

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

We live at a time in which the world around us is threatened by so many things: war and conflict in many parts of the world, uncertainties and unrest closer to home, a continuing disregard for the dignity and wonder of life, financial worries for many. Yet, in the midst of this uncertainty we also see fresh green shoots of faith – more men and women coming forward for baptism, increasing numbers being confirmed and a renewed sense of mission.

These green shoots of faith are a response to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, calling us to the confident faith about which Jesus speaks in this Sunday’s Gospel. Our times call us to show this faith to the world around us, to be confident in our mission, mindful that the life of the Church continues – and will continue – to the end of time. As Christ’s faithful people we must persevere in proclaiming the message of life in Him, even when the circumstances are difficult.

St Paul’s words in this Sunday’s second reading are as timely for us as they were for Timothy: “Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God.” We may face misunderstanding and rejection on account of the Gospel, but let us continue in persevering trust and gentleness in our witness to Christ, for this is life for the world.

As we enter the month of October, the month of the Rosary, I ask you all to seek Mary’s intercession for our troubled world, for peace, for harmony in our society, for a spirit of welcome for the stranger, asylum seeker and refugee and for a spirit of understanding in our homes, our towns and cities. Our Lady intercedes for us always, so let us ask her to support us in the mission given to us by her Son.

With every blessing, +Richard

Cafod Family Fast Day was on October 3rd. Please take an envelope from the back of the church and return it. We are encouraged to fast on this day and donate the money saved to Cafod, the Catholic charity.

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. To make a financial donation to Matthew 25 Mission, please place it in an envelope marked M25M.

CTK Seniors meet again on Wed 8th Oct 11.30-1.30pm in the parish room. Come along and spend time with fellow parishioners; we will also have a light lunch. Our Christmas dinner is on Wed Dec 10th, 12noon for12.30pm, at The Smugglers Inn in Pevensy. £14 per person; money in named envelopes marked ‘Heather’ by 12th Nov. Thanks.

CTK church cleaning : a new rota for cleaning the church is now available. Will cleaners please collect their rota from the back of the church? Thanks to those who already help to clean the church; if you would like to join the team, please see Dominic. Currently we have 7 teams so we clean about every 2 months.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, honouring the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. There is a guide to saying the rosary at the back of the church, as well as free rosaries available if you don’t already possess one. The rosary is said every Sunday at 10.45am at CTK before the morning Mass. *“To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His Mother”* - Pope St John Paul II

Hymns : 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Opening CTK (25). ‘All my hope’
St Jo’s : (21). ‘All my hope’
Off : CTK : (133). ‘Father I place..’
St Jo’s : (159). ‘Father I place’
Closing CTK (297). ‘Lead kindly light’
St Jo’s : (156). ‘Faith of our fathers’

First Communion Preparation : Forms are available at the back of the church for those children who wish to make their First Holy Communion in 2026. The deadline applying for Holy Communion preparation is 12th October.

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.

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.

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. Soon we will have a Single Newsletter for both Hubs; we will have Stewardship Groups to oversee care of our many buildings; we will be consulting with you all about revised New Mass Schedules in each Hub, taking account of fewer priests; more detailed info see: <https://eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk>. God bless, Fr Kevin (on behalf of the clergy team)

St John Henry Newman has been declared a Doctor of the Church, and will be formally proclaimed as such by Pope Leo on November 1st. There are copies at the back of the church of the October edition of the Catholic Herald with articles about him. It is also his feast day on the 9th October. “Doctor of the Church” is a rare title granted to certain saints whose teaching is judged exceptionally important.

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. Every Wed till Nov 19th, 7pm-8.30pm. More information : www.comeandsee.org.

Baby Loss Awareness Week is an annual event and this year runs from 9 - 15 October. It’s an opportunity to raise awareness of baby loss and campaign for better bereavement care and support. We will be able to mark any loss experienced on a memorial tree in the Lady Chapel at CTK during that week.

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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 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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Saturday Oct 4th	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Vincenzo Stanzione RIP
Sun Oct 5th 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo's. 9.30am CTK 11.30am (DW)	People of the parish Micheline, Stuart & family
Mon Oct 6th St Bruno	CTK. : No Public Mass today.	Obinna Sylvester Obikwelu RIP
Tues Oct 7th Our Lady of the Rosary	CTK : 10.00am Mass	Rosemary
Wed Oct 8th	St Jo’s : Mass 10.00am	John Galton
Thurs. Oct 9th St John Henry Newman	CTK : CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests. CTK : 7.00pm Mass. (DW)	Reena Sabu RIP
Fri Oct 10th St Paulinus of York	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 12noon : Mass	Nora Sutherland
Sat Oct 11th Pope St John XXIII	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Eithne Curran
Sun Oct 12th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo’s. : 9.30am Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	People of the parish Russell & Sonia de la Motte

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 : Fr Alan Sharpe.