

Scott Hahn reflects on this weekend’s readings :

We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today’s First Reading, and the message of today’s Gospel. Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all (see Luke 22:24-27). This is the way he showed us, humbling himself to come among us as a man (see Philippians 2:5-8), as one who serves, as the bearer of glad tidings to the poor (see Luke 4:18).

This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages — filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud (see Luke 1:52-53).

We again call to mind the Exodus in today’s Psalm — how in his goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them his inheritance, becoming a “Father of orphans.”

We now too have gained a share of his inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from his table (see Luke 6:7; 15:21). We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favour with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins, and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous.

We anticipate the fulfilment of those promises in every Eucharist, today’s Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God, the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher (see Proverbs 25:6-7).

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

March For Life takes place next weekend 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. Brighton has one of the highest rates of abortion in the country with 40% of pregnancies ending in termination. March begins at 1.30pm from Emmanuel Centre, Marsham St, London SW1P 3NT, finishing in Parliament Square. Mass at Westminster Cathedral 10.30am.

CWL meets on Wed 3rd September in the parish room at CTK 7-9.00pm.

CTK Seniors meets on Sept 10th 11.30-1.30pm in the parish room. Come along and spend time with fellow parishioners. There will be tea and coffee available, and a light lunch.

Family Adoration will resume on September 6th 11.00-11.30am at CTK. Come along as a family and spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for our families, friends and the parish community.

Late Summer Fayre and Garden Party at CTK on September 20th, 10.30am-2.30pm, BBQ at 11.00am. Can you bake? We need cakes to sell on the day. Please speak to Amanda. We are still in need of donations for our tombola, please leave in the box at the back of the church. Posters are available to promote at your work, pop in your car window or at home etc. Thank you.

Worship & Prayer for our town and area. As part of the National Week of Prayer, Eastbourne Christians are invited to take part in worship and prayer for our town and area. Next Saturday, Sept 6th, 10.00am-2.30pm. Starting at Beachy Head at 10.00am, and finishing at Bankers Corner, Terminus Rd, at 1.30pm. See poster at the back of the church.

Hymns for 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Opening Hymn :
CTK : (25). ‘All my hope..’
St Jo’s : (88). ‘Blest are the pure in heart’
Off :CTK : (300) ‘Let all mortal flesh..’
St Jo’s : (215). ‘God is love’
Closing Hymn
CTK : (449). ‘Praise my soul’
St Jo’s : (684). ‘Tell out my soul’

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](#).

Mike Smitherman and Pauline Rush
Congratulations to the above parishioners of St Joachim’s who are celebrating at this time ‘special’ birthdays. May the Lord bless them and keep them safe in his loving care.

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.

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.

Bible Alive for September/October is available at the back of the church. It contains a comment on scripture readings for each day at Mass and reflections about our Catholic faith. Donations welcome.

Holy Rosaries : we have been given a number of rosaries from Medjugorje; they are free of charge and are available at the back of the church. This is a good opportunity to take up this excellent prayer and devotion to Our Lady.

Festival of Hope for the Jubilee Year of Hope and the 60th anniversary of the Diocese. Saturday 20th September 10am-4.30pm at the South of England Showground, Ardingly.

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Saturday Aug 30th Sts Margaret Ward, Anne Line, Margaret Clitherow	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Members of CWL
Sun Aug 31st 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo's. 9.30am CTK 11.30am (DW)	People of the parish Stephen Graves RIP
Mon Sep 1st	No Public Mass today.	(Tony Hickey)
Tues Sep 2nd	CTK. : 10.00am Mass	Patsy Harber RIP
Wed Sep 3rd St Gregory the Great	St Jo’s : 10.00am	Aneta
Thurs Sep 4th St Cuthbert	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests. CTK : 7.00pm Mass. (DW)	Freda Moon
Fri Sep 5th	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 12noon : Mass	Jim Meek
Sat Sep 6th Our Lady’s Saturday	11.00am. CTK. Family Exposition CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Angela de la Motte
Sun Sep 7th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo’s. : 9.30am Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Otto Weidemann RIP Juan Elia Jonsay 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, Eileen Lynch, Liam Lynch, Agostinha Martins,