



Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Dr Scott Hahn reflects on knowing God.

Jesus has been taken up into heaven as we begin today's First Reading. His disciples — including the Apostles and Mary — return to the upper room where He celebrated the Last Supper (see Luke 22:12).

There, they devote themselves with one accord to prayer, awaiting the Spirit that He promised would come upon them (see Acts 1:8).

The unity of the early Church at Jerusalem is a sign of the oneness that Christ prays for in today's Gospel. The Church is to be a communion on earth that mirrors the glorious union of Father, Son and Spirit in the Trinity.

Jesus has proclaimed God's name to His brethren (see Hebrews 2:12; Psalm 22:23). The prophets had foretold this revelation — a new covenant by which all flesh would have knowledge of the Lord (see Jeremiah 31:33–34; Habakkuk 2:14).

By the new covenant made in His blood and remembered in every Eucharist, we know God as our Father. This is the eternal life Jesus promises. And this is the light and salvation we sing of in Psalm 27.

As God made light to shine out of darkness when the world began, He has enlightened us in Baptism, making us new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), giving us knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ (see Hebrews 10:32; 2 Corinthians 4:6).

Our new life is a gift of “the Spirit of glory,” we hear in today's Epistle (see John 7:38–39). Made one in His name, we are given a new name — “Christians” — a name used only here and in two other places in the Bible (see Acts 11:16;

26:28). We are to glorify God, though we will be insulted and suffer because of this name.

But as we share in His sufferings, we know we will overcome (see Revelation 3:12) and rejoice when His glory is once more revealed. And we will dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives.

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 are available online too, appearing each day on eastbourneordinariate.org.uk and facebook.com/eastbourneordinariate.

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

Corpus Christi at St Joachim's and CTK will be marked by a Procession on Saturday 6 June, starting at 2:30pm from St Joachim's and walking to CTK. We will need some petal girls and acolytes. Parents will need to accompany their children. There is a list for you to indicate whether you can give a lift to or from St Joachim's.

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.

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.eastbournectk@abdiocese.org.uk.

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.

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, Amaka Tina Obikwelu and Luke Roarty 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.

Fr Kevin writes about progress implementing the Pastoral Plan: In recent days we had a two-day meeting of the Deans and Diocesan Pastoral Team, reviewing progress towards all our deaneries becoming new (multi-community) large parishes. Already, before Bishop Richard left us, three of the eleven deaneries have become New Parishes (Brighton & Hove, Weybridge, Guildford). Their feedback is that generally all is going well in getting new working structures in place and people are engaging with the good work to be done. Most of us, the remaining eight deaneries, are also actively working to help prepare for change, but nothing can formally happen until we have our new Bishop. In our own deanery you can follow progress and development steps via our deanery website: www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk. Let us keep all this work in prayer, as well as praying for a new Bishop!

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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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Parish Hall Bookings 01323 760048

Website: <http://christthekingeastbourne.org>
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Christ the King: 40-05-20 91127012;
CTK Building Account: "RCD A&B Christ the King Eastbourne" 40-05-20 61256130.
St Joachim's: 40-05-20 51077058.

Seventh Week of Easter

(Year A) (Year II)

Day			Location*	Intention
Sunday 17 May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION	Vigil Mass	NO	5:00 pm CTK	Helga Edwards RIP
	Mass	NO	9:30 am St Jo	Holy Souls
	Rosary		10:45 am CTK	
	Sung Mass	DW	11:30 am CTK	Stephen Graves RIP (anniversary)
Monday 18 May <i>S John I PpM</i>	Mass	NO	11:00 am OLR	Audrey Rogers RIP
	Private Mass			Brian Pronga
Tuesday 19 May <i>S Dunstan B</i>	Mass	NO	12:00 noon CTK	Helen Pronga
Wednesday 20 May <i>S Bernadine of Siena Pr</i>	Mass	NO	10:00 am St Jo	Holy Souls
Thursday 21 May <i>Feria</i>	Exposition; Holy Hour		5:30 pm CTK	For priests
	Mass	DW	7:00 pm CTK	Alison O'Conner
Friday 22 May <i>S Rita of Cascia Rel</i>	Mass	NO	10:00 am CTK	David O'Conner
	Exposition after Mass			
Saturday 23 May <i>S Petroc Ab</i>	Exposition; confession		4:00 pm CTK	
	Vigil Mass of Sunday	NO	5:00 pm CTK	For our Community
Sunday 24 May PENTECOST WHIT SUNDAY	Mass	NO	9:30 am St Jo	Prince & Teena's 15th wedding anniversary
	Rosary		10:45 am CTK	
	Sung Mass	DW	11:30 am CTK	Ryszard Stanczak RIP

- 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



This parish is part of
The Catholic Deanery of Eastbourne and St Leonards
working towards implementing the Pastoral Plan

Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. Isaiah 43:5