



Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Dr Scott Hahn writes about the First and Last:

The house of Israel is the vine of God — who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruits of righteousness (see Isaiah 5:7; 27:2–5).

Israel failed to yield good fruits and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel's kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors (see Psalm 80:9–20). But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth (see Amos 9:15; Hosea 14:5–10).

This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus' parable of salvation history in today's Gospel. The land-owner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise (see Ephesians 2:11–13). In the Lord's great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations.

This provokes grumbling in today's parable. Doesn't the complaint of those first labourers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus' prodigal son parable (see Luke 15:29–30)? God's ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today's First Reading. And today's readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God's lavish mercy.

Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late — after having spent most of their days idling in sin.

But even these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in Psalm 85 or 145. We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have ones who remain far from the vineyard.

Our task is to continue labouring in His vineyard. As Paul says in today's Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name.

We're grateful to Fr Nicholas Levisseur for celebrating the Sunday Masses today while Fr Neil leads the parish pilgrimage to Poland.

There's a **Community Lunch** after Sunday Mass at CTK. Please share the plate of food you've brought and enjoy fellowship and conversation in the Parish Hall.

Services this week are changed due to Fr Neil leading the Pilgrimage in Poland. Please see the calendar on the back page.

The **Solemnity of Our Lady of Walsingham** falls on Thursday this week. On that day there will be Solemn Evensong **DW** & Benediction at 7pm, with Deacon Neil. All are welcome.

Young adults evening: This Saturday (26 September), 6pm after the Vigil Mass. Along with Adoration, confession and over refreshments, Dr Cajetan Skowronski talks about the vocation to marriage. Open to everyone aged 18 to mid-thirties.

A new Children's Liturgy starts at CTK next Sunday (27 September), taking place 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: please speak to Fr Neil.

Bacon butties: After Mass at CTK next Sunday, bacon butties will be served with refreshments in the hall. £1 each; profits help parish funds.

The deadline to return forms to enrol your child for First Holy Communion is next Sunday. There's a meeting for FHC parents on 7 October at St Joachim's.

St Richard's Catholic College Open Evening for Year 7 entry in September 2027 is on Wednesday 30 September at 4:30pm. Application processes will be explained and there will be tours and chances to speak to staff and Paul Barber, the Principal.

Harvest Lunch hosted by CWL to be held at CTK on Friday 2 October after the Mass at noon. The donations from the lunch to go to Matthew 25 Mission. To help with catering, please sign up at the back of the church if you intend to come.

Cleaning day at CTK: Saturday 3 October from 9am. We're not intending to do any painting, just cleaning! Many hands make light work. There will be a break in church for Mass and First Saturday Devotions at 10:30.

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.

A Mass for altar servers, organised by the Guild of St Stephen, is to be held at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 3 October, 2:30pm. Sign up online at www.guildofststephen.org/events/national-servers-mass-2026. Take lunch and vestments.

CTK Seniors' next meeting will take place Thursday 8 October 11:30am–1:30 in the parish room at CTK. Please note change of date.

There will be a light lunch. Please bring a £10 deposit if you want to attend our Christmas lunch. All welcome.

Joint OLR/Newman Association event: The next talk will be in the hall at OLR on Monday 12 October, 7:00–8:30pm, by Dr Anthony Bracuti entitled "What do young people think of the direction and future of the Church?" Free: all welcome.

Beauty, Truth and Goodness: the Ordinariate Festival 2026 is being held at CTK on 13–15 October. If you can help with hospitality (no washing up is needed!) please sign up on the list at the back of the church.

Forms to enrol in the Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA) — for any adult who wants to join the Church or who has not been confirmed — are at the back of the church. The deadline for completing and returning this form is Sunday 18 October.

Bishop-Elect Stephen's Episcopal Ordination is on Monday 19 October, at noon in Arundel Cathedral. We continue to pray for him as he prepares to lead the diocese.

The new Deanery Families and Youth newsletter is available at the back of the church. It contains news about events in our deanery schools including St Thomas à Becket and St Richard's, Bexhill.

Phoenix Choir welcomes you to a free open workshop for all this Saturday (26 September) 10am–1pm at Emmanuel Church BN21 1LQ, on the corner of Upperton Rd and Watts Lane. Come and enjoy singing parts of the Fauré Requiem and explore a new requiem by promising young composer Samuel Ives. All voices welcome to enjoy an energising and inspiring morning with the choir and our workshop leader Ansy Boothroyd. Contact phoenixchoir-eastbourne.co.uk to book a place or for further information.

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.

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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 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 candles burn for Rose Hellyer and Stuart McCarthy.

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 and baby Autumn.

And we pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful recently departed, particularly Mary Crouch RIP, Pauline Crunden RIP and Paul Hohn RIP.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for September is for the care of water, praying for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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Week of the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

(Week 25) (Year A) (Year II)

Day		Location*	Intention
Sunday 20 September TRINITY XVI SUNDAY 25	Vigil Mass NO	5:00 pm CTK	Nora Sutherland RIP
	Mass NO	9:30 am St Jo	For our Community
	Rosary	10:45 am CTK	
	Sung Mass DW	11:30 am CTK	Constant Suivant RIP
Monday 21 September S Matthew Ap	Mass NO	11:00 am OLR	John Forde RIP
	Mass in Poland		Thanksgiving
Tuesday 22 September <i>Feria</i>	Mass NO	11:00 am OLR	Mr & Mrs W Carrivick RIP
	Mass in Poland		Sheila Revell RIP
Wednesday 23 September S Pius of Petrelcina Pr	Mass NO	11:00 am OLR	Intentions of Maria Nunes
	Mass in Poland		Holy souls in Purgatory
Thursday 24 September OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	Mass NO	11:00 am OLR	Bridget McDermot RIP
	Exposition; Holy Hour	5:30 pm CTK	For priests
	Evening Prayer DW and Benediction	7:00 pm CTK	
	Mass in Poland		Peter Moon RIP
Friday 25 September <i>Feria</i>	Mass NO	11:00 am OLR	Thanksgiving
	No Exposition this week		
	Mass in Poland		Harry Rock RIP
Saturday 26 September SS Cosmas & Damian MM	Exposition	4:00 pm CTK	
	Vigil Mass of Sunday NO	5:00 pm CTK	Ana Maria Fernandez
	Young adults evening	6:00 pm CTK	
Sunday 27 September TRINITY XVII SUNDAY 26	Mass NO	9:30 am St Jo	For our Community
	Rosary	10:45 am CTK	
	Sung Mass DW	11:30 am CTK	Melvin, James & Emma

Most of the usual services at CTK and St Joachim's will not take place this week.

Confessions should be available on Saturday this week: 10:45–11:45 at OLR and 4:00–4:45pm at CTK; and on request or by arrangement with clergy at OLR.

For **urgent pastoral assistance** this week please contact clergy at OLR on 01323 723222.

- 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
Crem Eastbourne Crematorium, Hide Hollow BN23 8AE
 ‡ 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