

Scott Hahn reflects on this weekend’s readings :

We are born of the faith of our fathers, descending from a great cloud of witnesses whose faith is attested to on every page of Scripture (see Hebrews 12:1). We have been made His people, chosen for His own inheritance, as we sing in today’s Psalm. Today’s Liturgy sings the praises of our fathers, recalling the defining moments in our “family history.” In the Epistle, we remember the calling of Abraham; in the First Reading we relive the night of the Exodus and the summons of the holy children of Israel. Our fathers, we are told, trusted in the Word of God, put their faith in His oaths, convinced that what He promised, He would do. None of them lived to see His promises made good. For it was not until Christ and His Church that Abraham’s descendants were made as countless as the stars and sands (see Galatians 3:16-17, 29). It was not until His Last Supper and the Eucharist that “the sacrifice...the divine institution” of that first Passover was truly fulfilled. And we now too await the final fulfillment of what God has promised us in Christ. As Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel, we should live with our loins girded—as the Israelites tightened their belts, cinched up their long robes and ate their Passover standing, vigilant and ready to do His will (see Exodus 12:11; 2 Kings 4:29). The Lord will come at an hour we do not expect—will knock on our door (see Revelation 3:20), inviting us to the wedding feast in the better homeland, the heavenly one that our fathers saw from afar, and which we begin to taste in each Eucharist. As they did, we can wait with “sure knowledge,” His Word like a lamp lighting our path (see Psalm 119:105). Our God is faithful and if we wait in faith, hope in His kindness, and love as we have been loved, we will receive His promised blessing, be delivered from death.

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

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

Fr John departs this week. We thank him for supplying for Fr Neil and for saying Holy Mass for us over the last few weeks. We will continue to pray for him and his parish in Nigeria and are assured of his prayers for us.

Solemnity of the Assumption is on Friday 15th August, when we celebrate that Mary the Mother of God who was without sin, was taken body and soul into the glory of heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, so (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 celebrated at CTK on Thurs 14th Aug 7.00pm (Vigil Mass: DW) and 12noon on Fri Aug 15th

March For Life takes place in London on September 6th. This is a chance for us as Catholics, along with our fellow Christians, to show public support and our respect for human life from birth to natural death. March begins at 1.30pm from Emmanuel Centre, Marsham St, London SW1P 3NT, finishing in Parliament Square. Mass at Westminster Cathedral 10.30am. More information later.

Hall clearance : Following our annual church cleaning day last week, there are plenty of items in the parish room which you are welcome to take away. Have a look after Mass and see if there’s anything you would like. Donations welcome. Anything left after this weekend will be disposed of.

Matthew 25 Mission is in urgent need of a volunteer to drive their small Vauxhall van to collect food donations from our main source etc. The hours are 8.am-10.30am Mon-Fri; even if you do just 1 day a week that would be great. We are also in urgent need of volunteers who can spare us a couple of hours of their time to help prepare lunch for the people we help. We are open from 7.30am-2.30pm. Please contact the centre manager for more details : manager@matthew25mission.org; tel; 01323.726960. Many thanks.

Hymns for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Opening Hymn :
CTK : (122). ‘Do not be afraid’
St Jo’s : (147) ‘Do not be afraid’
Off :CTK : (190) ‘Guide me O thou great.’
St Jo’s : (233). ‘Guide me O thou great...’
Closing Hymn
CTK : (52). ‘Awake, awake’
St Jo’s : (398). ‘Love Divine’

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 Mass intentions available at both churches and special forms are available for your Mass requests.

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.

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 in Colenso, South Africa as well as for Our Lady of Ransom. Doors open at 6.00pm and the concert will commence at 6.30pm. A Ploughman’s meal will be served. There will also be a bar selling beer, wine and soft drinks. Tickets : £12 each can be ordered by phoning Mick/Veronika Lees on 654468.

‘God Who Speaks’ The summer months can offer us an opportunity to take a break from the business of everyday life. The "God Who Speaks" website has a number of resources available to those who wish to use the warmer weather and longer evenings to deepen their faith, with materials from a range of contributors available at <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/recommendations/?ct=t>

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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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Saturday Aug 9th	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Michelle Moore RIP
St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)	CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sun Aug 10th	St Jo's. 9.30am	Celia Kimber RIP
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK 11.30am (DW)	Emma Jayne Swallow. RIP
Mon Aug 11th	No Public Mass today.	(Oisin Hoy RIP)
St Clare		
Tues Aug 12th St Jane Francis de Chantal	CTK. : 10.00am Mass	For Priests
Wed Aug 13th	St Jo’s : 10.00am	Thanksgiving
Ss Pontian & Hippolytus		
Thurs Aug 14th	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests.	
Vigil of the Assumption of Our Lady	CTK : 7.00pm High Mass. (DW)	Sean Duggan
Fri Aug 15th	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 12.00noon : Mass	Alexander Cassidy
Sat Aug 16th Our Lady’s Saturday	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Jane Hollands RIP
Sun Aug 17th. 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo’s. : 9.30am Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	For our Community Jane Hollands 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, Bernadette Chandler

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