



Sexagesima (Sunday 5)

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Dr Scott Hahn reflects on God's light in the world.

Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world.

As his disciples, we too are called to be "the light of the world," he tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see John 1:4-4, 9; 8:12; 9:5).

All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel.

God forever aligned his Kingdom with the Kingdom of David and his sons by a "covenant of salt," salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see 2 Chron 13:5, 8; Lev 2:13; Ezek 43:24).

Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations towards the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see Isa 2:2; 60:1-3).

And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see Isa 42:6; 49:6).

The liturgy shows us this week that the Church, and every Christian, is called to fulfill Israel's mission.

By our faith and good works we are to make the light of God's life break forth in the darkness, as we sing in this week's Psalm.

This week's readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket.

We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light

must shine as a ray of God's mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved.

There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbors and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel.

So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives, "Christ and him crucified."

There are no Masses celebrated this week at Christ the King or St Joachim's as Fr Neil is away. Exposition and Holy Hours will still take place, and a Liturgy of the Word on Wednesday. Daily Mass is available at OLR and Fr Neil will celebrate the requested intentions for Mass privately. Wednesday is the feastday of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the sick.

'Love in Bloom' celebrating God's gift of love. Today at 2pm in the Parish Room at CTK for those who have booked.

CTK Seniors meet on Wednesday 11 February for a coffee, biscuit and chat 11:30am-1:30 in the parish room to meet old friends and make new ones over a light lunch.

Retrouvaille helps marriages, bringing hope and healing to relationships. There's an online programme 12-15 February. Details are available via 07887 296983 or via info@retrouvaille.org.uk.

Ash Wednesday is 17 February and Mass will be celebrated at St Jo's at 10am and at CTK at 7pm. Please bring palms from Palm Sunday back to church by next Sunday in order that the symbols of rejoicing can be turned into a sign of penitence.

Funerals of the recently-departed: The funeral of Michael Smitherman RIP will take place at noon on Friday 20 February, at St Jo's.

Those who read lessons at any service in either church (or who would like to) are encouraged to come to a training session at Christ the King on Saturday 21 February, 10:30–11:30am. If you cannot attend, please let Fr Neil know.

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

Those who serve at the altar at any service in either church (or who would like to) are encouraged to come to a training session at Christ the King on Saturday 28 February, 10:30–11:30am. If you cannot attend, please let Fr Neil know.

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.

Notices for this leaflet or other churches' leaflets should be sent to Dominic via the parish's current email address of

priest.ctl@icloud.com. Please allow a couple of weeks. The Deanery newsletter has been discontinued.

Word Alive for March and April is available at the back of the church. The booklet contains a reflection for each day based on the readings for Mass, and other articles about the Faith. Donations are welcome.

You can sign up to receive news from the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/ABnewsletter> 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. February's email contains a letter from Bishop David about the current purple season of "pre-Lent" or Shrovetide and news about this year's Ordinariate Festival.



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, although all the principal Sunday Masses are allocated until after Easter. Request forms for candles or Masses are available, which each include a card to give to those being prayed for.

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 Ferrara, 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 February is for children with incurable diseases: 'Let us pray that children suffering from incurable

diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.'

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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St Joachim's: 40-05-20 51077058.

Week of Sexagesima

(Week 5) (Year A) (Year II)

| Day | | | Location* | Intention |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| | Vigil Mass of Sunday NO | 5:00 pm | CTK | Ray Clancy RIP |
| Sunday 8 February SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY 5 | Mass NO | 9:30 am | St Jo | For our Community |
| | Sung Mass DW | 11:30 am | CTK | Katie McDonagh RIP |
| Monday 9 February <i>Feria</i> | Mass NO | 11:00 am | OLR | Michael, Raquel and family |
| | Private Mass | | | John Kimberley RIP |
| Tuesday 10 February S Scholastica V | Mass NO | 11:00 am | OLR | Dermot Geelan RIP |
| | Private Mass | | | Birthday of Chinedu Obikwelu |
| Wednesday 11 February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> | Liturgy of the Word | 10:00 am | St Jo | |
| | Mass NO | 11:00 am | OLR | Na Jose RIP |
| | Private Mass | | | Holy Souls |
| Thursday 12 February <i>Feria</i> | Mass NO | 11:00 am | OLR | Intentions of Nicola Divito |
| | Exposition; confession; Holy Hour | 5:30 pm | CTK | |
| | Private Mass | | | For priests Cassidy family |
| Friday 13 February <i>Feria</i> | Exposition; Holy Hour | 10:00 am | CTK | |
| | Mass NO | 11:00 am | OLR | Muriel and Edmund Yates RIP |
| | Private Mass | | | Sheila Swales RIP |
| Saturday 14 February SS Cyril Rel & Methodius B | Exposition; confession | 4:00 pm | CTK | |
| | Vigil Mass of Sunday NO | 5:00 pm | CTK | Rock family |
| Sunday 15 February QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY 6 | Mass NO | 9:30 am | St Jo | John & Catherine Gerharty RIP |
| | Sung Mass DW | 11:30 am | CTK | Thomas Gerrards RIP |
| Wednesday 17 February Ash Wednesday | Mass NO | 10:00 am | St Jo | Darina & Baz Wheatley |
| | with imposition of ashes | | | |
| | Sung Mass DW | 7:00 pm | CTK | As announced |
| | with imposition of ashes | | | |

- 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