

Bishop Richard reflects on the Consecration of the Lateran Basilica.

For many of us, when we think of Rome, we think of St Peter’s Basilica. In a Jubilee Year such as this, the entry through the Holy Door of St Peter’s is a high point of any pilgrimage. It is from the Apostolic Palace, next to St Peter’s, that the Holy Father makes his Angelus addresses and it is there that the public audiences take place, as well as significant celebrations in the life of the Church: canonisations, the inaugurations of new popes and the requiem Masses for deceased popes.

Yet it is the Lateran Basilica, built originally by the Emperor Constantine, that is described as “the mother and head of all the churches of the City and the World.” It is the Cathedral Church of Rome, and popes lived in the Lateran Palace for hundreds of years. It is the Pope’s Cathedral, for he is the Bishop of Rome.

It is for this reason that the whole Church celebrates this feast. It is a celebration of our unity with the Holy Father, the successor of St Peter.

This Sunday’s first reading, the vision of Ezekiel of the Temple in Jerusalem, speaks of the water that flows from the Temple bringing life to the desert. So it is for the Church. The waters of baptism – in which, as St Paul tells us, we die and rise with the new life of Christ – bring us to live our lives in the love that exists in the Trinity, as members of Christ’s Church.

The celebration of the dedication of any Church is a reminder, as St Paul tells us in this Sunday’s second reading, that the Church is made of the living stones of the baptised. We are the Church, called to reflect the wonder of the Gospel to the world around us. This is the mission that we have been given through our baptism – the mission that calls others to share in the wonder of the Church’s life, the life of Christ.

The Lateran Basilica, the “mother of all the churches” stands as a witness to the world and a reminder to us, who are the living stones, of the mission to which we are called, in union with Pope Leo, the successor of Peter.

With every blessing, +Richard

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

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 are 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. 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.

Lumen Christi, the programme for those young people preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, continues next Saturday, Nov 15th, 3.30-6.45pm at OLR. The topic is the liturgical year and preparing for Advent.

Pilgrimage to Poland May 2026 : our parish is organising an 8-day pilgrimage to Poland at the end of May 2026, including the shrines in Czestochowa, Krakow and Zakopane as well as visits to Auschwitz, Wadowice and the Wieliczka Salt Mine. An approximate cost is £1900, which includes the return flights, hotel transfers, half board accommodation. More information from Ilona, tel. : 07904680885.

Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at CTK now finishes at 2.00pm.

Hymns for Remembrance Sunday
Opening CTK (392) O God our help
St Jo’s (528). O God our help
Off CTK : (533). The Lord’s my shepherd
St Jo’s : (706). The Lord’s my shepherd
Closing :CTK (37). Jerusalem
St Jo’s : (44). Jerusalem

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. See poster.

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.

200 Club. : Fr Neil drew the numbers for the current 200 Club draw and the winners are : 1st prize (£100). No 177, John Carmody; 2nd prize (£75) No 161, John Carmody; 3rd prize (52). Parish Number; if you would like to join this parish fundraising activity, there are forms at the back of the church.

Important change to our weekly parish newsletter : from 30 Nov our Sunday Message newsletter will cease production and be replaced by a new Monthly Hub Newsletter (for the 7 churches of the Eastbourne). We will also produce an Information Sheet of extra news on events and weekly Mass intentions in CTK and St Jo’s. There will also be a weekly leaflet with Sunday Mass readings and prayers.

Red Wednesday, Nov 19th, Aid to the Church In Need, a day for us to support and pray for persecuted Christians around the world. See www.acnuk.org for more information

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.

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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.

32nd Week in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Saturday Nov 8th	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Colin Penfold's birthday
Sun Nov 9th	St Jo's. 9.30am Consecration of the Lateran Basilica CTK 11.30am (DW) Remembrance Sunday	Denise Stilton Those who died in war.
Mon Nov 10th	Pope St Leo the Great CTK. : No Public Mass today. OLR. 11.00am. Mass	(Alexndra Waters)
Tues Nov 11th	CTK : 10.00am Mass St Martin of Tours	Vocations to the priesthood
Wed Nov 12th	St Jo's : Mass 10.00am St Josaphat	Obinna Sylvester Obikwelu RIP
Thurs. Nov 13th	CTK : CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition and Holy Hour for priests. CTK : 7.00pm Mass. (DW)	Holy Souls
Fri Nov 14th	CTK : 10.00am-2.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12noon Mass (DW)	For all priests
Sat Nov 15th	4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	People of the parish
Sun Nov 16th	St Jo's. : 9.30am Mass 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	Annie Wheatley Amanda & Simon

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.