

# The Catholic Churches of Easter Sunday

## BURWASH

Christ the King

## HEATHFIELD

Holy Cross Chapel

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Masses during the week

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April

**EASTER VIGIL**

8.30pm Holy Cross Priory

For the people

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**EASTER SUNDAY**

9.00 am Christ the King

Joan Fawson

11.00 Holy Cross Priory

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April

5.30pm Holy Cross Priory

Sr Kathy

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April

5.30pm Holy Cross Priory

Private Intention

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

5.30pm Holy Cross Priory

Sr Julie

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

5.30pm Holy Cross Priory

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

5.30pm Holy Cross Priory

For the people

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

6.55 am Holy Cross Priory

4.30pm Holy Cross Priory

Richard

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

9.00 am Christ the King

11.00 Holy Cross Priory

Daily Mass at Holy Cross Priory: Mon, to Fri, 5.30pm

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:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=9omT5w\\_8yXQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9omT5w_8yXQ) Perhaps it might be easier just to go to the parish website [www.ctkhcp.org](http://www.ctkhcp.org) & click on **Live Camera**.

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Many thanks for your generosity. Last Sunday's collection was £576-30.  
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**EASTER BAPTISMS**

This Sunday at the 11am Mass Anna de Monfort will be baptised. Next Saturday at 11am we will be baptising Nico & Malachi Massini.

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**Parish Registration.**

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[ctkhcp.org/registration](http://ctkhcp.org/registration)



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There won't be Eucharistic Adoration this Sunday. In the week after Easter the only Masses Mon- Fri will be at 5.30pm at Holy Cross.

**The Easter Message.**

The feast of the resurrection is the key to our faith; it's the reason that we come together to celebrate the Eucharist; it's the event *par excellence* that gives meaning to everything that we do. Everything else that we believe needs to be understood in the light of this marvellous feast. Without the resurrection: Christmas would only be a charming story; the teaching of Jesus, good moral guidance; the Passion, a dismal account of suffering & death. The Church is founded on the faith of Easter: the risen Christ victorious over death, leading us to new life. It is that new life that we celebrate when we renew our baptismal promises, as we remember the moment when the waters of baptism allowed us to enter the tomb with Christ & rise with him to share his life. It is no wonder that we have prepared for this feast through the long 40 day period of Lent & we will continue to celebrate this mystery until the end of May when we keep the feast of Pentecost. Easter tells us about Christ, the Son of the Father, it tells us about ourselves, brothers & sisters to one another, & it tells us

about the Church the place that lives out the risen life of Christ & so tells the world of the marvellous events that have transformed our human lives. That is why this feast is so important, it's why this Easter time continually resounds with the Alleluia's of joy, it's why we can rejoice that we've been chosen to share in the life of Christ, the risen Lord.

*Wishing you all a very Happy & Holy Easter,*  
*fr Brian.*

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**The conflict in the Middle East** continues with people of good will across the world praying for an end to the fear & suffering of those living in the region. Speaking during Palm Sunday Mass, Pope Leo highlighted Jesus' strong desire for peace in the world, & his humility even in the face of those who struck him: "Jesus revealed the gentle face of God, who always rejects violence. This is our God: Jesus, King of Peace, who rejects war, whom no one can use to justify war. He doesn't listen to the prayers of those who wage war but rejects them."

For Rota's see noticeboards

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.*

Or

*The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.  
To him be glory and power  
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.*

COLLECT

O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING Acts 10:34a, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. 24

*This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice in it and be glad.*

Or *Alleluia.*

1. Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.  
Let the house of Israel say,  
'His mercy endures for ever.' R.
2. The LORD's right hand is exalted.  
The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount the deeds of the LORD. R.
3. The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done,  
a marvel in our eyes. R.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.  
Brothers and sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

Alternative reading 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.  
Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enlose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a

R: *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;  
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

R: *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,  
we offer the sacrifice  
by which your Church  
is wondrously reborn and nourished.  
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God,  
with unfailing love and favour,  
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,  
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*