

Scott Hahn reflects on this weekend’s readings :

Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus. Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take. His words aren’t addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the “great crowds”—to anyone, to whoever wishes to be His disciple. That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to “hate” our old lives, to renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. Again He tells us that the things we have—even our family ties and obligations—can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him (see Luke 9:23–26, 57–62). Jesus brings us the saving wisdom we are promised in today’s First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom. Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world; we could never detect God’s heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on high, to make straight our path to Him. Jesus Himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today’s Psalm (see Genesis 2:7; 2:19). No more will the work of our hands be an affliction; no more are we destined to turn back to dust. We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him—no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak, ready to be filled with His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart and taught us to number our days aright.

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

Welcome and thanks to Fr Hugh who is saying the Vigil Mass for us this weekend while Fr Neil is attending the March for Life in London.

St Carlo Acutis will be canonised by Pope Leo on Sunday 7th Sep in St Peter’s Basilica, Rome. We ask the intercession of St Carlo for our parish and especially our young people.

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.

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.

Congratulations to St Richard’s Catholic College, Bexhill. Once again the highest performing school in the county for GCSE results. 86% of pupils secured strong passes in English and Maths, (41% achieving grades 7-9, 30% of whom with a top grade 9). The staff, Governors, pupils and families would like to thank parishioners for their ongoing support for the school. Please remember them in your prayers as they start the new term.

200 Club Winners : Congratulations to : 1st: No 75 Sue Stevens £100; 2nd: No 92 Parish No; 3rd: No 19 Laura Fear £50. If you would like to join this excellent parish fundraising activity, please collect a form at the back of the church.

Eucharistic Festival on October 10th with Cardinal Vincent Nichols in Westminster Cathedral, including Veneration of a Relic of the newly canonised St Carlo Acutis. For further information, click on : <https://rcdow.org.news/Celebrating-BI-Carlo-Acutis-Canonisation-Diocese-of-Westminster>

Hymns for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Opening CTK (210). ‘He who would valiant’
St Jo’s : (248). ‘He who would valiant be’
Off : CTK : (510). ‘Take my life’
St Jo’s : (528) ‘O God our help in ages’
Closing CTK : (375). ‘Now thank we all’
St Jo’s : (512). ‘Now thank we all our God’

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](#).

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.

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.

Cathedral Mass for Altar Servers - Sat 27 Sept, 12 noon at Arundel Cathedral. All altar servers invited to a special Mass led by Bishop Richard, which will celebrate and thank servers for their service and is for anyone serving or wishing to serve. Please email aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk - Holy Mass will be followed by light refreshments (please bring a packed lunch).

Eucharistic Adoration : The Diocese of A & B is renewing and developing its Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. Come to an information evening on Thurs 2nd October, 8.00pm in St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. See poster in church.

Parish Pantomime. We need actors, back-of-house people to do prompting, stage management and front of house, welcoming audiences to the performances. Many of our 'regulars' are taking part again but the more the merrier. Our first meeting is Sunday 21st September in the CTK Parish Hall, at 2pm. See you there!

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. Forms are available for your Mass Intention requests and offerings.

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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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Saturday Sep 6th	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Angela de la Motte
Our Lady’s Saturday	CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sun Sep 7th	St Jo's. 9.30am	Otto Weidemann RIP
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK 11.30am (DW)	Juan Elia Jonsay RIP
Mon Sep 8th	No Public Mass today.	(Alex)
Nativity of the BVM		
Tues Sep. 9th	CTK. : 10.00am Mass	Michoi
St Peter Claver		
Wed Sep 10th	St Jo’s : 10.00am	Charlotte Evans
Thurs Sep 11th	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests.	Holy Souls
	CTK : 7.00pm Mass. (DW)	
Fri Sep 12th	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Sr Mary Rose Bracuti - anniversary of Consecration
Most Holy Name of Mary	CTK : 12noon : Mass	
Sat Sep 13th	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Vincenzo Statione RIP
St John Chrysostom	CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sun Sep 14th Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross	St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass	Agostinha Martins RIP
Education Sunday	CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Fr Philip Penfold 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,