

Scott Hahn reflects on this weekend’s readings :

‘It is the age between our Lord’s first coming and His last. We live in the new world begun by His life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, by the sending of His Spirit upon the Church. But we await the day when He will come again in glory.

“Lo, the day is coming,” Malachi warns in today’s First Reading. The prophets taught Israel to look for the Day of the Lord, when He would gather the nations for judgment (see Zephaniah 3:8; Isaiah 3:9; 2 Peter 3:7). Jesus anticipates this day in today’s Gospel. He cautions us not to be deceived by those claiming “the time has come.” Such deception is the background also for today’s Epistle (see 2 Thessalonians 2:1–3). The signs Jesus gives His Apostles seem to already have come to pass in the New Testament. In Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation, we read of famines, earthquakes, and the Temple’s desolation. We read of persecutions—believers imprisoned and put to death, testifying to their faith with wisdom in the Spirit.

These “signs,” then, show us the pattern for the Church’s life—both in the New Testament and today.

We too live in a world of nations and kingdoms at war. And we should take the Apostles as our “models,” as today’s Epistle counsels. Like them we must persevere in the face of unbelieving relatives, friends, forces, and authorities hostile to God.

As we do in today’s Psalm, we should sing His praises and joyfully proclaim His coming as Lord and King. The Day of the Lord is always a day that has already come and a day still yet to come. It is the “today” of our Liturgy. The Apostles prayed *marana tha*—“O Lord come!” (see 1 Corinthians 16:22; Revelation 22:20). In the Eucharist He answers, coming again as the Lord of Hosts and the Sun of Justice with its healing rays. It is a mighty sign—and a pledge of that Day to come.’

Change to Mass time this week. Please note there is NO Mass on Thursday this week. There will still be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5.30-7.00pm. The allocated Mass intention, for vocations to the priesthood, will be said privately by Fr Neil. OLR have an 11.00am Mass.

The new parish hall kitchen will not be finished till December 1st; this is due to unforeseen extra work needed on the pipework and the new hatch. Apologies for any convenience.

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.

Christmas Raffle : Tickets go on sale 30th Nov. after all weekend Masses. The draw will be made on 23rd Dec. More information later. We need unused gifts and alcohol for the Christmas Raffle hampers. There is a box at the back of the church for donations. Thank you!

Next EDGH Hospital Mass : Tues 25 Nov, 12.00noon in the Hospital Chapel on the 3rd floor, next to Michelham ward. If you or a loved one are in hospital, and would like a visit from the clergy, or are going for surgery and would like to be Anointed in advance, please let Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene know.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is our Patronal Feast. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to affirm Christ's authority over all people and nations. We pray for our parish and ask God’s blessing and protection.

Hymns for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Opening CTK (15). Alleluia sing to Jesus St Jo’s (37). Alleluia sing to Jesus
Off CTK : (190). Guide me O thou great.. St Jo’s : (233). Guide me O though great..
Closing :CTK (404). O Lord my God St Jo’s : (568). O Lord my God.

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.

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.

First Saturday’s Devotions & Family Adoration at CTK - Saturday 6th December: 10.30am Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Rosary. Family adoration will follow the Mass. Confessions available during the Exposition.

Crowborough Choral Society presents Mozart’s Mass in C Minor with the Hastings Philharmonic Orchestra, musical director Anthony Osborne. Sat 29th November at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Chapel Green, Crowborough. Tickets £20. See poster at the back of the church.

The ‘Rorate Caeli Mass’ is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered, by candlelight, just before dawn. The Mass takes its title (‘Rorate Caeli’) from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon: ‘Drop down dew from above, let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour’ (Isaiah 45:8). The ‘Rorate Caeli Mass’ will be offered at 6.30am at OLR on the 3 Fridays of Advent, Dec 5th/12th/19th.

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.

Community Christmas lunch on Sunday Dec 7th after the 11.30am Mass. More details later.

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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

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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.

	33rd Week in Ordinary Time	Mass Intentions
Saturday Nov 15th	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	People of the parish
Sun Nov 16th	St Jo's. 9.30am CTK 11.30am (DW)	Annie Wheatley Amanda & Simon
Mon Nov 17th	CTK. : No Public Mass today. OLR. 11.00am. Mass	(Sergio Mieres)
Tues Nov 18th	CTK : 10.00am Mass	Celia Osario
Wed Nov 19th	St Jo’s : Mass 10.00am	All Souls
Thurs. Nov 20th	OLR. : 11.00am Mass CTK : CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition and Holy Hour for priests.	
Fri Nov 21st	CTK : 10.00am-2.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12noon Mass (DW)	Alexander’s Birthday
Sat Nov 22nd St Cecilia	4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Spencer Creswell
Sun Nov 23rd	St Jo’s. : 9.30am Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	People of the Parish Antonietta Bracuti 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