

Bishop Richard reflects on our diocesan patron, St Philip Howard:

Our Diocese has two principal patrons: Our Blessed Lady and St Philip Howard. This year, St Philip’s Feast Day falls this Sunday. Perhaps we might think that a saint of the 16th Century may not have very much to say to us in this 21st Century. The world is, in many ways, so different. However, St Philip – as is the case with any saint – carries a message that is for any age.

In St Philip Howard, we see a man who knew what it was to be attracted by the cult of celebrity. In his case, it was the celebrity life of the Elizabethan Court. Today, the cult of celebrity is all around us and there can be a temptation to measure our lives accordingly – possessions, fashionable style, status, notoriety, a presence on social media.

He even neglected his own family for the bright lights of the Court, isolating himself from those who held him most dear. However, in time and through the witness of others, notably St Edmund Campion, he realised that the glitter and fripperies of the Court were hollow, without real meaning. His journey brought him home and, in time, to conversion to the Catholic Faith. This step led to imprisonment in the Tower of London, where he was to die in 1595.

From a life of celebrity and privilege, St Philip came to recognise that there could be nothing more important than his relationship with Christ in the community of the Church, and the love of his family, even though he was to be denied meeting with them when imprisoned in the Tower. His witness to the Catholic faith has brought him a different kind of celebrity – not one of worldly privilege, but that of a saint; not one of being served – but one of service.

May the patron of our Diocese intercede for us, as we seek to serve Christ in the mission He has given to us.

With every blessing, +Richard

Solemnity of St Philip Howard is celebrated on Oct 19th; he is the co-patron of our Diocese and was martyred during the reign of Elizabeth Ist.

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.

Missio Sunday : World Mission Sunday is on Oct 19th. Please take an envelope from the back of the church and return it. This is Pope Leo’s world wide charity for the support of the missionary churches.

Harvest Festival on 18th/19th Oct: A big thank-you for everyone’s generosity for the Harvest collection for the Eastbourne women’s refuge, and the monetary donations to the Refuge and Matthew 25 Mission. They will be collecting all donations during the week.

Bacon Butties will be sold after 11.30 Mass on 26th Oct, £1.50 each. Proceeds go to parish funds.

Lottery Funding. Good News : we have applied for and been granted £19,999 from the National Lottery Fund to go towards the renovation of our hall kitchen. We still need to find some money for the various appliances - fridge, dishwasher etc, but have raised almost enough for these through parish activities over recent years. Work on the kitchen should begin soon. Many thanks to David and Amanda who helped with the application process.

All Saints’ Children’s Party is on Fri Oct 31st in the parish hall at CTK, 4.00pm-5.30pm. Come dressed as your favourite saint. We will have games and please bring party food to share. We will also have fireworks!

Hymns : Solemnity of St Philip Howard Opening CTK (146). For all the saints v 1-4 St Jo’s (22). All people that on earth..
Offertory : CTK : (28) All that I am, St Jo’s : (179). For the healing
Closing :CTK (146). For all the saints v 5-8 St Jo’s : (684). Tell out my soul

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.

Thank You : we have received a card thanking us for the donation of over £400 made to Chalk Farm Hotel, a centre for adults with learning difficulties; this money was raised at the late Summer fair. See the card on the noticeboard in the church.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 : Years 10 and 11 from St Richard’s Catholic College Bexhill are invited to go as helpers on next year’s diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Places are limited so applications should be made asap to Jo Doyle, the chaplain at St Richard’s. Some help with funding will be available through various church activities. If interested contact : missdoylej@strichardsc.org.

St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School, Open day : St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School warmly invites parents of children due to start school for the first time in September 2026 to our Open Day on Wed 5 November. For further information. : Office@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk or Phone - 01323 737221.

Bible Alive for Nov/Dec is available at the back of the church. It contains reflections of daily readings for Mass and articles about our Catholic faith. Donations welcome.

200 Club numbers were drawn recently and the winning numbers are : 1st Prize £100, No 73. Valerie Woods; 2nd prize. No 87, £75, Michael Dowd; 3rd prize, No 127, £50, Sue Lahache. Congratulations to our winners and there are application forms at the back of the church to join the 200 Club.

First Saturday Devotions & Family Adoration at CTK - Saturday Nov 1st : 10.30am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Rosary. Family adoration will follow the Mass. Confessions available during the Exposition.

Hospital Mass : On Tues Oct 28th, 12.00 noon in the DGH 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.

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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.

29th Week in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Saturday Oct 18th St Luke	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Holy Souls
Sun Oct 19th	St Jo's. 9.30am	Eastbourne Catenian Circle
Solemnity of St Philip Howard	CTK 11.30am (DW)	People of the Parish
World Mission Day		
Mon Oct 20th	CTK. : No Public Mass today.	(Fr Timothy Ezat)
Tues Oct 21st	CTK : 10.00am Mass	Reyes Lora
Wed Oct 22nd	St Jo's : Mass 10.00am	Carrick
Pope St John Paul II		
Thurs. Oct 23rd	CTK : CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition and Holy Hour for priests.	
St John Capistrano	CTK : 7.00pm Mass. (DW)	Alexandra Waters
Fri Oct 24th	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
St Anthony Mary Claret	12noon : Mass	David & Dawn Baker
Sat Oct 25th	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Our Lady’s Saturday	CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Isabel Fry
Sun Oct 26th	St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass	Sonia de la Motte
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Gordon Wilkinson RIP & Kate Barry 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