

Scott Hahn reflects on this weekend’s readings :

Trust in God—as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide. This should be the mark of our following of Jesus.

Like the Israelites we recall in this week’s Psalm Response, we have made an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, freeing us from our bondage to sin. We too are on a pilgrimage to a promised homeland, the Lord in our midst, feeding us heavenly bread, giving us living waters to drink (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4).

We must take care to guard against the folly that befell the Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God’s goodness at Meribah and Massah.

We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they’ll afford us security and rest.

All this is “vanity of vanities,” a false and deadly way of living, as this week’s First Reading tells us.

This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week’s Gospel. The rich man’s anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God’s care and provision. That’s why Paul calls greed “idolatry” in the Epistle this week. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker (see Romans 1:25).

Jesus calls the rich man a “fool”—a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him (see Psalm 14:1).

We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment—this night even—demand it back from us.

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Welcome to Mass this weekend to any visitors or holiday makers.

Relics of St Andrew, the Apostle, St Columba of Iona and St Margaret of Scotland are touring through Scotland, England and Wales during this Jubilee year. The Relics will be displayed on Wed 27th Aug, at St Wilfrid's, South Road, Hailsham, between 9.30am and 7pm. All welcome.

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This devotion is a time for Catholics to reflect on Mary's love and virtues, particularly her love for her son, Jesus, and for humanity. It's also a time to honour the Assumption of Mary, which is celebrated on August 15th. There is a copy of a Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary available at the back of the church, along with other prayers to Our Lady for August.

Hall clearance. : we have tidied up the cupboards in both parish hall and parish room and both kitchens. There are plenty of items in the main hall which you are welcome to take away. Have a look after Mass and see if there's anything you would like. Donations welcome.

Eastbourne CWL meets on Wednesday 6th August 7-9.00pm in the Parish Room at CTK.

CTK Seniors has been cancelled for August during the holiday period. We will meet again on September 10th in the parish room at CTK. Happy holidays to all out members.

Solemnity of the Assumption is on Friday 15th August. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means (not least out of love and support for one another) we should make every reasonable effort to be present at Mass on this day. Holy Mass will be offered CTK on Thursday 14th Aug 7.00pm (Vigil Mass: DW) and 12noon on Fri Aug 15th.

Hymns for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Opening Hymn :
CTK : (242). ‘Immortal, invisible’
St Jo’s : (301). ‘Immortal, invisible’
Off :CTK : (510) ‘Take my life’
St Jo’s : (23). ‘All that I am’ (x2)
Closing Hymn
CTK : (693). ‘ For the healing...’
St Jo’s : (21). ‘All my hope on God..’

Diocesan Vacancies (1) Head of Finance
Full-time, permanent. Location: The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley (on site).
Application deadline: 18th August. Interviews: 26th August. To find out more go to www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/head-of-finance

(2) Communications Officer, part-time, permanent Location: Based in Crawley, with hybrid working & travel across the Diocese required. Application deadline: 13th August. Interviews: 19 August 2025. To find out more and to apply, go to the Diocesan website: abdiocese.org.uk/careers/communications

Late Summer Fare and Garden Party at CTK on September 20th, 10.30am-2.30pm. We already have local stall holders booking their places. We need donations for our raffle, which can be left in the box at back of the church. Can you help on the day - run a stall, help with teas/coffee? Sign up sheet at the back of the church. Also, can you help us promote, put up a poster where you work, in a community hall etc? Pleas see Amanda for questions and a poster. Thank you.

Mass Intentions can be requested for the repose of a departed soul, for a friend or loved one. It is also fitting at times of illness or personal struggles, or to give thanks to God for his blessings. There are Masses available at both churches and special forms are available for your Mass Intention requests.

New Doctor of the Church. On Thursday, Pope Leo XIV announced that Saint John Henry Newman is to be made a Doctor of the Church, a title given to saints recognized as having made a significant contribution to theology or doctrine through their research, study, or writing.

Assisted Suicide Bill : We are expecting the Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right to Life UK have just launched a new EasyAction tool to help you email a few Peers directly about the Assisted Suicide Bill. It highlights a key concern with the Bill and ensures it reaches the right Peers. To email the peers go to : [Ask Peers to oppose the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill](#).

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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? 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.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Saturday Aug 2nd	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Ilona’s birthday
Our Lady’s Saturday	CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sun Aug 3rd	St Jo's. 9.30am	People of the parish
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK 11.30am (DW)	Raymond Brady RIP
Mon Aug 4th	No Public Mass today.	(Martin & Claire Telford)
St John Mary Vianney (Cure D’Ars)		
Tues Aug 5th	CTK. : 10.00am Mass	Thanksgiving
Dedication of St Mary Major		
Wed Aug 6th	St Jo's : 10.00am	Holy Souls
Transfiguration of Our Lord.		
Thurs Aug 7th	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests.	Fr Ray Blake RIP
Fri Aug 8th	CTK : 7.00pm Mass. (DW)	
St Dominic	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 12.00noon : Mass	Celebrant’s Intention
Sat Aug 9th	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Michelle Moore RIP
St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Patron of Europe)		
Sun Aug 10th. 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo’s. : 9.30am Mass	People of the parish
	CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Emma Jayne Swallow. 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, Freda Swales

For the recently deceased, for the repose of the souls of : David Prynn, Fr Ray Blake, Jane Hollands