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## Fourth Sunday in Lent

15 March 2026



*Dr Scott Hahn reflects on physical and spiritual blindness.*

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel—as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind.

The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin" he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ.

As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth [see Genesis 2:7], Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay [see John 9:11]. As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent."

Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will [see John 9:4; 12:44]. He is the new source of life-giving water—the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism [see John 4:10; 7:38–39].

This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him [see Exodus 3:1; Psalm 78(77):70–71], David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus [see John 10:11].

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in Psalm 23(22). By his death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church.

In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the

Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing.

With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord."

"The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light"—trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.

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**Our two Lent courses continue this week:** *The Source of the Sacraments in Scripture* on Tuesdays at 10:30am at CTK, before Mass; and *We Dare to Believe* on Wednesdays after the liturgy at St Jo's and again at 7:30pm at CTK.

**Walk the Stations of the Cross** at CTK on Fridays at 5pm and on Sunday mornings at 10:30am.

**Men's Way of the Cross:** This Friday, 20 March. Beginning at Our Lady of Ransom, pilgrims will walk the Way of the Cross through parts of the South Downs and along sections of the Weald Way to the west of Eastbourne, finishing with a hearty, well-earned breakfast.

The timetable for the night is expected to be

9:00–10:00pm	Registration, Adoration and Confessions
10:00pm	Holy Mass
11:00pm	Way of the Cross begins

All men are warmly invited to take part in this prayerful overnight pilgrimage, a truly special night of walking, praying, and building real brotherhood. Find out more at [www.MensWayOfTheCross.co.uk](http://www.MensWayOfTheCross.co.uk).

**The next Community Lunch is next Sunday!** Held in the Hall at CTK after the morning Mass. Sign up today to book your place — pay on the day [cash only] at £3 each or £10 for a family of four. We're cooking jacket potato with cheese and beans with Swiss roll and custard to follow. Tea, coffee and squash will also be available. Let's gather together and share good conversation and food.

**Easter Crafting: Decoupage Cross Making:** Join us for a creative afternoon as we craft a beautiful decoupage cross, a meaningful reminder of Christ's love to display in your home throughout the Easter season. The workshop will take place on Sunday 29 March at 2pm in the parish room at CTK. The cost is £10 per person, which includes all materials, as well as tea, coffee and hot cross buns. Places are limited to twenty participants, so early booking is advised. To reserve your place, please email [gracemour@yahoo.com](mailto:gracemour@yahoo.com) by 27 March. We look forward to sharing this enjoyable time of creativity and fellowship.

**The Catholic Women's League** are holding an Open Meeting with cheese and wine at CTK on Wednesday 8 April at 7pm. All ladies interested in the movement are welcome. If you can help the catering team, please sign the list at the back of the church.

**Pilgrimage to Poland May 2026:** the parish is now organising its seven-day pilgrimage to Poland later in the year, as not enough people could participate in May. It will include 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. You can get more information from, and express an interest to, Iona on 07904 680885.

**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](mailto:priest.ctk@icloud.com). Please allow a couple of weeks. The monthly Deanery newsletter has been discontinued, but a quarterly magazine will be available next weekend.

**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.

**Keeping in touch:** within the next few weeks we will be distributing forms which will allow the clergy to maintain pastoral records of everyone in the communities at Christ the King and St Joachim's. Do look out for them.

**200 Club:** If you are a 200 Club Member who pays annually (£52 per number), payment is due by the end of March. Please put a cheque or cash IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME ON IT, marked for the attention of Mike Woods. New members are very welcome and there are forms at the back of CTK Church.

***Dream of Gerontius***, a choral work by Edward Elgar based on a poem by St John Henry Newman about the soul's journey after death: Sunday 26 April at 7:30pm in St Saviour's Church, Eastbourne, with Eastbourne Symphony Orchestra and Hailsham Choral Society. See the notice at the back of the church.

**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 at the bottom of the opposite page. 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](http://ordinariate.org.uk): enter your email address about halfway down the page.



**Votive Candles:** Would you like to sponsor a candle for a personal intention or a special need at CTK? Request forms for candles or

Masses are available, which each include a card to give to those being prayed for. Candles this week burn for the Obikwelu family and Harry Rock 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, Vicky Ferrera, Sheila Hichisson, Sharon McKechnie and baby Autumn.

**And we pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful recently departed**, especially Margaret Chadderton RIP, and all who have no-one to pray for them.

**Pope Leo's Prayer intention for March** is that that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament,

and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**The New Parish:** One of the really fruitful areas of work in recent months has been that of small focus groups, bringing together reps from the larger Hub Leadership Groups. We have focus groups looking at Prayer & Worship, Formation & Mission, Communications, Pastoral Care, and Finance & Stewardship. They are identifying lots of tangible ways we can work across our churches to enhance the service we want to provide to parishioners and to reach out to those who are not [yet] part of our communities. Soon you will all be invited, through ministries you're already exercising or as brand-new volunteers, to help in rolling out the fruits of the work of these focus groups. We are also just about to launch a new quarterly parish magazine, spotlighting good news from across all our churches.

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## Fourth Week of Lent

(Year A) (Year II)

Day			Location*	Intention
	Vigil Mass of Sunday	<b>NO</b> 5:00 pm	CTK	For our Community
Sunday 15 March	Mass	<b>NO</b> 9:30 am	St Jo	Holy Souls
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY</b>	Stations of the Cross	10:30 am	CTK	
<b>IN LENT</b>	Sung Mass	<b>DW</b> 11:30 am	CTK	Members of the Eastbourne Section of CWL
<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>				
Monday 16 March	Private Mass			Anna
<i>Feria</i>				
Tuesday 17 March	Lent course A	10:30 am	CTK †	
<b>S Patrick B</b>	Mass	<b>NO</b> 12:00 noon	CTK	Amaka Tina Obikwelu
Wednesday 18 March	Mass	<b>NO</b> 10:00 am	St Jo	Holy Souls
<i>S Cyril of Jerusalem B</i>	Lent course B after Mass		St Jo	
	Lent course B	7:30 pm	CTK †	
Thursday 19 March	Exposition; confession; Holy Hour			
<b>S JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF OUR LADY</b>		5:30 pm	CTK	For priests
	Mass	<b>DW</b> 7:00 pm	CTK	Obikwelu family
Friday 20 March	Mass	<b>NO</b> 10:00 am	CTK	Harry Rock RIP
<i>Feria</i>	Exposition; Holy Hour after Mass		CTK	
	Stations of the Cross	5:00 pm	CTK	
	Men's Way of the Cross	9:00 pm	OLR	
Saturday 21 March	Exposition; confession	4:00 pm	CTK	
<i>Feria</i>	Vigil Mass of Sunday	<b>NO</b> 5:00 pm	CTK	For our Community
Sunday 22 March	Mass	<b>NO</b> 9:30 am	St Jo	Thanksgiving
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY</b>	Stations of the Cross	10:30 am	CTK	
<b>IN LENT</b>	Sung Mass	<b>DW</b> 11:30 am	CTK	Roberto Martins RIP
<b>PASSION SUNDAY</b>	<i>followed by Community Lunch</i>		CTK	

Lent Course A, *The Source of the Sacraments in Scripture*, is held on Tuesday at 10:30am at CTK; course B, based on diocesan materials *We Dare to Believe*, takes place at St Joachim's after the Wednesday Mass, repeated in the evening at CTK.

Sign up today for the Community Lunch after Mass at CTK next Sunday.

**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

DPGH Chapel, District General Hospital, Kings Dr BN21 2UD

† In the Parish room: enter by the side door