

# The Catholic Churches of

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

# HEATHFIELD

# BURWASH

Christ the King

Holy Cross Chapel

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### Masses during the week

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**4.30pm Holy Cross Priory**

*Frank Harker RIP*

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**9.00 am Christ the King**

*For the people*

**11.00 Holy Cross Priory**

*Josie Fennelly RIP*

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

*Lena Menzies*

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.00am Christ the King**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**No 10.00am Mass Today**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**10.00am Holy Cross Priory**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**10.00am Christ the King**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**4.30pm Holy Cross Priory**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**PENTECOST**

**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:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=9o mT5w\\_8yXQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9o mT5w_8yXQ) Perhaps it might be easier just to go to the parish website [www.ctkhcp.org](http://www.ctkhcp.org) & click on Live Camera.

**Many thanks** for your generosity. The offertory collection for last Sunday was £460-32.

**This weekend** the retiring collection will be for **World Communications Sunday.**

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It's time for the Missio Red Boxes to be opened, they can be left at the back of the Church.

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Today Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper is fulfilled. God's glory shone through Jesus. God proved faithful, through Jesus' suffering & dying. Who else but God could bring such victory out of complete defeat & death? If God could conquer death, then no one needs to be without hope. There's no situation or place out of God's reach; no person so lost that God can't bring life to them. That's something to cheer about! What's "glorious" about God, we learn through Jesus, is that God stands with us even in defeat & promises us new life.

God can help us begin again when all seems impossible. There's a word to describe it all, that sums up God's glory, it's "*Resurrection.*" We celebrate resurrection, not only at Easter, or these weeks after the feast, but each time we come to Mass. We celebrate what the angel Gabriel said to Mary "*Nothing is impossible for God.*"

Sometimes it's hard to cling to hope: when, all measures, things are cracking at the seams; when human logic tempts us to give up & urges us, "*Forget about it*"; when we have to stick with a difficult task & we aren't sure we can.

We need what gave Jesus strength, hope & confidence in God. In a word... we need the Holy Spirit.

Jesus made a promise to his disciples at the Last Supper that he wouldn't leave us orphans, struggling on our own, but that he would send the Spirit. It's a promise he kept. Next week we will celebrate the coming of that Spirit. Pentecost isn't just one among many church feasts. It's the feast when we celebrate the glory of God: who doesn't let us down; who doesn't abandon us when times are rough; who, when we feel dead, gives us new life.

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**Good communication is vital for solving the problems of our time, says media bishop**

Bishop John Arnold, Bishop of Salford & Lead Bishop for Communications has spoken ahead of the 60th World Day of Social Communication about the opportunities & pitfalls of AI, agreeing with Pope Leo that the value of artificial intelligence must never outweigh the importance of human personality & our capacity for decision-making.

"We must value artificial intelligence, AI, in as far as it

can be of benefit & it is a wonderful invention. But with all inventions we've got to be quite sure that it doesn't intrude on personality, conscience or on people's freedom to be who we are – made in the image of God."

The theme for this year's World Day of Social Communications, chosen by Pope Leo, is '*Preserving Human Voices & Faces*'.

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### WEEKDAY MASS AT HOLY CROSS PRIORY

For the foreseeable future: **Monday to Saturday at 6.55 am. Additionally on Thursday: 10.00 am**

**On Solemnities & Holy Days the only Mass at the Priory will be at 5.30pm.**

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**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** – Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or adults who have been baptised & wish to be confirmed, please email Fr Brian. Courses to start in late September if there's sufficient interest.

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**Eucharistic Adoration: With Evening Prayer** at Holy Cross Priory Sunday evening 5.30 – 6.30pm

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**

*O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;  
hide not your face from me, alleluia.*

**COLLECT**

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,  
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race  
is with you in your glory,  
may experience, as he promised,  
until the end of the world,  
his abiding presence among us.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Acts 1:12-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to  
Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem,  
a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they  
went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and  
John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew  
and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot  
and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were  
devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and  
Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R. 13

**R: I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land  
of the living.**

Or **Alleluia.**

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread? **R.**
2. There is one thing I ask of the LORD,  
only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,  
to enquire at his temple. **R.**
3. O LORD, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer me.  
Of you my heart has spoken,  
'Seek his face.' **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 4:13-16

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that  
you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.  
If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed,  
because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let  
none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or  
as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not  
be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL** cf. John 14:18

**R: Alleluia, alleluia.**

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.  
I am going away and I will come to you,  
and your hearts will rejoice.

**R: Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** John 17:1-11a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said,  
'Father, the hour has come;  
glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,  
since you have given him authority over all flesh,  
to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.  
And this is eternal life,  
that they know you, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
I glorified you on earth,  
having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.  
And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence  
with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.  
'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me  
out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me,  
and they have kept your word.  
Now they know that everything that you have given me is  
from you.

For I have given them the words that you gave me,  
and they have received them  
and have come to know in truth that I came from you;  
and they have believed that you sent me.  
I am praying for them.  
I am not praying for the world  
but for those whom you have given me,  
for they are yours.  
All mine are yours, and yours are mine,  
and I am glorified in them.  
And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world,  
and I am coming to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful  
with the sacrificial offerings,  
that through these acts of devotedness  
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Father, I pray that they may be one  
as we also are one, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Hear us, O God our Saviour,  
and grant us confidence,  
that through these sacred mysteries  
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church  
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**