

Bishop Richard reflects on the readings for mass this weekend. :

The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus is, I always find, especially strong in tone. Jesus gives the rich man no name, yet the poor man has that dignity. At the end of the parable, Jesus points out that "even if someone should rise from the dead" the rich man's relatives would not be convinced. Jesus, of course, does rise from the dead and His warning is an indication of the all-absorbing lure of riches and power.

Like the people against whom Amos speaks in the first reading, the rich man in the parable cares nothing for others.

Jesus speaks elsewhere in the Gospel about the lure of riches – in the Parable of the Sower, this is one of the things that chokes the growing shoots, strangling them and preventing the crop.

St Paul, writing to Timothy, provides us with the way forward: our lives must be marked by faith, love, patience and gentleness. We are called to be saints. This path is not an easy one – the gospels are filled with the Lord's warning of the hard road, the narrow gate, the call not to look back, but to keep our gaze on Him, that our steps do not stray.

Let us take the warning of the parable to heart, together with the guidance offered us by St Paul, that we do not fall into the traps that lie all around us, but keep mind and heart, every effort, on the building of the Kingdom of God in love and service – for this is true riches.

With every blessing, +Richard

Church Closure : CTK will be closed this week from Mon 29th Sept-Friday 3rd Oct. This will enable necessary redecoration to take place in the church as well as the replacing of the baldacchino above the altar. There will no public Masses in CTK on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Fr Neil will say the allocated Mass intentions privately. Also there will be no holy hour or exposition on Thursday or Friday. There will be the usual 10.00am Mass at St Jo's on Wednesday Oct 1st. Holy Mass is said daily at OLR at 11.00am.

Hospital Mass : On Tues 30 Sept, 12.00 noon in the Hospital Chapel. If you or a loved one are in hospital, and would like a visit from a priest, or are going for surgery and would like to be Anointed in advance, please let Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene know.

First Saturday's Devotions & Family Adoration at CTK - Saturday the 4th October : 10.30am Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Rosary. Family adoration will follow the Mass. Confessions available during the Exposition. A note for your diary: the next First Saturday – 1st November.

Cafod Family Fast Day is on October 3rd. Please take an envelope from the back of the church and return it next week. We are encouraged to fast on this day and donate the money saved to Cafod, the catholic charity for England and Wales.

Harvest Festival on 11th/12th Oct: To celebrate Harvest Festival and for the month of the Holy Rosary, the CWL will be collecting donations for the Women's Refuge and Matthew 25 Mission in Eastbourne. The items needed for the Refuge are: toiletries, moisturisers, etc. Full list at back of the church. Place your donations in the box at the back of the church until Sunday 12th October. If you would like to make a financial donation to Matthew 25 Mission, please place it in an envelope marked M25M. The next meeting of the CWL is on Wednesday Oct 1st at 7.00pm in the parish hall at CTK - please note change of venue.

Bible Timeline Course. This is free on-line course which follows the history of the people of Israel in the Bible up till the coming of Jesus. It starts on Oct 1st, from 7pm-8,30pm. Course information : www.comeandsee.org. See poster at the back of the church.

Hymns : 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Opening CTK (242). 'Immortal, invisible'
St Jo's : (301). 'Immortal, invisible'
Off : CTK : (180). 'God of mercy'
St Jo's : (302). 'In bread we bring you'
Closing CTK (140). 'Fight the good fight'
St Jo's : (219). 'God of mercy'

First Communion & Confirmation Preparation : Forms are available at the back of the church for those children and young people who wish to make their First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2026. The deadline applying for Holy Communion preparation is 12th October; for Confirmation, October 3rd.

CTK Seniors Christmas Dinner is on Wed Dec 10th, 12noon for 12.30pm, at The Smugglers in Pevensey. £14 per person; money in named envelopes marked 'Heather' by 12th Nov. Thanks.

Eastbourne Concert Orchestra presents an evening of music by Haydn and Mozart featuring Phoenix Choir and soloists, with members of Eastbourne Choral Society, at All Saints Church, Grange Road, at 7.30 pm on Saturday, 18 October. Tickets £15 available on the door, under 18's free.'

Walsingham Pilgrimage October 14th-16th, please contact Cheryl Wood for more information at OLR parish office (Mon-Fri 9.30am-1.30pm) Tel 723222.

World Mission Sunday is on 19th October. There are envelopes at the back of the church. This is the annual collection for 'Missio', Pope Leo's charity for world mission.

Late Summer Fair : Thanks to those who supported our fair last weekend. We raised over £700 which will be divided between parish finances and Chalk Farm charity. Many thanks to Amanda and team for organising the event.

New Parish Update : Our New Parish will operate from 2 Hub centres (the Eastbourne end and the St Leonard's/Hastings end). We have an excellent Leadership Group in each Hub, made up of clergy and lay reps. When we reach Advent, we will have a Single Newsletter for all churches in each Hub; our Catechists will deliver Sacramental programmes; we will have Stewardship Groups in each Hub to oversee our many buildings; we will be consulting with you all about revised New Mass Schedules in each Hub, taking account of fewer priests and giving a good variety of times. Please keep this in your prayer and for more detailed info see: <https://eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk>. God bless, Fr Kevin (on behalf of the clergy team)

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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? This week the candle is for Obikwelu family. There are forms available at the back of the church if you would like to sponsor a candle.

DONA Machine : 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. Thanks to all who contribute this way.

	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
Saturday Sept 27th	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Emma Wilson - for safe baby delivery
Sun Sept 28th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo's. 9.30am CTK 11.30am (DW)	GK Poulouse RIP Matthew Orr RIP
Mon Sept 29th Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	CTK. : No Public Mass today.	(David Sharp)
Tues Sept 30th St Jerome	CTK : No Public Mass today 12noon : Hospital Mass	(Amika Tina Obikwelu)
Wed Oct 1st St Therese of Lisieux	St Jo's : Mass 10.00am	Holy Souls
Thurs. Oct 2nd Holy Guardian Angels	CTK : No Public Mass today	(Obikwelu family)
Fri Oct 3rd Blessed Martyrs of Sussex	CTK : No Public Mass today	(Mr P I Thomas RIP)
Sat Oct 4th St Francis	CTK. : 10.30 Mass & First Saturday Devotions CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Holy Souls Vincenzo Stanzione RIP
Sun Oct 5th 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	People of the parish Micheline, Stuart & family

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,