

Scott Hahn reflects on this weekend’s readings :

Our God is a consuming fire, Scripture tells us (see [Heb. 12:29](#); [Deut. 4:24](#)). And in this week’s Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship. The fire he has come to cast on the earth is the fire that he wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see [Gen. 2:7](#)), and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in baptism (see [Luke 3:16](#)). We were baptised into his death (see [Rom. 6:3](#)). This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which he must be baptised is his passion and death, by which he accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see [Acts 2:3](#)). The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God’s word (see [1 Cor. 3:13](#)). In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week’s Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week. But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters. Being his disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see [Jer. 8:11](#)). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood. But Christ is our peace (see [Eph. 2:14](#)). By his cross, he has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death — as he will rescue the prophet Jeremiah (see [Jer. 38:10](#)). And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer.

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

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

Change of Mass times this week. Please note that on Friday 22nd August, Mass at CTK will be at 11.00am as Fr Neil has a wedding at 1.00pm at OLR.

Fr John’s collection. Fr Neil mentioned last week that we will have a collection this weekend for Fr John’s parish in Nigeria. He is in the process of building a youth centre for the school and church. The main structure is completed but the decorating and furnishings for the centre need to be added. He would also like to purchase musical instruments for the youth of the parish to use for school and church activities. He has estimated that it will cost £2000 to finish the project. Our donations this weekend will go a long way to support this excellent work as well as showing our appreciation for Fr John’s time with us over the last few weeks.

DONA Machine has been repaired and is now available for use. If you have no cash you can still make a contribution to the parish finances by tapping your debit or credit card on the machine. Contributions via the machine had increased before the issues we had a few months ago.

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.

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 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Opening Hymn :
CTK : (213) ‘Holy God we praise thy name’
St Jo’s : (72). ‘Be still for the presence..’
Off :CTK : (356) My God and is thy table’
St Jo’s :(496). ‘My God and is thy table’
Closing Hymn
CTK : (61) ‘Be thou my vision’
St Jo’s : (74). ‘ Be thou my vision’

200 Club winners for July 2025 : 1st prize - No 33 (Parish number). 2nd prize : No 76 - Fr Neil (£75); 3rd prize No 86 Judith Rhys (£50). Congratulations to our winners. If you are interested in joining this excellent parish fundraiser, there are forms at the back of the church.

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. 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 OLR, to raise funds for the Catholic Midlands Orphanage in Colenso, South Africa as well as for Our Lady of Ransom. The concert will commence at 6.30pm. A Ploughman's meal will be served. Tickets : £12 each can be ordered by phoning 01323.654468.

‘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>

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.

Late Summer Fayre 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. Please see Amanda for questions and a poster. Thank you.

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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 now available at the back of CTK. Thanks to all who use this method of payment.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Saturday Aug16th Our Lady’s Saturday	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : 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 CTK 11.30am (DW)	For our Community Jane Hollands RIP
Mon Aug 18th	No Public Mass today.	(Anna)
Tues Aug 19th St John Eudes	CTK. : 10.00am Mass	Noreen
Wed Aug 20th St Bernard	St Jo’s : 10.00am	Holy Souls win Purgatory
Thurs Aug 21st St Pius X	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests. CTK : 7.00pm Mass. (DW)	Con & Mary Cronin RIP
Fri Aug 22nd Queenship of the BVM	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 11.00am : Mass	Thanksgiving
Sat Aug 23rd Our Lady’s Saturday	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Elio Bracuti RIP
Sun Aug 24th. 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo’s. : 9.30am Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	People of the parish Noreen McCormack

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 soul of : Jane Hollands