



Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Dr Scott Hahn reflects on being Alive in the Spirit

Jesus will not leave us alone. He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us "orphans," He assures us in today's Gospel [see also Romans 8:14–17].

He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father.

We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today's First Reading.

The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons [see Acts 6:5], proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God [see Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13] and are baptized.

It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized—that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our sacrament of Confirmation [see Acts 19:5–6], by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord.

We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation—to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son.

In the verses of Psalm 66(65), we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in today's Epistle.

This is the reason for our hope—the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name's sake.

Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Peter tells us today. And as He himself promises: "Because I live, you will live."

Bacon butties will be served after Mass at CTK this morning, after the 11:30am Mass. £1 each.

Fatima Devotions will take place at CTK on the days of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima: this Wednesday (13 May), and on 13 June, 13 July, 19 August, 13 September and the vigil of the last appearance, on 12 October. We will pray the Rosary and a Litany to Our Lady of Fatima, with an intention of reparation for the sins of the world and for peace. Times for each day are available on cards in each church. Everyone welcome.

Ascension Day is this coming Thursday: it's a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass **DW** will be sung at CTK at 7:00pm, and there's the usual morning Mass **NO** at OLR at 11am. After the evening Mass at CTK there will be a little celebration in the small hall: please bring some food to share.

The days between Ascension and Pentecost are the Church's oldest novena, praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit [see Acts 1:12–14]. Resources to help you join in are available in church and will appear online too.

Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers: A coach has been booked to attend the Carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral on Thursday 4 June; pick up

point at CTK at 1:00pm. Mass at 5:30pm followed by procession to Arundel Castle. Cost £20. See the poster at the back of the church; if you are interested, please email: sandraforte40@gmail.com

Volunteering at CTK: Fr Neil recently appealed for more volunteers to help the community at CTK. We are looking for

- people to keep the memorial garden tidy on a regular basis;
- volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy at the 11:30am Mass, on a monthly basis;
- ministers to take Holy Communion to the housebound in the parish;
- more volunteers to become welcomers at the 11:30am Mass.

Support and training will be given where necessary. If you feel you can help in any of these areas, please see Fr Neil.

As part of this, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to a training session this coming Saturday (16 May) at CTK, 10:30–11:30am. If you are already an EMHC and can't attend, please tell Fr Neil; if you would *like to become* an EMHC and can attend, please speak to Fr Neil first.

The CTK accounts for 2025 are on display on the notice board at the back of the Church. These show a deficit for the year of £19,272 compared to a surplus for 2024 of £3,573. This is due to a reduction in income of £8,679 and an increase in expenditure of £14,166. The Parish, in line with other organisations and individuals, is suffering increased costs for its day-to-day operations and this with the costs of upkeep of the building increasing significantly, the total costs can only increase further. We therefore need to increase our income, which is currently falling, to meet these costs. Supporting the Parish financially, according to one's ability, is a concrete way of showing love for the Church and concern for its mission and without this support our limited funds will deplete further. If you have any queries on the accounts or would like to discuss your support further, please speak to David Cockett or email him at pfc.eastbourneck@abdiocese.org.uk.

Bible Alive for May/June is available at the back of the church. It contains reflections on the

Mass readings for each day of those months. Donations welcome.

CTK Honesty table is a fundraising venture to support various charities and our own Priest's Discretionary Fund. You can bring small items to be re-sold from our Honesty Table in the church hall: ideas for what can be brought are listed on the table. As well as supporting parish funds, the chosen charity for the months of May–June is *Adam's Light*, a charity founded by Lauren Carvalho to honour her son, Adam, who died in 2011 aged 19. The charity shines a light on suicide prevention in young people under 30, through impactful talks and workshops on mental health for schools, colleges, and organisations.

St Thomas à Becket Catholic Primary School is seeking to appoint a Foundation Governor. You must be a practising Catholic and have a keen interest in education and young people. If you can spare a few hours to support the school, please email Fr Kevin at eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk, or Stephen Byrne (Chair of the Local Governing Committee) at sbyrne@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk, for more information.

Month of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: The journey during Eastertide to Ascension and Pentecost calls us to mission. This year, the whole diocese is invited to come together for a few weeks of prayer to the Holy Spirit to grant us a missionary spirit, through the raising up of new vocations to all walks of life in the Church. Foremost among these vocations, we need priests. The priesthood is a special gift to the Church, through which Christ is always present to pour out His Spirit on His people through the holy sacraments.

Pope Leo's anniversary of Election: The first anniversary of the election of Pope Leo to the papacy fell on Friday. We thank God for the gift of the Holy Father to the Church and continue to pray for him as he spreads the gospel message to the world.

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' for your information to appear.

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.



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. This month's news includes the first issue of the online magazine *The Spring*, which features an article by Fr Neil on CTK and the Ordinariate in Eastbourne.



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 burn

this week for Steeve Davis, the Obikwelu family and Władysława Gaudyn 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 all who have no-one to pray for them.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for May is that everyone might have food: that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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For enquiries for baptism, first communion, confirmation, and marriages please speak to Fr Neil; also ring the office on 01323 760048.

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Sixth Week of Easter

(Year A) (Year II)

Day				Location*	Intention
Sunday 10 May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: ROGATION SUNDAY	Vigil Mass	NO	5:00 pm	CTK	Helen Pronga
	Mass	NO	9:30 am	St Jo	For our Community
	Rosary		10:45 am	CTK	
	Sung Mass	DW	11:30 am	CTK	Micheline in Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity
Monday 11 May Rogation Monday	Mass	NO	11:00 am	OLR	Audrey Rogers RIP David O'Conner
Private Mass					
Tuesday 12 May Rogation Tuesday <i>S Nereus & Achilleus MM</i> <i>S Pancras M</i>	Mass	NO	12:00 noon	CTK	Alison O'Conner
Wednesday 13 May Rogation Wednesday <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Mass	NO	10:00 am	St Jo	Mary Hepworth-Taylor
Fatima Devotions			5:30 pm	CTK	
Thursday 14 May ASCENSION DAY ☩	Mass	NO	11:00 am	OLR	Fr Charles' intentions
Exposition; Holy Hour			5:30 pm	CTK	For priests
Mass		DW	7:00 pm	CTK	Stephen Bergin
Friday 15 May <i>Feria</i>	Mass	NO	10:00 am	CTK	Fr Christopher Bergin
Exposition after Mass					
Saturday 16 May <i>Feria</i>	Training for EMHCS		10:30 am	CTK	
Exposition; confession			4:00 pm	CTK	
Vigil Mass of Sunday		NO	5:00 pm	CTK	Helga Edwards RIP
Sunday 17 May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION	Mass	NO	9:30 am	St Jo	For our Community
Rosary			10:45 am	CTK	
Sung Mass		DW	11:30 am	CTK	Stephen Graves RIP (anniversary)

Ascension Day falls on **Thursday**; it's a Day of Obligation. The usual Thursday Mass **DW** will be sung at CTK at 7pm, and will be followed by a little celebration in the parish room — please bring some food to share. During the day, Mass **NO** will be celebrated at OLR at 11am.

Rogation days were introduced into the General Calendar by Pope St Leo III around 800AD. They are days of fasting and abstinence in preparation to celebrate the Ascension, and for intercession for a good harvest: farmers often had their crops blessed by a priest at this time.

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
St Jo 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