



Fifth Sunday in Lent: Passion Sunday

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Dr Scott Hahn reflects on raising the dead to life.

As we draw near to the end of Lent, today's Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view.

That's why John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary—that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial (see John 12:3,7). His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will “die with Him” if they go back.

When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering—all details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb (see John 20:1,6,7).

Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for “dead man”—for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death.

John even recalls the blind man in his account today (see John 11:37). Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal “the glory of God” (see John 9:3). And again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe (see John 11:40).

If we believe, we will see—that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life.

By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in today's First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in today's Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin.

Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in today's Gospel—that Jesus is the resurrection and the life—even if we die, we will live.

“I have promised and I will do it,” the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in today's Gradual Psalm—that with Him is deliverance, forgiveness and salvation.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation on Wednesday will be marked with a Mass **DW** at 7pm at CTK. The morning Mass at St Joachim's is a Requiem for Fatima Goncalves Jardim Domingues RIP.

Lent courses: Lent course A, *The Source of the Sacraments in Scripture* continues on Tuesday at 10:30am at CTK, before Mass; but **neither session of course B, *We Dare to Believe*, will take place on Wednesday** due to changes to services in church.

The Chrism Mass for the Ordinariate takes place at the Church of the Assumption and St Gregory on Thursday. Fr Neil will not be back in time for the evening liturgies, although the Holy Hour for priests will still take place.

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

The next Community Lunch is today! If you signed up to book your place, stay on after coffee in the hall to gather and share good conversation and food. Pay today [cash only] at £3 each or £10 for a family of four. There *may* be a space for you if you haven't reserved one, but it's not guaranteed.

CTK Seniors meet on Thursday 10:30–12:30pm in the parish room. Come along and spend time with old friends and make new ones. Tea and coffee will be provided.

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 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. To help the catering team gauge numbers, please sign the list at the back of the church.

Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman

Association's next meeting will take place at Our Lady of Ransom parish room on Monday 13 April at 7pm. Kathryn Anderson, secretary of Eastbourne World Day of Prayer committee, will give a talk entitled *Women of Nigeria and the Word Day of Prayer*. All are welcome.

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, Ilona 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. Please allow a couple of weeks. **A new quarterly magazine** for the New Parish of Eastbourne & St Leonards is

published this weekend, and some copies are available in each church — please bring them back for others to read too. You can also find it to read/download/print online on the New Parish website, eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk.

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: Starting today we are distributing forms which will allow the clergy to maintain pastoral records of everyone in the communities at Christ the King and St Joachim's. Please complete them (one per person) and hand them to a welcomer or send, using a stamp, to CTK, 3 Princes Rd BN23 6HT.

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/ANewslist> 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: enter your email address about halfway down the page.



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

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. A candle burns this week for 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.

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.

If you have inadvertently taken Mass cards or booklets home, please bring them back. Thank you for those which have already been returned.



British Summer Time starts next weekend, and clocks go forward an hour, early on Sunday morning (8am becomes 9am). Don't forget or you'll arrive late for Mass!

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Fifth Week of Lent

(Year A) (Year II)

| Day | | Location* | Intention |
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| | Vigil Mass of Sunday NO | 5:00 pm CTK | For our Community |
| Sunday 22 March | Mass NO | 9:30 am St Jo | Thanksgiving |
| FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT | Stations of the Cross | 10:30 am CTK | |
| PASSION SUNDAY | Sung Mass DW | 11:30 am CTK | Roberto Martins RIP |
| Monday 23 March | Private Mass | | Thanksgiving |
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| Tuesday 24 March | Lent course A | 10:30 am CTK † | |
| <i>Feria</i> | Mass NO | 12:00 noon CTK | K M Abraham RIP |
| Wednesday 25 March | Requiem Mass NO | 10:00 am St Jo | Fatima Goncalves Jardim Domingues RIP |
| ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD | Sung Mass DW | 7:00 pm CTK | As announced |
| Thursday 26 March | Ordinarate Chrism Mass | 11:30 am London | |
| <i>Feria</i> | Exposition; Holy Hour | 5:30 pm CTK | For priests |
| Friday 27 March | Mass NO | 10:00 am CTK | Tom Gerrards RIP |
| <i>Feria</i> | Exposition with confession after Mass | CTK | |
| | Stations of the Cross | 5:00 pm CTK | |
| Saturday 28 March | Exposition; confession | 4:00 pm CTK | |
| <i>Feria</i> | Vigil Mass of Sunday NO | 5:00 pm CTK | Anna Janka |
| Sunday 29 March | Mass NO | 9:30 am St Jo | For our Community |
| PALM SUNDAY | Stations of the Cross | 10:30 am CTK | |
| | Sung Mass DW | 11:30 am CTK | Noreen |

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Bishop David Waller celebrates the Chrism Mass for the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham on Thursday, at the Church of the Assumption & S Gregory in Warwick Street; there is no Mass at CTK on Thursday evening. The Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton is celebrated by Bishop Gerard Bradley (Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark) at Arundel Cathedral at 6pm on Wednesday 1 April.

Holy Week starts next Sunday.

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| 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