

The Catholic Churches of 6th Sunday of Year A

BURWASH

Christ the King

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Masses during the week

Saturday 14th February
4.30pm Holy Cross Priory
For the People

Sunday 15th February
9.00 am Christ the King
11.00 Holy Cross Priory
Kevin & Sheila Murphy RIP

Monday 16th February
Tuesday 17th February

10.00am Christ the King
Wednesday 18th February

ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00am Christ the King
5.30pm Holy Cross Priory

Thursday 19th February
11.30am Holy Cross Priory
Requiem Mass Brian
Peters

5.30pm Holy Cross Priory
Lena Menzies

Friday 20th February
10.00am Christ the King

Saturday 21st February
4.30pm Holy Cross Priory
60th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday 22nd February
9.00 am Christ the King
For the people

11.00 Holy Cross Priory

Daily Mass at Holy Cross
Priory: Mon, to Weds, Fri
& Sat 6.55 am. Thursday
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=v=90mT5w_8yXQ Perhaps it might
be easier just to go to the parish
website www.ctkhcp.org &
click on Live Camera.

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

HEATHFIELD

Holy Cross Chapel

Many thanks

for your generosity. Last Sunday's collection was £408.70, & the collection for the A & B Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund was £407.60.

Lent

On Wednesday we will begin the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday (18th Feb) Mass will be at 10am at Christ the King & at 5.30 at Holy Cross Priory. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting & abstinence.

CAFOD Lent Fast day:

Next Friday 27th February
The retiring collection on Sunday 1st March will be for the money saved by fasting & donated to CAFOD.

On Thursday there will be a Requiem Mass for Brian Peters at Holy Cross Priory at 11.15am. (There will be no 10am Mass that day, but there will be Mass at 5.30pm)

We pray for John Mockford.

May he rest in peace. His Requiem Mass will be on Monday 2nd March at 11am at Holy Cross Priory

Eucharistic Adoration:

Holy Cross Priory Sunday evening 5.30 – 6.30pm

Snow Policy:

In the case of snow & ice there won't be weekday Mass at Burwash &, although the access road & car park at Holy Cross should be clear, every caution should be taken on the steep path. Remember it often isn't fresh snow that's the problem but the subsequent thawing & refreezing of ice, so do be careful!

Parish Registration.

Churchsuite is a secure, GDPR-compliant parish database recommended by our Diocese. By updating your details, you control your data & communication preferences. Please complete the form to stay connected & involved in our parish community. Please sign up to the Parish database by using the QR code below or going to: ctkhep.org/registration



Applications for the A & B Lourdes Pilgrimage this

July are now open! The Diocese takes more than 700 pilgrims to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes each year, including young people, families, & those who are

sick, disabled, frail or elderly & those needing help to make the journey. Is Our Lady calling you to Lourdes this summer? To find out more about the pilgrimage week visit the diocesan website.

Assisted suicide Bill

Lord Falconer & other assisted suicide campaigners are now lobbying MPs to try to use the Parliament Acts to bypass the House of Lords & force the assisted suicide Bill into law in the next session of Parliament.

Taking this route would be unprecedented, the first time ever that the Parliament Act was used for a Private Members' Bill.

TAKE ACTION

Assisted suicide pressure group, *Dignity in Dying*, is currently flooding MPs' inboxes with emails urging them to back this attempt to bypass the House of Lords & force this dangerous bill into law. It's vital that MPs also hear from constituents who don't support this – & that they must oppose it.

Please take action now:

www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026

Stations of the Cross

Friday's during Lent 5.30 at Holy Cross Priory.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.*

COLLECT

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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 Sirach 15:15-20

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 119(118):1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34.

R. 1b

R: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

1. Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are those who keep his decrees! With all their hearts they seek him. **R.**
2. You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept. May my ways be firm in keeping your statutes. **R.**
3. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may see the wonders of your law. **R.**
4. Lord, teach me the way of your statutes, and I will keep them to the end. Grant me insight that I may keep your law, and observe it wholeheartedly. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him' – these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL cf. Matthew 11:25

R: Alleluia, Alleluia.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:17-37

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

> At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, < 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For > I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement; < whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.'

> 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. < If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.'

'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

> 'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all, < either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. > Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. <

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.*

Or

*God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.