The Catholic Churches of

BURWASH 32nd Sunday of the Year HEATHFIELD

Christ the King **World day of the Poor.** Holy Cross Chapel

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The Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No. 252878

Masses during the week
Saturday 14th November
4.30pm Holy Cross Priory
Sunday 15st November
9.00 am Christ the King
Deceased members of Woodall & Collings families
11.00 Holy Cross Priory
For the people
Monday 16th November
Tuesday ***17th November***
10.00am Christ the King
Wednesday ***18th November***
Thursday **19th** ***November***
10.00am Holy Cross Priory
Friday ***20th November***
10.00am Christ the King
Saturday 21st ***November***
Presentation of BVM
4.30pm Holy Cross Priory
Sunday 22nd November
Christ the Universal King
9.00 am Christ the King
For the people
11.00 Holy Cross Priory

Daily Mass at Holy Cross Priory: Mon to Sat 6.55 am.

Sacrament of Penance: Burwash: after Friday Mass; Holy Cross Saturday 4 pm, & at any other convenient time when requested.
Please note the link for live streaming at Holy Cross Chapel: go to the parish website www.ctkhcp.org & click on **Live Camera**.

If anyone is seriously ill or going into hospital, please let Fr Brian know. If you know you're going into hospital, it's recommended that you ask to be anointed beforehand.
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Eucharistic Adoration
& Evening Prayer at Holy Cross Priory every Sunday evening 5.30 – 6.30pm

Many thanks for your generosity. The offertory collection for last Sunday was £559-87.
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This week the retiring Collection is for the retired priest fund.
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Christmas Fayre
There are books of raffle tickets at the back of both churches from, please take some to sell. Our local charity this year is: ***Team Domenica,*** which equips people with learning disabilities & autism with the skills & experiences they need to thrive in meaningful employment. It provides guidance through personalised training programmes partnerships, building confidence, independence, & a sense of purpose.
We are running a bottle tombola again this year on the 2nd of December, so please can we have some donations as well as good quality gifts – boxes are at the back of both Churches. Also, in the porch at CTK is a list of suggested prizes for the raffle, so please add your name beside what you're willing to donate.
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Please pray for
Bernadette Robinson who died this week. May she rest in the peace & joy of God's Kingdom.

Missio Red Box holders the October collection is now due, & the Red Boxes can be left at the back of the Church.
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First Holy Communion Programme
We invite children over 8 years old, who regularly attend Mass at Holy Cross Priory or Christ the King & who would like to enter the First Holy Communion Programme to ask for an application form. The programme will commence in the New Year & all applications **must be received by December 6th.**
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Bishop Stephen has written a message for people across our family of faith, highlighting his support for the Pastoral Plan and reflecting on the joy of his first few weeks as Bishop. In his 'Note to the People of the Diocese', he gives thanks for the warm welcome he has received since moving to Sussex in October and shares his hopes for the months ahead, including getting to know the people and places of the Diocese through visits to parishes, schools and local communities. Please keep Bishop Stephen in your prayers as he continues his ministry as shepherd of our Diocese.
You can read the message by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone camera or visiting the diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/bswm

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Pope Leo XIV, in his message for the World Day of the Poor, invites the Church to examine its conscience: "Are we a sign of a God who is a refuge for the poor?" How much more are we called to do – in our communities, & nations – "on behalf of the poor & for their liberation." The Pope reminds us that "we are the Lord's Church, a Church of the poor?" When we look at the Church in England & Wales, is this the Church we see, a Church of the poor. He quotes from his first letter, *Dilexi te,* with an even more direct challenge: "God shows a preference for the poor: the Lord's words of hope & liberation are addressed first of all to them. Even in their poverty or weakness, no one should feel abandoned. And the Church, if she wants to be Christ's Church, must be a Church of the Beatitudes, one that makes room for the little ones & walks poor with the poor, a place where the poor have a privileged place".

For Rota's see noticeboards

All cheques should be made out to:-RCD of A&B Burwash with Heathfield Parish.
Or Bank Transfer to: sort code: 40-05-20 A/c: 51077066

Please send all material for next week's newsletter to Fr Brian by Thursday lunch-time: brian.lowden@abdiocese.org.uk

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

COLLECT

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

An excellent wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
She opens her hand to the poor
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R. 1a

R: ***Blessed are all who fear the LORD.***

1. Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper. **R.**

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table. **R.**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life! **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.
Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 15:4a, 5b

R: ***Alleluia, alleluia.***
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
R: ***Alleluia.***

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(for shorter form read between **>** **<**)

>At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.**<** He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. **>**'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master."**<** And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.
Through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Or

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you will receive,
and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may bring us growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

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