

Assumption of Our Lady

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Dr Scott Hahn writes about Mary's role in our salvation:

The Liturgy for today's solemnity forms a beautiful litany to the mystery of Mary's role in salvation history.

Mary is the new Ark of the Covenant, the new dwelling for God's glory on earth (see Exodus 40:35; Luke 1:35). Her setting out for the hill country of Judah in today's Gospel deliberately evokes the historic moment when the newly anointed King David returned the Ark to Jerusalem (see 2 Samuel 5–6).

She is the "Mother of the Lord" before whom the prophet John leaps and Elizabeth exults, as David danced and exulted before the "Ark of the Lord" (see 2 Samuel 6:9,16; 1 Chronicles 15:28).

The prophet Jeremiah hid the Ark before the fall of Jerusalem and the final collapse of David's kingdom. It was to be restored only when God came to gather His people together again and show them mercy (see 2 Maccabees 2:1–8).

In Mary, this promised is fulfilled, as John sees in His vision of the heavenly Temple in today's First Reading. She is the Ark and the Daughter Zion, the mother foretold, who would bear the Anointed, destined to rule all the nations (see Psalm 2:9; Isaiah 66:7–14; 26:17).

Assuming the place prepared for her by God at the right hand of her Son, Mary is the Queen Mother of Heaven (see 1 Kings 2:29–20; Jeremiah 13:18). As we sing in today's Psalm, her King is her Lord and she worships Him.

Mary is the New Eve, today's Epistle reveals — the woman whose offspring God promised to crush the ancient serpent and reverse Adam's sin (see Genesis 3:15; Revelation 12:9).

The blessed fruit of her womb has put the final enemy under His foot (see Psalm 8:7; 110:1), becoming "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

Caught up to God and His throne, He has taken His mother to Himself as a sign of our hope, that we too "in Christ shall be brought to life."

Thank you to Fr John Popoola, who has now returned to Nigeria. Fr Neil is collecting donations to thank Fr John for his ministry here and to support his parish.

Fátima Devotions will be held on Wednesday at 5:30pm at CTK, including exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary and the Litany of Our Lady of Fátima. This month's liturgy is not on 13th as the three children were imprisoned and unable to meet Our Lady, only seeing her again when they were released.

Young adults' evening at CTK: This Saturday (22 August), 6pm after the Vigil Mass. Includes adoration and the opportunity for confession; free refreshments and a chance to put Fr Neil on the spot with questions about the Faith. Open to everyone aged 18 to early thirties.

The Assisted suicide Bill is back in the House of Commons and due to be voted on on **Friday 11 September,** despite strong opposition from many religious groups, and significant ethical and medical concerns raised by professional organisations. Even the Prime Minister has expressed the view that the funding of palliative and social care should be "fixed" before a change in the law to allow assisted dying (also referred to as assisted suicide) is considered. Eastbourne, Langney and Hampden Park have **Josh Babarinde** OBE as their MP: you can email him at josh.babarinde.mp@parliament.uk or write to 100 Seaside Rd, Eastbourne BN21 2PF. Note that he does not accept mass mailings, but you can use the arguments at (eg) righttolife.org.uk in your own words.

Masses for altar servers, organised by the Guild of St Stephen, are to be held in Arundel Cathedral at noon on **Saturday 12 September** and at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 3 October,** 2:30pm. For Arundel, email Fr Aaron Spinelli to sign up (aaron.spinelli @abdiocese.org.uk); for Westminster, sign up online at www.guildofststephen.org/events/national-servers-mass-2026. Take lunch and vestments to both events.

Men of St Joseph: Are you looking to deepen your faith, build genuine friendships, and walk alongside other Catholic men on the journey of discipleship? The **Men of St Joseph** are being relaunched in our parish as a place of prayer, fellowship, encouragement, and mutual support. Inspired by the quiet strength and faithful example of St Joseph, we seek to grow together as men of faith, serving Christ, our families, and our community. Our first monthly meeting will be on **Tuesday 15 September** at 7:00pm. All men of the parish are warmly invited.

Forms to apply for First Holy Communion and RCIA [to formally join the Catholic Church] are now available. Closing dates are clearly marked. There's a meeting for FHC parents on 7 October at St Joachim's.

The Catholic Women's League asks for new or nearly-new small items for their Honesty Table, including jigsaw puzzles, books, cards, new tea towels, mugs, wool, costume jewellery, small toys, boxed games, books, CDs, DVDs, gloves, scarves, vases, glassware, crockery, new cosmetics. Donations during July and August will be split between Beachy Head Chaplaincy and the parish discretionary fund.

Notices for this leaflet or other churches' leaflets should be sent to Dominic via the parish's new email address of **eastbournectk@abdiocese.org.uk,** clearly marked in the subject line as notices for publication. Please allow a couple of weeks for your information to appear, especially during the holiday season.

You can sign up to receive news from the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. Go to **https://tinyurl.com/ABnewslist** 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 about halfway down the page. Use the QR code here to get there.

Votive Candles: Would you like to sponsor a candle for a personal intention or a special need? Request forms for candles or Masses are available.

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, particularly Petra Del Giovane RIP and Sandra McMeekin RIP.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for August is for "evangelisation in the city," praying that that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

At the end of Mass, please do take this leaflet away with you for the coming week, **but leave the Mass card or booklet, and the hymnbook, in church.**

In particular, **about a hundred** of the Mass booklets used on Sunday mornings at CTK have been lost. These cost time and money to produce, and we are now in danger of running out at Sunday Masses.

Please bring back Mass cards, booklets, or hymnbooks you have taken away.



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

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Image: The Assumption of Our Lady (detail)
Giuseppe Craffonara (1790-1837), 1830
Chiesa di Santa Maria Assunta, Riva del Garda, Italy

Parish of Christ the King Langney with St Joachim Hampden Park

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Parish Hall Bookings 01323 760048

Website: http://christthekingeastbourne.org
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Christ the King: 40-05-20 91127012;
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Week of the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

(Week 20) (Year A) (Year II)

Day			*Location**	*Intention*
	Vigil Mass NO	5:00 pm	CTK	Harry Rock RIP
Sunday 16 August	Mass NO	9:30 am	St Jo	For our Community
Assumption of	Rosary	10:45 am	CTK	
Our Lady ✠	Sung Mass DW	11:30 am	CTK	Amanda & Simon
Monday 17 August	Mass NO	11:00 am	OLR	Eileen Geelan RIP
Feria	Private Mass			Obikwelu family
Tuesday 18 August	Mass NO	12:00 noon	CTK	Cornelius Cronin
Feria				
Wednesday 19 August	Mass NO	10:00 am	St Jo	Holy Souls
S John Eudes Pr	Fátima Devotions	5:30 pm	CTK	
Thursday 20 August	Exposition; Holy Hour	5:30 pm	CTK	For priests
S Bernard AbD	Mass DW	7:00 pm	CTK	Thanksgiving for priests
Friday 21 August	Mass NO	10:00 am	CTK	Amaka Obikwelu
S Pius X Pp	Exposition after Mass			
Saturday 22 August	Exposition	4:00 pm	CTK	
Our Lady Queen	Vigil Mass of Sunday NO	5:00 pm	CTK	Souls in Purgatory
of Heaven	Young adults' evening	6:00 pm	CTK	
Sunday 23 August	Mass NO	9:30 am	St Jo	Holy Souls
Trinity XII	Rosary	10:45 am	CTK	
SUNDAY 21	Sung Mass DW	11:30 am	CTK	For our Community

✠ The Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation, transferred to 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
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