



Second Sunday after Epiphany

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Scott Hahn reflects on Jesus as the Lamb of God.

Jesus speaks through the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading.

He tells us of the mission given to him by the Father from the womb: "The Lord said to me: 'You are my servant.'"

Servant and Son, our Lord was sent to lead a new exodus — to raise up the exiled tribes of Israel, to gather and restore them to God. More than that, he was to be a light to the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (see Acts 13:46-47).

Before the first exodus, a lamb was offered in sacrifice and its blood painted on the Israelites' door posts. The blood of the lamb identified their homes and the Lord "passed over" these in executing judgment on the Egyptians (see Exodus 12:1-23, 27).

In the new exodus, Jesus is the "Lamb of God," as John beholds him in the Gospel today (see 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19). In one form of the Gradual (Psalm 40), our Lord sings of this: he has come, he says, to offer his body to do the will of God (see Hebrews 10:3-13). In another form (Psalm 107), the song of the psalmist pre-figures Christ's redemptive sacrifice.

The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, and sin-offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins (see Hebrews 10:4). They were meant not to save but to teach (see Galatians 3:24). In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice — that they were made for worship, to offer themselves freely to God and to delight in his will.

Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of himself. And through his sacrifice, he has given

us ears open to obedience, made it possible for us to hear the Father's call to holiness, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

He has made us children of God, baptized in the blood of the Lamb (see Revelation 7:14). And we are to join our sacrifice to his, to offer our bodies — our lives — as living sacrifices in the spiritual worship of the Mass (see Romans 12:1).

Bishop David has written a pastoral letter on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the erection of the Ordinariate, celebrating the realised unity of Christians which we pray for particularly this week. Copies are available at the back of the church.

DGH Hospital Mass: The next Mass in the hospital chapel is on Tuesday 27 January at noon, situated next to Michelham Ward on the third floor. All are welcome as we pray for patients, families and staff. If you are going into hospital and would like a visit from the clergy, please contact Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene.

Funerals of the recently-departed: The funeral of Robert Cutler RIP will take place at St Joachim's on Thursday 29 January at noon; the funeral of Michael Smitherman RIP will take place on Friday 20 February, also at St Joachim's at noon.

Bishop Richard's Farewell Mass is on Friday 30 January at 6:30pm at Arundel Cathedral, and will be followed by a reception in Arundel Castle. We can take two car-fulls of people: if you can drive one of them or would like to be a passenger, please contact Fr Neil.

Parish Pantomime *Pirates of the Carrumbles*:

Tickets will be on sale this weekend for this year's panto. £5 for adults, £3 for children. Performances on Saturday 31 January at 2pm and 6:30pm; and on Sunday 1 February at 2pm. Numbers are limited so please book up as soon as possible! For further information, see the poster in church or contact Chris on 07970 929795.

'Love in Bloom' celebrating God's gift of love. Sunday 8 February at 2pm in the Parish Room at CTK. Join us for a relaxed and creative afternoon making beautiful paper flowers to celebrate St Valentine's day. £10 per person, payable in cash on the day. All materials are provided, along with tea and coffee. This workshop is suitable for adults and older teens and is a lovely way to create something special to take home. Numbers are limited so book now! To reserve your place, email gracemour@yahoo.com BY NEXT SUNDAY.

A collection for St Patrick's Church, Edinburgh, (Fr Gerard's parish) was taken up recently as a mark of support in view of the damage done to his church over the Christmas period. We have sent **£672.12** and continue to remember them in our prayers. Thank you for your generosity.

Crib Offerings are donated to the Catholic Children's Society (A&B Crisis Fund), which supports needy families. The crib will be in church until Candlemas on 2 February.

Pilgrimage to Poland May 2026: the parish is organising a seven-day pilgrimage to Poland from 26 May to 1 June 2026, including the shrine in Częstochowa and the Divine Mercy Basilica in Krakow as well as visits to Auschwitz, Wadowice and the Wieliczka Salt Mine. Masses will be celebrated by Fr Neil in different churches each day. We have been able to improve on the offer which was first advertised, although costs can change. The price is now £995pp sharing or £1200 in a single room, which also includes return flights, airport duty and taxes, one suitcase, six nights' half-board (dinner, bed and breakfast), excursions and a travel representative. More information from Ilona on 07904 680885. If you are interested,

please put your name on the list at the back of the churches or call Ilona.

The Eastbourne Ordinariate website

(eastbourneordinariate.org.uk) is to have software upgraded this week. It won't look any different afterwards, but there will be a couple of days of intermittent disruption.

