

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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Dr Scott Hahn writes about Peter and the Church:

"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" Paul exclaims in this week's Epistle. Sunday's Gradual Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter.

With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God's temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7).

What Jesus calls "my Church" is the kingdom promised to David's son (see Isaiah 9:1–7). As we hear in Sunday's First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David's kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God's people.

Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom's keys (see Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 22:16). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter—and all who succeed him—as holy father of His Church.

His Church, too, is the new house of God—the spiritual temple founded on the "rock" of Peter, and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (see 1 Peter 2:5).

Abraham was called "the rock" from which the children of Israel were hewn (see Isaiah 51:1–2). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God (see Matthew 3:9).

The word Jesus uses—"church" (*ekklesia* in Greek)—was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the "assembly" of God's children after the exodus (see Deuteronomy 18:16; 31:30).

His Church is the "assembly of the firstborn" (see Hebrews 12:23; Exodus 4:23–24), established by Jesus' exodus (see Luke 9:31).

Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food (see 1 Corinthians 10:1–5).

Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.

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 own parish.

March for Life UK 2026 takes place on Saturday 5 September in London. This includes Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 10:30am, a Pro-Life Family Summit (including a Youth Summit) at Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, SW1P 3DW 10:00am–1:00pm. The march to Parliament Square starts at 1:30pm from the Emmanuel Centre and ends with speeches 3:00pm–4:30pm. For more information see MarchForLife.co.uk and the poster at the back of the church.

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.

Paul Hohn RIP. We pray for the repose of the soul of Paul who died on Tuesday. We also remember Winnie, family and friends in our prayers at this time.

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.

Lumen Christi course for those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2027 begins Saturday 3 October with a meeting in the Parish Hall at OLR, 4:00pm–6:45pm. There are application forms at the back of the church.

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.

Matthew 25 Mission is still in need of tinned foods, long life milk, pasta, tea and coffee, as well as good quality clothes and items for their charity shop. Donations can be placed in the box at the back of the church; and many thanks to all who give so generously over the year.

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. This week a candle burns for the Obikwelu family.

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 Pauline Crunden RIP and Paul Hohn 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: Christ giving the Keys to Saint Peter
Vincenzo Catena (1470–1531), c.1520
Museo National del Prado, Madrid

Parish of Christ the King Langney with St Joachim Hampden Park

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Week of the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

(Week 21) (Year A) (Year II)

Day			*Location**	*Intention*
	Vigil Mass NO	5:00 pm	CTK	Souls in Purgatory
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
Monday 24 August	Mass NO	11:00 am	OLR	Doris Keogh RIP
S Bartholomew Ap	Private Mass			God's perfection and guidance
Tuesday 25 August	Mass NO	12:00 noon	CTK	Sarah McNaughton RIP
S Louis; S Joseph Calasanz Pr				
Wednesday 26 August	Mass NO	10:00 am	St Jo	Pauline Crunden RIP
Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God Pr				
Thursday 27 August	Exposition; Holy Hour	5:30 pm	CTK	For priests
S Monica	Mass DW	7:00 pm	CTK	David White
Friday 28 August	Mass NO	10:00 am	CTK	David Cockett
S Augustine of Hippo BD	Exposition after Mass			
Saturday 29 August	Exposition	4:00 pm	CTK	
Decollation of S John the Baptist	Vigil Mass of Sunday NO	5:00 pm	CTK	For our Community
Sunday 30 August	Mass NO	9:30 am	St Jo	Terry Swales
Trinity XIII	Rosary	10:45 am	CTK	
SUNDAY 22	Sung Mass DW	11:30 am	CTK	Stephen Graves 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