St Joachim & St Anne		
Sun July 27th 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	People of the Parish Davina's birthday

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