

Remembrance Sunday

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November pierces with its black remembrance
Of all the bitterness and waste of war.
Our silence tries but fails to make a semblance
Of that lost peace
    they thought worth fighting for.
Our silence seethes instead
    with wraiths and whispers,
And all the restless rumours of new wars.
The shells are singing as we sing our vespers,
No moment is unscarred, there is no pause;
In every instant bloodied innocence
Falls to the weary earth, and whilst we stand
Quiescence ends again in acquiescence,
And Abel's blood still cries in every land.
One silence only might redeem that blood
Only the silence of a dying God.

Malcolm Guite

"Do this in remembrance of me." These words of Christ at the Last Supper were more than a simple command to commemorate. They are a call to awakening that in this life this important historical figure, Jesus of Nazareth, has left his mark on the world. As we come to the altar to follow this command the effects of that first Good Friday are not only called to mind, but are brought to effect having a direct bearing on our lives.

Our memory forms us; it has a impact on who we are as individuals and as a society. The Early Church Fathers spoke of the memory as being 'a power of the soul'; the great philosopher Aristotle referred to it as being the 'scribe of the soul', such is its effect. Memory informs, rightly or wrongly, and impacts our decision making and therefore our future. It also keeps the events of the past effective in our lives.

This Month of the Holy Souls is a particular time where we recall with an act of memory those who have gone before us from this life and have left their mark, directly or indirectly. It is good that we should have a season of the year for remembrance a time when we feel that that veil between time and eternity is thin, and we can sense that a greater and wider communion of saints to which we belong. The Church has settled this feast on a time in the turning of the year when the pre-Christian Celtic religions were accustomed to think of and make offerings for the dead. The Church kept the day, but it changed the custom.

The greatest and only offering, to redeem both living and dead, has already been made by Christ, and if we want to celebrate our loving connection on both sides of the veil, we need only now to make gifts for and to the living.

Today we pray for and especially remember those who have given their lives through war in service of our country. They left home and family often to foreign lands in the search of justice, freedom and peace, the effects of which we feel in our society today. The world could have been a very different place for us without their sacrifice, which cannot and must not be forgotten.

The memories we recall this Remembrance Sunday should spur us forward in the search for true harmony and peace throughout the world. As the Lord commanded the apostles to "Do this in memory of me" we gather this day praying for the graces of the great sacrifice of Calvary to engulf the whole world that we may live in the harmony for which Christ prayed; and to our fallen we say "We will remember them".

Children's Liturgy started at the 11:30 Mass at CTK at the end of September. Dates for the rest of the year are: Sunday 29 November and 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 provision 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.

November is the time for remembering and praying for the departed. All Souls' Day was celebrated on Monday; Blessing of Graves took place yesterday. Today is Remembrance Sunday; the principal Mass at CTK is a Requiem for all those fallen in service, and will start with an Act of Remembrance and the Silence. During November, you can add the names of departed whom you would like to be prayed for to lists; and you can also donate a seven-day light which will be lit during the week you choose. All the details are on the forms available at the back of the church.

The Deanery Requiem for deceased clergy and parishioners is celebrated in Battle on Tuesday this week at 11am, at Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael, Mount St TN33 0EG, praying for all departed members of the clergy of the Deanery of Eastbourne & St Leonards. There won't be the usual Masses in Eastbourne on Tuesday.

CTK Seniors next meet on Wednesday 11 November 11:30am–1:30 in the parish room. A small lunch will be provided. If you are attending the Christmas meal at the Marine on Wednesday 9 December, please bring the £10 balance for the meal. Thank you.

Pilgrims' Thanksgiving Mass: Saturday 14 November, 10:30am, giving thanks for the blessing that was the pilgrimage to Poland in September. It will be followed by some refreshments in the parish hall and a slideshow of the photos and reflections. You can pick up a leaflet of reflections this weekend. Everyone is warmly welcome.

Men of St Joseph next meet at CTK on Tuesday 17 November 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.

