

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

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Dr Scott Hahn writes on creating Heaven on earth.

Many saints and Church leaders have seen a connection between Christ's words in the Gospel for the Solemnity of Christ the King (see Matthew 25:31–43) and His promise to be present in the Eucharist (see Matthew 26:26–29; Mark 14:22–25; Luke 22:15–20).

For instance, Saint Teresa of Calcutta used to say of her work with the destitute: "In Holy Communion we have Christ under the appearance of bread. In our work we find Him under the appearance of flesh and blood. It is the same Christ. 'I was hungry, I was naked, I was sick, I was homeless.'"

St. John Chrysostom, the great patriarch of Eastern Catholicism, said the same thing in the fourth century: "Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not ignore Him when He is naked. Do not pay Him homage in the temple clad in silk only then to neglect Him outside where He suffers cold and nakedness. He who said: 'This is my body' is the same One who said: 'You saw me hungry and you gave me no food', and 'Whatever you did to the least of my brothers you did also to me' ... What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded with golden chalices, when He is dying of hunger? Start by satisfying His hunger, and then with what is left you may adorn the altar as well."

The Church year ends with a vision of the end of time. The scene in the Gospel is stark and resounds with Old Testament echoes.

The Son of Man is enthroned over all nations and peoples of every language (see Daniel 7:13–14). The nations have been gathered to see His glory and receive His judgment (see Isaiah 66:18; Zephaniah 3:8). The King is the divine shepherd Ezekiel foresees in today's First Reading, judging as a shepherd separates sheep from goats.

Each of us will be judged upon our performance of the simple works of mercy we hear in the Gospel today. These works, as Jesus explains today, are reflections or measures of our love for Him, our faithfulness to His commandment that we love God with all our might and our neighbour as ourselves (see Matthew 22:36–40).

Our faith is dead, lifeless, unless it be expressed in works of love (see James 2:20; Galatians 5:6). And we cannot say we truly love God, whom we cannot see, if we don't love our neighbour, whom we can (see 1 John 4:20).

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in Psalm 23 (22). And we are to follow His lead, to imitate His example (see 1 Cor 1:11; Ephesians 5:1).

He healed our sickness (see Luke 6:19), freed us from the prison of sin and death (see Romans 8:2,21), welcomed us who were once strangers to His covenant (see Ephesians 2:12,19). He clothed us in baptism (see Revelation 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:3–4), and feeds us with the food and drink of His own body and blood.

At "the end," He will come again to hand over His kingdom to His Father, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

Let us strive to be following Him in right paths, that this kingdom might be our inheritance, that we might enter into the eternal rest promised for the people of God (see Hebrews 4:1,9–11).

Children's Liturgy started at the 11:30 Mass at CTK at the end of September. This will be provided again next Sunday, and again on 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, and 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.

CTK Seniors Coffee morning is on Thursday 26 November, 10:30am–12:30. All welcome for tea, coffee and a chat in the parish room.

Advent Service of Light: This Saturday (28 November), 3:45pm. All welcome.

Young Adults Evening: This Saturday at 6pm at CTK after the Vigil Mass. Adoration and confession, refreshments, and discussion on *How to read the Bible.* For all aged 18–35. Free.

St Thomas à Becket Catholic Primary School warmly invites prospective parents and carers (for admission in September 2027) to visit the school and see the wonderful learning environment in action. Open Days provide an opportunity to meet staff, tour the school, and find out more about what makes it such a special place to learn and grow. Come along on Tuesday 1 December, 1:30pm or Wednesday 9 December, 9:00am. No need to book.

Advent Groups: Reflections and Prayer on Wednesdays 2–23 December, at St Jo's after the 10am Mass; *Voices of Hope* at CTK on Thursdays 3–17 December, after the 7pm Mass. You can also access *Voices of Hope* over Zoom on Sunday evenings: see cacs.org.uk; and there's *Faith, Hope and Charity* run by the Dominican Sisters of Joseph on Wednesday evenings as well: register at lightoftruth.uk.

CWL Christmas Party: Hosted by the Eastbourne section of the CWL, ladies are invited to the Christmas Party evening on Wednesday 2 December at 7:00pm at CTK. All ladies are warmly welcomed. Please bring a wrapped £5 gift for the Secret Santa (something a lady would enjoy). To help with catering, please RSVP to cwleastbourne@gmail.com.

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.

Annual Christmas carols at St Joachim's: Saturday 12 December, 3:00–5:30pm. Bring family and friends and join us for carol singing, homemade mince pies and mulled wine.

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 or in the porch at St Jo's. 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.

Matthew 25 Mission: Thank you to all who support this local charity for the homeless. This is the busiest time of the year for them and they are in extra need of donations because of the inclement weather. The main items are tins of food, long life milk, tea/coffee, dry pasta. They are also happy to receive good second-hand clothing to be sold in their charity shop. There is a box in the church porch at CTK and donations are collected weekly.

CWL Appeal: Thank you to all for your generous donations of goods to the Women's Refuge during the month of October. The collection was very impressive and the refuge and their clients are very grateful.

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. This month's newsletter email features Bishop David's pastoral letter and the Ordinariate's new YouTube channel @OrdinariateOLW. The first few videos feature people you might recognise!

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 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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Image: Jesus separates the Sheep from the Goats
Byzantine School, 6th century
Church of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna

Parish of Christ the King Langney with St Joachim Hampden Park

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Week of the Sunday next before Advent

(Week 34) (Year A) (Year II)

Day			*Location**	*Intention*
	Vigil Mass NO	5:00 pm	CTK	Alexander Cassidy
Sunday 22 November	Mass NO	9:30 am	St Jo	For our Community
Christ the King	Rosary	10:45 am	CTK	
SUNDAY 34	Sung Mass DW	11:30 am	CTK	Spencer Cresswell
Monday 23 November	Mass NO	11:00 am	OLR	As advertised
S Clement I Pp;	Private Mass			Deceased members of the
S Columban Ab				Stalker and Bagley families
Tuesday 24 November	Mass NO	12:00 noon	CTK	Norah and
S Andrew Dũng-Lac Pr				Geoffrey Stalker RIP
and Companions MM				
Wednesday 25 November	Mass NO	10:00 am	St Jo	Holy Souls
S Catherine of				
Alexandria VM				
Thursday 26 November	Holy Hour; confessions	5:30 pm	CTK	For priests
Feria	Mass DW	7:00 pm	CTK	As announced
Friday 27 November	Mass NO	10:00 am	CTK	John Cassar
Feria	Exposition; confessions after Mass			
Saturday 28 November	Advent Service of Light	3:45 pm	CTK	
Feria	Vigil Mass of Sunday NO	5:00 pm	CTK	Eithne & Andrew Curran
Sunday 29 November	Mass NO	9:30 am	St Jo	For our Community
Advent Sunday	Rosary	10:45 am	CTK	
	Mass DW	11:30 am	CTK	Constant Suivant RIP

Confessions are usually heard at Christ the King Church on Thursdays 6:15–6:50pm; on Fridays for an hour after Mass; on Saturdays 4:00–4:45pm (but not this week); and on request or by arrangement.

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