Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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From an Angelus homily of Pope Benedict XVI (31 July 2011):

This Sunday's Gospel describes the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves that Jesus worked for a great throng of people who had followed him to listen to him and to be healed of various illnesses (cf. Mt 14:14).

As evening fell the disciples suggested to Jesus that he send the crowds away so that they might take some refreshment. But the Lord had something else in mind: "You give them something to eat" (Mt 14:16). However they had "only five loaves… and two fish". Jesus' subsequent action evokes the sacrament of the Eucharist: "He looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds" (Mt 14:19).

The miracle consists in the brotherly sharing of a few loaves which, entrusted to the power of God, not only sufficed for everyone but enough was left over to fill twelve baskets. The Lord asked this of the disciples so that it would be they who distributed the bread to the multitude; in this way he taught and prepared them for their future apostolic mission: in fact, they were to bring to all the nourishment of the Word of life and of the sacraments.

In this miraculous sign the incarnation of God and the work of redemption are interwoven. Jesus, in fact, "went ashore" from the boat to meet the men and women (cf. Mt 14:14). St Maximus the Confessor said that the Word of God made himself present for our sake, by taking flesh, derived from us and conformed to us in all things save sin, in order to expose us to his teaching with words and examples suitable for us" (Ambigua 33: PG 91, 1285 C).

Here the Lord offers us an eloquent example of his compassion for people. We are reminded of all our brothers and sisters in the Horn of Africa who in these days are suffering the dramatic consequences of famine, exacerbated by war and by the lack of solid institutions. Christ is attentive to material needs but he wished to give more, because man always "hungers for more, he needs more" (BENEDICT XVI: *Jesus of Nazareth*). God's love is present in the bread of Christ; in the encounter with him "we feed on the living God himself, so to speak, we truly eat the 'bread from Heaven'" (*ibid.*).

Dear friends, "in the Eucharist Jesus also makes us witnesses of God's compassion towards all our brothers and sisters. The Eucharistic mystery thus gives rise to a service of charity towards neighbour" (Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis,* n. 88). St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus whom the Church is commemorating today, also bore witness to this. Indeed Ignatius chose to live "finding God in all things, loving him in all creatures" (cf. *Constitutions of the Society of Jesus,* III, I, 26).

Let us entrust our prayers to the Virgin Mary, so that she may open our hearts to compassion for our neighbour and to fraternal sharing.

Thank you to Fr John Popoola, who is here in the parish for a summer break supporting Fr Neil. Fr John is here until next weekend, before returning to Nigeria.

Eastbourne Catholic Womens' League: All ladies are invited to join the Eastbourne Section of the CWL on **Wednesday 5 August at 6pm** for ice-cream at Flavoroso Ice Cream Parlour, Carlisle Road, followed by an optional seafront stroll for those who wish to (weather permitting). For more information contact sandraforte40@gmail.com. See the poster at the back of the church.

Next Sunday (9 August) we will be serving bacon butties after the Mass at CTK: £1 each; profits to church funds.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory Monday 31 August (Bank Holiday Monday). Coach transport is being arranged with pick ups and drop offs in Eastbourne and St Leonards. Cost is £25 per person in advance. To reserve/book seats contact Nicola Thorne on nicola44@live.co.uk or 07806 622140.

The Assisted suicide Bill is back in the House of Commons and due to be voted on on 11 September, despite strong opposition from Christian, Muslim and Jewish groups, and significant ethical and medical concerns raised by organisations including the British Geriatrics Society, The Association of Palliative Medicine, Disability Rights UK and The Royal College of Psychiatrists. 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.

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

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.

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 Steeve Davis.

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.

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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Image: Feeding of the Five Thousand (from the roodloft from 's-Hertogenbosch)
Coenraed van Norenberch (dates unknown), 1600–1613
Victoria & Albert Museum, London

Parish of Christ the King Langney with St Joachim Hampden Park

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

(Week 18) (Year A) (Year II)

Day			*Location**	*Intention*
	Vigil Mass NO	5:00 pm	CTK	Holy Souls
Sunday 2 August	Mass NO	9:30 am	St Jo	For our Community
Trinity IX	Exposition & Rosary	10:30 am	CTK	
SUNDAY 18	Sung Mass DW	11:30 am	CTK	Claire & Martin Telford Silver Wedding Anniversary
Monday 3 August	Mass NO	11:00 am	OLR	Yvette Russell RIP
Feria	Private Mass			Obikwelu family
Tuesday 4 August	Mass NO	12:00 noon	CTK	As announced
S John Mary Vianney Pr				
Wednesday 5 August	Mass NO	10:00 am	St Jo	As announced
Dedication of the Basilica of S Mary Major; S Oswald M				
Thursday 6 August	Exposition; Holy Hour	5:30 pm	CTK	For priests
Transfiguration of Our Lord	Mass DW	7:00 pm	CTK	Thanksgiving and Holy Souls
Friday 7 August	Mass NO	10:00 am	CTK	Eithne & Andrew Curran
SS Sixtus II Pp & Companions MM; S Cajetan Pr	Exposition after Mass			
Saturday 8 August	Exposition	4:00 pm	CTK	
S Dominic Pr	Vigil Mass of Sunday NO	5:00 pm	CTK	For our Community
Sunday 9 August	Mass NO	9:30 am	St Jo	As announced
Trinity X	Rosary	10:45 am	CTK	
SUNDAY 19	Sung Mass DW	11:30 am	CTK	Sandra McMeekin 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