

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Dr Scott Hahn writes about the Cross and Salvation:

This Sunday's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision.

But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. He tests the just (see Jeremiah 20:11–12), and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see Hebrews 12:5–7).

What Jeremiah learns, Jesus states explicitly in this week's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts.

It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His gospel. As Paul says in the Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God.

By His cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach—that we owe to God all that we have.

God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in Psalm 63(62). The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship—to give our lives to the service of His will (see Hebrews 10:3–11; Psalm 50:14,23).

Peter doesn't yet get this in the Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This too is our natural temptation—to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan.

That's how people think, Jesus tells us this week. But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills.

In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see Hebrews 13:15). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet, our souls will be satisfied.

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.

Eastbourne CWL's next meeting is on Wednesday (2 September) at 7:00pm in the parish hall at CTK.

Friday this week is changed for the Requiem Mass of Paul Hohn RIP at noon. There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on that day. We continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Paul, and for Winnie, family and friends.

The Requiem Mass for Pauline Crunden RIP will be celebrated at OLR on Friday week (11th) at 11am. Her coffin will rest overnight at St Agnes' Church from 4pm on Thursday 10th.

March for Life UK 2026 takes place on Saturday 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.

First Saturday Devotions including Mass take place at CTK this coming Saturday from 10:30.

CTK Seniors return after their summer break on 9 September in the parish room, 11:30am–1:30pm and will be having light refreshment. Could those wishing to attend the Christmas meal please bring a deposit of £10. Thank you.

The Assisted suicide Bill is back in the House of Commons and due to be voted on on **Friday 11 September**. 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.

A new Children's Liturgy starts at CTK on Sunday 27 September, once a month. This is aimed at children aged 5 and upwards who have not yet made their First Holy Communion. A brief form is available at the back of the church for you to complete for your child to attend. We will meet at the back of the church near the font during the Gloria and will return at the offertory. More volunteers are needed for this to take place more regularly. If you are able to help, please speak to Fr Neil.

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 on the previous page 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, John Brady, Mary Crouch 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.

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. We have printed more, but these cost time and money to produce.

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: Cross at sunset
Anonymous, March 2017
via pxhere.com

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Parish Hall Bookings 01323 760048

Website: http://christthekingeastbourne.org
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Week of the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

(Week 22) (Year A) (Year II)

Day			*Location**	*Intention*
	Vigil Mass 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
Monday 31 August	Mass NO	11:00 am	OLR	As advertised
S Aidan B & Saints of Lindisfarne	Private Mass			Freda Swales
Tuesday 1 September	Mass NO	12:00 noon	CTK	As announced
Feria				
Wednesday 2 September	Mass NO	10:00 am	St Jo	Marina Crossling
Feria				
Thursday 3 September	Exposition; Holy Hour	5:30 pm	CTK	For priests
S Gregory the Great PpD	Mass DW	7:00 pm	CTK	As announced
Friday 4 September	Funeral Mass NO	12:00 noon	CTK	Paul Anthony Hohn RIP
S Cuthbert B				
Saturday 5 September	Mass DW and devotions	10:30 am	CTK	As announced
S Teresa of Calcutta V	Exposition	4:00 pm	CTK	
	Vigil Mass of Sunday NO	5:00 pm	CTK	Marzanna & Jarek 20th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 6 September	Mass NO	9:30 am	St Jo	Otto Douglas Weidemann RIP
Trinity XIV				
SUNDAY 23	Exposition	10:30 am	CTK	
	Sung Mass DW	11:30 am	CTK	Angela de la Motte

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