

Bishop Richard reflects on this Sunday’s Readings at Mass

The celebration of Corpus Christi that takes place at our cathedral each year is a wonderful occasion. The celebration of the sacrifice of the Mass, the procession of the Blessed Sacrament and the Carpet of Flowers, laid in honour of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, is a high point in the life of the cathedral and diocese.

It is a clear reminder to us all of the central place of the Eucharist in our lives. The absolute love of the Lord – seen in the feeding of the five thousand that is the gospel reading this week – is there for us every time we celebrate Mass. As St Paul reminds us in the Second Reading this Sunday, the sacrifice of Calvary is made present and the Lord feeds us with His very Self, for He is the Bread of Life. We find life every time we join in this celebration, together with our brothers and sisters. It is this life that sustains our every action – indeed, every moment of our lives. The Mass, the Eucharist, is a proclamation of our faith in the One who died and rose from the dead for us; it is the food for our journey and the source of all our action. We leave the celebration, as the dismissal at the end of Mass reminds us, to “announce the Gospel of the Lord.” Without our closeness to Christ in the Eucharist, this proclamation would be less effective. The sustenance of the Bread of Life Himself makes life and mission possible for us. In the Eucharist, we are in the Divine Presence, we are in the presence of Christ, who is a “priest for ever” as Psalm 109 reminds us. May this encounter with the person of Christ Himself – truly present in the Eucharist – be the wellspring of our every breath, our every moment, our every action, that all we do may proclaim to the world the wonder of all the Lord has done for us.

With every blessing, +Richard

Change of CTK Mass time this week. Mass on Tuesday 24th June at 12noon is a Requiem for Gina Wise RIP. No 10.00am Mass. Please come to the parish room afterwards to celebrate Gina’s life. All welcome

Catholic Women's League Eastbourne Section Quiz Night Friday 27th June | Christ the King Hall Doors open: 6:30pm | 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 Iona/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 6.30pm on Sat 12th July at CTK parish hall. Tickets are available this weekend : £7 for adults and children free. 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 etc. Please leave the items at the back of the church, marked ‘raffle’. Also see the notice at the back of the church.

Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on June 27th and the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sat 28th June. 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 the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and devotions to the Heart of Jesus available 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.

Hymns for Corpus Christi :
Opening Hymn : CTK (381). ‘O Bread of..’
St Jo’s : (517). ‘O Bread of heaven’
Off :CTK : (158). Gifts of bread and wine’
St Jo’s : (730). ‘This is my Body’
Close : CTK. : (432) ‘O Thou who at thy...’
St Jo’s : (556). ‘O Thou who at thy Eucharist’

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-jubilee-pilgrimage-of-hope-join-us-and-spread-the-word>

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.

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

Ordinations to the Priesthood, Arundel Cathedral, 5 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.

CTK Seniors meet next on June 26th 10.30-12.30pm in the parish room for a cuppa and a chat! It’s a chance to share with each other and enjoy each others’ company. Come along and meet old friends and make new ones. All welcome.

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

Hospital Mass on June 24th at 12noon. All welcome as we gather to pray for the patients, staff and families. The chapel is on the 3rd floor next to Michelham Ward. If you are going into hospital and would like a visit from the clergy beforehand or during your stay, please contact Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene.

Assisted Suicide Bill : Unfortunately, the Bill was passed on 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.'

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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

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? This week the candles are for Thanksgiving and Respect for Life. 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.

	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Mass Intentions
Saturday June 21st	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Micheline in thanksgiving
Sun June 22nd	St Jo's. 9.30am CTK 11.30am (DW)	Ann Bowens & Nora Mills RIP Private Intentions of Sr Mary Rose Bracuti
Mon June 23rd	No Public Mass today.	(Obikwelu family, for protection)
Tues June 24th	CTK Requiem Mass : 12noon Hospital Mass : 12noon	Gina Wise RIP
Wed June 25th	St Jo's : 10am Mass	Dermot Neilan RIP
Thurs June 26th	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests. CTK : 7.00pm Mass. (DW)	Celestino de Barros RIP
Fri June 27th	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 12.00noon : Mass	Ewen Bernadette Dolan RIP
Sat June 28th	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Fr Timothy Ezat
Sun June 29th	St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Holy Souls David Baker

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

