



Third Sunday after Epiphany

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Dr Scott Hahn reflects on history redeemed.

Today's Liturgy gives us a lesson in ancient Israelite geography and history.

Isaiah's prophecy in today's First Reading is quoted by Matthew in today's Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12–13; Psalm 89; Psalm 132:11–12).

Eight centuries before Christ, that part of the kingdom where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived was attacked by the Assyrians and the tribes were hauled off into captivity (see 2 Kings 15:29; 1 Chronicles 5:26).

It marked the beginning of the kingdom's end. It finally crumbled in the sixth century BC, when Jerusalem was seized by Babylon and the remaining tribes were driven into exile (see 2 Kings 24:14).

Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfills that prophecy — announcing the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall.

His gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations — symbolized by the "Galilee of the Nations." Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be "fishers of men" — gathering people from the ends of the earth.

They are to preach the gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose — in a worldwide kingdom of God.

By their preaching, Isaiah's promise has been delivered. A world in darkness has seen the light. The yoke of slavery and sin, borne by humanity since time began, has been smashed.

And we are able now, as the psalmist sings, to dwell in the house of the Lord, to worship Him in the land of the living.

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.

CTK Seniors meet on Thursday (29 January) for a coffee, biscuit and chat 10:30am–12:30 in the parish room.

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-fuls 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 this coming Saturday (31 January) at 2pm and 6:30pm; and next 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.

Eastbourne Catholic Women's League meets on Wednesday 4 February in the parish room at CTK 7–9:00pm. Come along and share time with other parishioners.

Day with Mary Saturday 7 February 10:30–4:00pm. The day will include the First Saturday Devotions, Mass, Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a blessing. Bring a packed lunch.

'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 TODAY.

CTK Lenten Lunch on Friday 27 February after Mass at midday. There will be a sign-on list soon. The donations will be for Fr John Popoola's ministry with the youth with his parish in Nigeria.

Lumen Christi Confirmation candidates spent the day at Ashburnham Place on Saturday 24 January as part of their preparation for receiving the Sacrament in the summer. Please continue to remember them and their families in your prayers.

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.

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.ctl@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/ABnewlist> 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 Ian Platt RIP and departed members of the van Brakel family.

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 Lexter

D'Rozario RIP, 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.

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Week of the Third Sunday after Epiphany

(Week 3) (Year A) (Year II)

Day			Location*	Intention
	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
Monday 26 January SS Timothy & Titus BB	Mass NO Private Mass	11:00 am	OLR	As announced Divine healing for Chuka Ufendu
Tuesday 27 January <i>S Angela Merici V</i>	Mass NO	12:00 noon	CTK	Obikwelu family
	Mass NO	12:00 noon	DGH	
Wednesday 28 January S Thomas Aquinas PrD	Mass NO	10:00 am	St Jo	Deceased members of the Stalker and Bagley families
Thursday 29 January <i>Feria</i>	Requiem Mass NO	12:00 noon	St Jo	Robert Cutler RIP
	Exposition; confession; Holy Hour	5:30 pm	CTK	For priests
	Mass DW	7:00 pm	CTK	For God's direction
Friday 30 January <i>Feria</i>	Mass NO	10:00 am	CTK	Finian and Chika Ekechutmu & children
	Exposition, confession following Mass			
Saturday 31 January S John Bosco Pr	Exposition; confession	4:00 pm	CTK	For our Community
	Vigil Mass of Sunday NO	5:00 pm	CTK	
Sunday 1 February SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY 4	Mass NO	9:30 am	St Jo	Fr Charles
	Sung Mass DW	11:30 am	CTK	Violet Mercury RIP

Today is the last day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Bishop Richard's farewell Mass is on Friday in Arundel at 6:30pm.

The parish pantomime *Pirates of the Carrumbles* opens on Saturday this week with performances at 2pm and 6:30pm; and on Sunday at 2pm.

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