Magnifica Humanitas: Fr Andrew Pinsent, a priest from our diocese who is now lecturing in the United States, will speak on Pope Leo's recent encyclical on "safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence." You can hear him at Our Lady of Ransom Hall on Thursday 19 November from 7:00–8:30pm, via Zoom on the large screen. The meeting is arranged by the Newman Association and is open to all.

Catholic Women's League Christmas Tree of Giving: Again this year, there will be an opportunity to buy a gift for a child at Christmas. You can pick a bauble with some information about a child and a gift idea from the Christmas tree in the Lady Chapel at CTK from Saturday 14 November. Gifts will be distributed by the charity *Warming Up the Homeless,* who help children and families in temporary accommodation. Bring your gift and place it under the tree by Sunday 13 December.

Rorate Masses are to be held again at OLR on Fridays 4–18 December, 6:30am. If you would like to help with singing, please see Andrew (andrew.leach@eastbourneordinariate.org.uk); if you can help with refreshments/breakfast after Mass, please contact Marylou on marylou.joyofmusic@gmail.com.

200 Club: The numbers for the 200 Club were drawn recently. The winners are: 1st, 170 (Parish number); 2nd, 40 £75 Emma Encinas Steel; 3rd, 52 (Parish number). Congratulations to our winner this month. If you would like to join this excellent parish fundraising activity, there are forms at the back of the church.

Church cleaning rota: the new rota for those who clean the church at CTK is available at the back of the church. We are looking for more volunteers to help: currently it is once every six weeks; more volunteers will help us spread the load. Weekly cleaning takes about an hour.

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. This month's newsletter email focuses on the 2026 Ordinariate Festival, Beauty, Truth and Goodness, which was held at CTK last month.

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.

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, Eddy Cobb, Helen Bell (née Chandler) and baby Autumn.

And we pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful recently departed, particularly Zofia Davitt RIP, Leonard Brauner RIP and Phyllis Willmoth RIP.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for November is for the proper use of wealth, praying that — not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness — it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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Week of the Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

(Week 32) (Year A) (Year II)

Day			*Location**	*Intention*
	Exposition; confession	4:00 pm	CTK	
	Vigil Mass NO	5:00 pm	CTK	Luke Roarty RIP
Sunday 8 November	Mass NO	9:30 am	St Jo	For our Community
TRINITY XXIII	Rosary	10:45 am	CTK	
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	Requiem Mass DW	11:30 am	CTK	For all lost in service RIP
SUNDAY 32				
Monday 9 November	Requiem Mass NO	11:00 am	OLR	Melanie Rogers RIP
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Private Mass			Special intention
Tuesday 10 November	Deanery Requiem Mass			
S Leo the Great PpD	for the departed NO	11:00 am	Battle	Thanksgiving
Wednesday 11 November	Mass NO	10:00 am	St Jo	Sabu Kuruvilla's
S Martin of Tours B				60th birthday
Thursday 12 November	Exposition; confession	5:30 pm	CTK	Prayers for priests
S Josaphat BM	Mass DW	7:00 pm	CTK	Władysława & Tadeusz Gaudyn
Friday 13 November	Mass NO	10:00 am	CTK	Eastbourne & Bexhill
Feria				Newman Association
	Exposition; confession after Mass		CTK	
Saturday 14 November	Pilgrims' thanksgiving			
Feria	Mass DW and reflection	10:30 am	CTK	Thanksgiving
	Lumen Christi	3:30 pm	OLR	
	Exposition; confession	4:00 pm	CTK	
	Vigil Mass NO	5:00 pm	CTK	Ronald Crane RIP
Sunday 15 November	Mass NO	9:30 am	St Jo	Saji Mathew RIP (1st ann)
TRINITY XXIV	Rosary	10:45 am	CTK	
SUNDAY 33	Sung Mass DW	11:30 am	CTK	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
StJo 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
Battle Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael, 14 Mount St TN33 0EG
† In the parish room: enter by the side door

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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