



Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

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Dr Scott Hahn reflects on a people born of the Spirit at Pentecost.

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people, in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15–21; Deuteronomy 16:9–11).

In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see 2 Cor 3:2–8; Romans 8:2).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we hear in today's Gradual Psalm.

In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37–39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15).

Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

CTK Seniors meet this Thursday (28 May) 10:30–12:30 in the parish room. Come along and share in friendship and fun with teas and coffees.

First Saturday Devotions on June 6 at CTK, 10:30am, include Mass, confessions and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

Cleaning and Tidy up Day at CTK: Saturday 20 June, 8:30am–1pm. There are lots of indoor and outdoor tasks to complete, including painting and weeding and more. Those who help will be rewarded with a barbeque lunch! Please sign up at the back of the church or see Amanda for more information.

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 Parish Pilgrimage to Poland has now been fixed for 20–26 September. Details are available from Ilona on 07904 680885.

200 Club: April's winners are 1st (£100) no 179 John Carmody; 2nd (£75) no 203 R Blake; 3rd (£50) no 140 a parish number. If you would like to join this parish fundraising event, there are forms at the back of the church.

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.

CTK Honesty table is a fundraising venture to support various charities and our own Priest's Discretionary Fund. 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 total collection from the Honesty Table for March/April was £307.32, out of which £150 was sent to Langney Community Centre and their

foodbank; £100 was for the Priests' discretionary fund; £57.32 for the CWL.

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.

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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, Pope Leo XIV and all clergy.

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 implementing the Pastoral Plan: Synodality is at the heart of how we will seek to work together in new parish structures. Synodality was developed firmly under Pope Francis, through the three-year process of the Synod on Synodality and is now firmly promoted by Pope Leo as the way forward for all Church life and development. **What is synodality?** The *Synod Final Report* (at §28) answers this question: "Synodality is the walking together of Christians with Christ and towards God's kingdom, in union with all humanity. Oriented towards mission, synodality involves gathering at all levels of the Church for mutual listening, dialogue and common discernment... Synodality is the path of spiritual renewal and structural reform".

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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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Website: <http://christthekingeastbourne.org>
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Christ the King: 40-05-20 91127012;
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St Joachim's: 40-05-20 51077058.

Octave of Pentecost

(Week 8) (Year A) (Year II)

Day			Location*	Intention
Sunday 24 May PENTECOST WHIT SUNDAY	Vigil Mass	NO	5:00 pm CTK	For our Community
	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
Monday 25 May Monday in the Octave of Pentecost <i>Mary Mother of the Church</i>	Mass	NO	11:00 am OLR	Holy Souls For exam success
Tuesday 26 May Tuesday in the Octave of Pentecost	Mass	NO	12:00 noon CTK	For a new job
Wednesday 27 May S Augustine of Canterbury B	Mass	NO	10:00 am St Jo	Roland de la Motte RIP
Thursday 28 May Christ the Eternal High Priest	Exposition; Holy Hour Mass	DW	5:30 pm CTK 7:00 pm CTK	For priests Helen Pronga
Friday 29 May Ember Friday in Whit Week	Mass	NO	10:00 am CTK	Obikwelu family
Saturday 30 May Ember Saturday in Whit Week	Exposition; confession Vigil Mass of Sunday	NO	4:00 pm CTK 5:00 pm CTK	Obikwelu family
Sunday 31 May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Mass	NO	9:30 am St Jo	For our Community
	Rosary		10:45 am CTK	
	Sung Mass	DW	11:30 am CTK	Luke Roarty 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