Phoenix Choir Eastbourne & Maastricht

present *The Messiah* by George Frideric Handel with international soloists and a baroque orchestra on 7 February 2026 at 7pm at All Saints' Church, Grange Road. See the poster at the back of the church.

Notices for this leaflet and/or the Deanery Newsletter should be sent to Dominic via the parish's current email address of priest.ctlk@icloud.com. There won't be a deanery newsletter published for February, though.

You can sign up to receive news from the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/ABnewslist> or point your smartphone at the QR code here. The email usually arrives on Thursdays.



You can sign up to receive news from the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham by visiting their website at ordinariate.org.uk: enter your email address about halfway down the page. Their recent email features the pastoral letter from Bishop David.



Votive Candles: Would you like to sponsor a candle for a personal intention or a special need at CTK? There are Masses available at both churches. Request forms for candles or Masses are available, which each include a card to give to those being prayed for. This week, candles have been given for Amaka Obikweklu, Bridget Edkins and Elizabeth Clark.

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, Vicky Ferrera, and baby Autumn.

And we pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, especially Maria Betts RIP, Mick Smitherman RIP, and Robert Cutler RIP who have recently died, and all those who have no-one to pray for them.

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for January is for prayer with the Word of God: 'Let us pray that praying with the Word of God nourishes our lives and brings hope to our communities, building a more fraternal and missionary Church.'

If you have inadvertently taken Mass cards or booklets home from CTK or St Joachim's, please bring them back. Thank you for those which have already been returned.

Special dates for this year:

Septuagesima Sunday: 1 February
Ash Wednesday: 18 February
Sacred Triduum: Thursday 2–Saturday 4 April
Easter Day ✠: 5 April
Ascension Day ✠: 14 May (Thursday)
Pentecost: 24 May
Corpus Christi: 7 June (Sunday)
SS Peter & Paul ✠: 28 June (Sunday)
SS Joachim & Anne: 26 July (Sunday)
Assumption of Our Lady ✠: 16 August (Sunday)
Our Lady of Walsingham: 24 September (Thur)
All Saints ✠: 1 November (Sunday)
Christ the King: 22 November (Sunday)
Advent Sunday: 29 November
Christmas Day ✠: 25 December (Friday)

Days marked ✠, and all Sundays, are Holy Days of Obligation.

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Week of the Second Sunday after Epiphany

(Week 2) (Year A) (Year II)

Day		Location*	Intention
	Vigil Mass of Sunday NO	5:00 pm CTK	Fr Gerard
Sunday 18 January SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	Mass NO	9:30 am St Jo	Dorothy Davies RIP
	Sung Mass DW	11:30 am CTK	For our Community
Monday 19 January <i>S Wulstan B</i>	Mass NO Private Mass	11:00 am OLR	As advertised Nikol
Tuesday 20 January <i>S Fabian PpM; S Sebastian M</i>	Mass NO	12:00 noon CTK	Pad McCormack RIP
Wednesday 21 January <i>S Agnes VM</i>	Mass NO	10:00 am St Jo	Norah & Geoffrey Stalker
Thursday 22 January <i>S Vincent DnM</i>	Exposition; confession; Holy Hour	5:30 pm CTK	For priests
	Mass DW	7:00 pm CTK	People of Armenia
Friday 23 January <i>Feria</i>	Mass NO Exposition, confession following Mass	10:00 am CTK	McCormack family
Saturday 24 January <i>S Francis de Sales BD</i>	Exposition; confession	4:00 pm CTK	
	Vigil Mass of Sunday NO	5:00 pm CTK	In thanksgiving for John Gaglione
Sunday 25 January THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY SUNDAY 3	Mass NO	9:30 am St Jo	Otto Douglas Weidemann RIP
	Sung Mass DW	11:30 am CTK	Souls in Purgatory

This week (18–25 January) is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

O God, who dost restore them that have gone astray,
dost gather together them that are scattered abroad,
and dost preserve them that thou hast gathered:
we beseech thee of thy mercy
to pour out upon all Christian people the grace of thy communion;
that, divisions being done away,
they may be one flock, in one fold, under one Shepherd, and do thee worthy service;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end. Amen.

DW Divine Worship (2014)
NO Novus Ordo (2010)
SM Syro-Malabar Rite (2021)
TLM Traditional Latin Mass (1962), when available

* **CTK** Christ the King Church, 3 Princes Rd BN23 6HT
StJo St Joachim's Church, 106 Brodrick Rd BN22 9NY
OLR Our Lady of Ransom Church, 2 Grange Rd BN21 4EU
DGH Chapel, District General Hospital, Kings Dr BN21 2UD
† In the Parish room: enter by the side door