

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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Deacon Neil writes following the Ordinariate Festival held at Christ the King Church last week.

After welcoming Catholics from across the British Isles, and even some from the United States, to the Eastbourne Ordinariate Festival, Christ the King has returned to the familiar rhythm of parish life.

The Eastbourne Festival has come to a close; our visitors have returned home, and the church is a little quieter. Yet something of the festival remains. Not simply the memories of conversations, friendships renewed and new ones made, but a lasting impression of how blessed we are here at Christ the King.

Over those days, it was wonderful to see so many people appreciating the beauty of our church. Sometimes, when we are surrounded by something familiar, we can begin to take it for granted. Seeing it through others' eyes reminds us of what we might otherwise overlook.

Of course, with so many people coming and going, opportunities for quiet prayer were rather limited! But while our guests enjoyed a meal together, I managed to steal away to the church for a few precious moments.

There, in the stillness, I had time to speak with the One who is always present among us in the Blessed Sacrament. No arrangements to make, no questions to answer, no jobs waiting to be done. Just a little time with Our Lord.

As I knelt there, my attention turned towards our Stations of the Cross. I have looked at them countless times, but on this occasion one stood out: the Sixth Station, Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus.

It struck me how beautifully this simple act expresses three things we explored throughout the festival: Beauty, Truth, and Goodness.

Veronica sees beyond Jesus's bloodied, suffering face. She recognises His dignity when others see only a condemned man. There is Truth in that recognition.

She steps forward, offering what little comfort she can. There is Goodness in her action.

And in that moment of compassion, something beautiful is revealed. Not the beauty of outward appearance, but the beauty of love made visible.

Veronica cannot take away the Cross. She cannot end Christ's suffering. But she does what she can.

Perhaps that is something worth carrying away from our festival. We have celebrated beauty in our church, our worship, our music and our fellowship. But beauty must never remain something we simply admire.

It should lead us towards Truth, inspire us towards Goodness, and ultimately draw us closer to Christ.

And perhaps, like Veronica, we might discover that the most beautiful things we offer God are often the simplest acts of love.



Thank you from Fr Neil, and the Bishop and Vicar-General of the Ordinariate, to everyone for their hospitality to the Ordinariate Festival last week, particularly in catering and clearing up, "front-of-house" and generally welcoming the hundred or so who gathered at CTK during the week. Everyone had a great time in Eastbourne and some really appreciative comments were received.

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 **today.**

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

Fr Stephen has recorded a short message reflecting on the last few weeks, sharing his experience of the course for new bishops in Rome, a recent retreat with sisters in the Verbum Dei community on the Isle of Wight, and the significance of the chasuble he will wear on Monday. You can view the video via the diocesan website at *abdiocese.org.uk/news/message*. The livestream of tomorrow's Mass is also available: *abdiocese.org.uk/livestream*; and the diocese has also made the order of service and other information available at *abdiocese.org.uk/news/episcopal-ordination*.

Bishop Stephen (as he will be then) will celebrate a Mass of Welcome at Worth Abbey this Saturday. Attendance at this Mass is by invitation due to space limitations.

Men of St Joseph meet at CTK on Tuesday at 7pm. This is for men seeking to grow in faith, prayer, friendship, and service; encouraging one another, learning from the example of St Joseph, and supporting one another in living the vocation of Christian men.

Children's Liturgy started at the 11:30 Mass at CTK at the end of last month. Dates for the rest of the year are: next Sunday, 25 October; Sunday 29 November; Sunday 27 December. **Please complete a short form at the back of the church if you wish your child to take part.** We are hoping to increase this to every other week in January, but to do that we need more volunteers. Please speak to Fr Neil if you feel able to help.

All Saints' Celebration: Saturday 31 October 6:30pm after the Vigil Mass. Fireworks and fun for all the family! Free. Children can dress as their favourite saint and there will be a short children's liturgy. Please bring some food to share.

Fireworks Night at St Thomas à Becket School: Friday 6 November — gates open 5:15pm for the fireworks from 7:15. Tickets £7 on the gate or £5 in advance. Full details on the poster at the back of the church.

The new Deanery Magazine is available at the back of the church, containing details of our community of communities, faith in action, formation, prayer and more. The Deanery Youth and Schools Newsletter is still available.

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.

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 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 Michael King RIP and Phyllis Willmoth RIP.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for October 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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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: Jesus and the Roman coin
Camillo Procaccini (1561–1629), c.1618
San Marco Church, Milan

Parish of Christ the King Langney with St Joachim Hampden Park

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Week of the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

(Week 29) (Year A) (Year II)

Day			*Location**	*Intention*
	Vigil Mass NO	5:00 pm	CTK	As announced
Sunday 18 October	Mass NO	9:30 am	St Jo	For our Community
Trinity XX	Exposition	10:30 am	CTK	
SUNDAY 29	Sung Mass DW	11:30 am	CTK	As announced
Monday 19 October	Private Mass			George
S Philip Howard M†				
SS John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues Prr & Comp MM; S Frideswide Abss; S Paul of the Cross Pr				
Tuesday 20 October	Mass NO	12:00 noon	CTK	As announced
Feria	Funeral: Michael King RIP	1:30 pm	Crem	
	Men of St Joseph	7:00 pm	CTK	
Wednesday 21 October	Mass NO	10:00 am	St Jo	Holy Souls
Feria				
Thursday 22 October	Holy Hour; confessions	5:30 pm	CTK	
S John Paul II Pp	Mass DW	7:00 pm	CTK	Shirley Dalling RIP
Friday 23 October	Mass NO	10:00 am	CTK	As announced
S John of Capistrano Pr				
Saturday 24 October	Exposition; confessions	4:00 pm	CTK	
S Anthony Mary Claret B	Vigil Mass of Sunday NO	5:00 pm	CTK	Aneta Michal & Alex 10th wedding anniversary
Sunday 25 October	Mass NO	9:30 am	St Jo	For our Community
Trinity XXI	Rosary	10:45 am	CTK	
SUNDAY 30	Sung Mass DW *with children's liturgy*	11:30 am	CTK	Thanksgiving for Fergus' birthday

Confessions are usually heard at Christ the King Church 6:15–6:50pm on Thursdays; for an hour after Mass on Fridays; 4:00–4:45pm on Saturdays; and on request or by arrangement.

The Consecration and Enthronement of Fr Stephen Wang as Bishop of Arundel & Brighton takes place at Arundel on Monday: please pray for him and the people of the diocese.

† Monday's celebration of S Philip Howard is a solemnity in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton.

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