

Bishop Richard reflects on our readings for All Saints.

This Sunday we celebrate the beautiful feast of All Saints. This day reflects the full wonder of the family of the Church. Throughout the year, we celebrate the feasts of those who, through canonization, are set before us as examples, teachers and guides – those who through their martyrdom, their teaching, the witness of their lives inspire us on our pilgrim journey. We seek their intercession in our need.

Today we remember the countless numbers of people - “a huge number, impossible to count, from every nation, race tribe and language” as St John described them in today’s first reading, who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. They are our family members, our friends, fellow parishioners, people we have known and loved, people we have never known. They too, like the canonized saints, pray for us. They have attained the destiny that the Lord won for us through His passion, death and resurrection – that live in the love of God in its completeness for all eternity.

In the second reading, the same John who wrote the Apocalypse – this time in his first letter – offers us this wonderful hope: “What we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as he really is.” To know God in his fullness, to be LIKE Him – this is the hope of a love beyond anything we could possibly know in this life, for it is completeness, wholeness, peace and utter joy.

St John also reminds us in the letter that we must, in this life, prepare ourselves for this destiny-beyond-description. The beatitudes of today’s Gospel provide a sure guide for our pilgrim journey.

Let us rejoice, then, in all those who share the wonder of heaven and, enriched by the gift of hope, follow the way that leads to life. Let us become a community of saints. With every blessing, +Richard

Blessing of Graves takes place on Sat 8th Nov. 11.00am at CTK memorial garden, followed by 11.30am at Langney cemetery. **Eastbourne CWL** meets again on Nov 5th, 7-9.00pm in the parish room. Please come along and spend time with fellow parishioners.

CTK Seniors meet again on Wed 12th November in the parish room. We meet from 11.30am-1.30pm, sharing with other. There will be a light lunch.

Pope Leo declared St John Henry Newman the 38th doctor of the Church on Nov 1st, recognising his great holiness, learning and wisdom. We ask St John Henry for his intercession and guidance. The Diocese includes 2 schools named after St John Henry Newman, in Hove and Hersham. As well as becoming a Doctor of the Church, Pope Leo also confirmed St John Henry an official co-patron saint of Catholic education - together with St Thomas Aquinas.

Remembering our deceased loved ones in the month of November. In November we remember the deceased members of our families and friends. Forms of remembrance will be available for you to write on the names of your departed, which will then be prayed for at Masses during November. We will also be placing Memorial Candles in the Holy Rood chapel at CTK each week. These candles will burn for a week and will be in memory of our departed family and friends. There are forms at the back of the church - please indicate the name of your departed and the specific weeks you would like. A suggested donation of £5 per candle can be offered.

Mozart’s Vespers & Haydn Little Organ Mass presented by Hailsham Choral & Hailsham Sinfonia on Sat 15th Nov at 7.30pm in St Saviours’ Church, Eastbourne. See poster at the back of the church.

Hymns for Solemnity of All Saints
Opening CTK (146). For all the Saints vs 1-4
St Jo’s (176). For all the Saints Vs 1-4.
Off CTK : (356). My God and is thy table
St Jo’s : (496). My God and is they table
Closing :CTK (146). For all the Saints Vs 5-8
St Jo’s : (176). For all the Saints Vs 5-8

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.

New Social Committee We are setting up a social committee at CTK. Come along on Tuesday 11th November at 7:00pm at Christ the King. We need your support and involvement to organise the events for 2026. Please do come along with your ideas.

Quiz night at St Jo’s. Come join the fun on 14th November at 6.30pm. Soup, roll and prizes included; bring your own drinks.

Cake sale and raffle organised by Eastbourne CWL. On Sunday 16th Nov after the 11.30am Mass in the hall. Donations needed for the raffle as well as cakes for the cake sale. Proceeds go to the Priests’ Discretionary Fund to help local people in need, as we approach Christmas. See poster in the church.

Father Charles will be speaking on "The Tensions between Faiths in Nigeria" at Our Lady of Ransom church hall on Monday 10th November between 7-9pm. Event jointly arranged with the Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle. All are welcome.

The new parish hall kitchen is due to be installed from Nov 10th-22nd; this means that the hall will be out of action during that time. All activities usually taking place in the hall will be cancelled or moved elsewhere. Thank you for your cooperation.

Remembrance Concert – Sun 2 Nov (2.30pm) in OLR: With Eastbourne Silver Band and Guests, for all who have died in wars and conflicts. Refreshments afterwards in the Hall.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for November is for the prevention of suicide. The intention is that those struggling with suicidal thoughts may find support, care, and love in their communities and be open to the beauty of life. The prayer also encourages communities to provide a listening ear and comforting presence to those who feel hopeless.

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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 candles are for Amaka 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.

31st Week in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Saturday Nov 1st First Saturday	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Fr David Rhys RIP
Sun Nov 2nd All Saints Day	St Jo's. 9.30am CTK 11.30am (DW)	People of the parish Mick Satelle RIP
Mon Nov 3rd All Souls Day	CTK. : No Public Mass today. OLR. 11.00am. Mass	(Holy Souls) Stella Cooper RIP
Tues Nov 4th St Charles Borromeo	CTK : 10.00am Mass	Shannon de la Motte
Wed Nov 5th	St Jo's : Mass 10.00am	Newman Association
Thurs. Nov 6th	CTK : CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition and Holy Hour for priests. CTK : 7.00pm Mass. (DW)	Lilli Cassidy
Fri Nov 7th St Willibrord	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12noon Mass (DW)	Basia's birthday
Sat Nov 8th	Blessing of Graves 11.00 &11.30 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Colin Penfold's birthday
Sun Nov 9th Consecration of the Lateran Basilica Remembrance Sunday	St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Denise Stilton Those who died in war.

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

Recently deceased : Dom Kevin Taggart, OSB, Derek Brand, Audrey Shadbolt.