

# The Catholic Churches of

## BURWASH

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent A

## HEATHFIELD

Christ the King

### *Laetare Sunday*

Holy Cross Chapel

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### Masses during the week

#### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

4.30pm Holy Cross Priory

For the People

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

9.00 am Christ the King

Kay McDermott

11.00 Holy Cross Priory

John Whelan

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Lena Menzies

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Christ the King

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Holy Cross Priory

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Holy Cross Priory

5.30pm Holy Cross Priory

Deceased members of the

Hodgens family.

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Christ the King

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March

4.30pm Holy Cross Priory

For the people

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

9.00 am Christ the King

James Benzie

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=9o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9o)

[mT5w\\_8yXQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9o) 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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news, podcasts & videos

Many thanks for your generosity. Last Sunday's collection was £500-37.  
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### *Lent*

#### *Stations of the*

*Cross.* Friday's during Lent 5.30 at Holy Cross Priory.  
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#### *Penitential Service*

**This Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 5.00pm to 6.30pm. With Eucharistic adoration & Evening Prayer.**  
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**Thank you to all who made The World Day of Prayer such a successful occasion;** the readers, the organist, all those who prepared food, helped serve. & who cleared up afterwards.

Many thanks **Peta and Jane**  
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“The only reason for Jesus to mix clay with the spittle & smear it on the eyes of the blind man was to remind us that he who restored the man to health by anointing his eyes with clay is the very one who fashioned the first man out of clay, & that this clay that is our flesh can receive the eternal life through the sacrament of baptism.” *Ambrose of Milan, (4<sup>th</sup> century)*

### **Today's Gospel**

This is the second of the three great readings from the Fourth Gospel which prepare for the reception of baptism at Easter. Last week we heard the story of the woman at the well, & next Sunday it will be the raising of Lazarus. At the very beginning of this story, before he heals the man born blind, Jesus proclaims: *‘As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.’*

The physical healing of the man triggers a spiritual journey into light, which is in contrast to the darkness of those who cannot see the truth. This lively, honest & nameless character, refers to Jesus as *‘the man called Jesus’*, then *‘a prophet’*, recognising him as *‘from God’* & finally worshipping him as *‘Lord’*. While he's willing to receive the light the religious authorities aren't convinced, for Jesus worked the healing on the Sabbath. They interrogate his parents to no avail. Their pestering of the man leads to his indignant question: *‘Do you want to become his disciples yourselves?’* Despite their abuse he's undaunted & his defence of the man *‘from God’* becomes more strident. They banish him from the synagogue, & remain fixed in their

conviction that they themselves know all there is to know & have seen all there is to see. The tender final encounter with Jesus leads the man to worship him with the words *‘Lord, I believe’*.

*Fr Adrian Graffy*

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#### **Applications for the A & B Lourdes**

**Pilgrimage this July:** Is Our Lady calling you to Lourdes this summer? To find out more about the pilgrimage week visit the diocesan website.  
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### **HOLY WEEK**

#### *At Holy Cross Priory*

#### **Maundy Thursday**

Mass at 7.30 & watching at the altar of repose concluding with night prayer at 10pm

#### **Good Friday.**

*Stations of the Cross* at 11am

*Liturgy of the Lords*

*Passion* at 3pm

#### **Holy Saturday**

*Solemn Vigil of Easter* 8.30pm

#### **Easter Sunday:**

9am at Christ the King & 11am at Holy Cross Priory

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](mailto:brian.lowden@abdiocese.org.uk)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

**COLLECT**

O God, who through your Word  
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,  
grant, we pray,  
that with prompt devotion and eager faith  
the Christian people may hasten  
toward the solemn celebrations to come.  
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** 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

In those days: The LORD said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen these.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.' And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R. 1

**R:** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The LORD is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me;  
he revives my soul. R.
2. He guides me along the right path,  
for the sake of his name.  
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,  
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.  
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. R.
3. You have prepared a table before me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. R.
4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell  
for length of days unending. R.

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters: At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

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

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL** John 8:12

**R:** *Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.*

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**R:** *Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.*

**GOSPEL** John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

*(a longer version may be read: John 9:1-41)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.

He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him.

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

We place before you with joy these offerings,  
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,  
praying that we may both faithfully revere them  
and present them to you, as is fitting,  
for the salvation of all the world.  
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,  
I saw and I believed in God.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,  
illuminate our hearts, we pray,  
with the splendour of your grace,  
that we may always ponder  
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty  
and love you in all sincerity.  
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*