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Quinquagesima (Sunday 6)

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Dr Scott Hahn reflects on an Affair of the Heart.

Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that He has come not to abolish but to “fulfil” the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets.

His Gospel reveals the deeper meaning and purpose of the Ten Commandments and the moral Law of the Old Testament. But His Gospel also transcends the Law. He demands a morality far greater than that accomplished by the most pious of Jews, the scribes and Pharisees.

Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie.

The law of the New Covenant is a law that God writes on the heart (see Jeremiah 31:31–34). The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed (see Matthew 6:21; 15:18–20). Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts (see Romans 6:17). He calls us to love God with all our hearts and to do His will from the heart (see Matthew 22:37; Ephesians 6:6).

God never demands more than what we are capable of doing. That is the message of this week’s First Reading. It is up to us to choose life over death, to choose the waters of eternal life over the fires of ungodliness and sin. By His life, death, and Resurrection, Jesus has shown us that it is possible to keep His commandments.

In Baptism, He has given us His Spirit, that His Law might be fulfilled in us (Romans 8:4).

The wisdom of the Gospel surpasses all the wisdom of this age that is passing away. St. Paul tells us in the Epistle. The revelation of this wisdom fulfils God’s plan from before all ages. Let us trust in this wisdom and live by His kingdom law.

As the Psalmist sings, let us pray that we grow in being better able to live His Gospel and to seek the Father with all our heart.

Masses this week return to normal, with additional celebrations for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is this week and Mass **NO** will be celebrated at St Jo’s at 10am and at CTK at noon; and there’s an evening Mass **DW** at CTK at 7pm. All the Masses include the Imposition of Ashes. If you have palms from Palm Sunday, please bring them back by Tuesday.

Funerals of the recently-departed: The funeral of Michael Smitherman RIP will take place at noon on Friday 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 this coming Saturday, 10:30–11:30am. If you cannot attend, please let Fr Neil know.

CTK Seniors meet on Thursday 26 February 10:30am–12:30 in the parish room. Come along and spend time with old friends and make new ones. Teas and coffees available.

CTK Lenten Lunch on Friday 27 February after Mass at midday. There is a sign-up list at the

back of the church: signing up helps us cater for the right number of people. 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.ctk@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.

A new Honesty Table at CTK is a fundraising venture with the Catholic Women's League to support various charities and our own Priest's Discretionary Fund. Do you have small items at home that you would like to donate to this cause? Bring new or nearly-new jigsaw puzzles, books, cards, new tea towels, mugs, wool, costume jewellery, small toys, boxed games, books, CDs, DVDs, gloves, scarves, vases, glassware,

crockery and new cosmetics in to be re-sold from our Honesty Table. The Table will be in the church hall where these items will be displayed and sold for a voluntary donation. The charity for the months of March–April is Langney Community Centre/food bank.

200 Club numbers were drawn recently. The winners are: 1st £100 Mike Woods (number 154); 2nd £75 Phillippa Nelson (137); 3rd Parish number (21). Congratulations to our winners. Forms are available at the back of the church if you would like to join.

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. A candle this week burns for Rose.

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 recently departed, especially Margaret Chadderton RIP, Lexter D'Rozario RIP, Maria Betts RIP and Mick Smitherman RIP, and all 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, please bring them back. Thank you for those which have already been returned.

LENT 2026

Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday. Masses with the Imposition of Ashes are available: please see overleaf.

Walk the Stations of the Cross at CTK on Fridays (starting this week) at 5pm and on Sunday mornings at 10:30am.

Two Lent courses are available, *The Source of the Sacraments in Scripture* on Tuesdays after Mass at CTK, and *We Dare to Believe* on Wednesdays after Mass at St Jo's and again at 7:30pm at CTK: please see overleaf. These start next week.

Lent Lunch — Friday 27 February at CTK after Mass, which is retimed to noon. Please sign up so we can cater for you.

Men's Way of the Cross: Friday 20 March starting from OLR at 9pm. More details of this a little later on.

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Week of Quinquagesima

(Week 6) (Year A) (Year II)

Day	Location*			Intention
	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
Monday 16 February <i>Feria</i>	Private Mass			Amaka Tina Obikwelu
Tuesday 17 February <i>Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	Mass NO	12:00 noon	CTK	Ifeoma, Chinedy, Chinelo, Chikodili and Adaob
Wednesday 18 February Ash Wednesday	Imposition of Ashes at all Masses			
	Mass NO	10:00 am	St Jo	Darina & Baz Wheatley
	Mass NO	12:00 noon	CTK	As announced
	Sung Mass DW	7:00 pm	CTK	As announced
Thursday 19 February <i>Feria</i>	Exposition; confession; Holy Hour			
		5:30 pm	CTK	For priests
	Mass DW	7:00 pm	CTK	Amaka Tina Obikwelu
Friday 20 February <i>Feria</i>	Mass NO	10:00 am	CTK	Tatania Berkovitch
	Exposition; Holy Hour after Mass		CTK	
	Requiem Mass NO	12:00 noon	St Jo	Michael Smitherman RIP
	Stations of the Cross	5:00 pm	CTK	
Saturday 21 February <i>S Peter Damian BD</i>	Readers' training	10:30 am	CTK	
	Exposition; confession	4:00 pm	CTK	
	Vigil Mass of Sunday NO	5:00 pm	CTK	Mary Fitzgerald RIP
Sunday 22 February QUADRAGESIMA FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Mass NO	9:30 am	St Jo	Svetlana Vlasova
	Stations of the Cross	10:30 am	CTK	
	Sung Mass DW	11:30 am	CTK	Michael Brady RIP

Walk the Stations of the Cross during Lent at CTK on Fridays at 5pm and on Sunday mornings at 10:30am (replacing the recitation of the Rosary).

A Lent Course, *The Source of the Sacraments in Scripture*, starts on Tuesday 24 February at 10:30am at CTK; another course, based on diocesan materials *We Dare to Believe*, will be held at St Joachim's after the Wednesday Mass, repeated in the evening at CTK, starting on 25 February.

Sign up for the Lent lunch on Friday 27 February — Mass will be at noon on that day.

- 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