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Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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Dr Scott Hahn writes about the Humble Path:

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin?

This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day — tax collectors and prostitutes — who by their sin at first refuse to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what is right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders — who said they would serve God in the vineyard, but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8).

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in Psalm 25. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the cross (see Romans 5:14). In this He has shown sinners — each one of us — the way back to the Father. We can only come to God, to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority — that they had no further need to hear God's Word or God's servants.

But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

We're grateful to Fr Terry Martin for celebrating the vigil Mass today while Fr Neil leads the parish pilgrimage to Poland.

A new Children's Liturgy starts at CTK this weekend, 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: Bacon butties will be served with refreshments in the hall after Mass at CTK today. £1 each; profits help parish funds.

The deadline to return forms to enrol your child for First Holy Communion is today.

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 this 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: *O God, eternal and loving Shepherd, we bless and thank you for the appointment of your servant, Stephen, to the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. May your Holy Spirit grace him with a spirit of counsel and fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that he may gently and courageously sanctify, teach and govern the Church of Arundel and Brighton as we work together to build up the kingdom of heaven. May he be a shepherd after your own heart, who, with compassion and wise discernment, will care for and lead your people with the joy of the Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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.

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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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 Rose Hellyer.

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.

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.

For October, his intention is for mental health ministry, praying that it be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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Week of the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

(Week 26) (Year A) (Year II)

Day			Location*	Intention
Sunday 27 September TRINITY XVII SUNDAY 26	Vigil Mass NO	5:00 pm	CTK	Ana Maria Fernandez
	Young adults evening	6:00 pm	CTK	
	Mass NO	9:30 am	St Jo	For our Community
	Rosary	10:45 am	CTK	
	Sung Mass DW with Children's Liturgy	11:30 am	CTK	Melvin, James & Emma
Monday 28 September <i>S Wenceslas M;</i> <i>SS Lawrence Ruiz &</i> <i>Companions MM</i>	Mass NO Private Mass	11:00 am	OLR	Intentions of Gill Lee G K Poulse RIP
Tuesday 29 September SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels	Mass NO	12:00 noon	CTK	Thanksgiving
Wednesday 30 September S Jerome PrD	Mass NO	10:00 am	St Jo	Kuet Chan Wan Fong RIP
Thursday 1 October S Thérèse of the Child Jesus DV	Holy Hour; confessions Mass DW	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	CTK CTK	For priests As announced
Friday 2 October Holy Guardian Angels	Exposition; confessions Mass NO Harvest Lunch after Mass	10:00 am 12:00 noon	CTK CTK	As announced
Saturday 3 October <i>S Thomas of Hereford B</i>	First Saturday devotions and Mass DW Lumen Christi Exposition; confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday NO	10:30 am 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	CTK OLR CTK CTK	As announced Priscilla Marcial RIP
Sunday 4 October TRINITY XVIII SUNDAY 27	Mass NO Exposition Sung Mass DW	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	St Jo CTK CTK	Dermot Neilan RIP For our Community



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