

# The Catholic Churches of

## BURWASH

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

## HEATHFIELD

Christ the King

Holy Cross Chapel

At the moment, because of the Coronavirus all daily & weekend Masses are suspended.

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**Holy Cross Care Home:** TN21 0DZ Tel: 01435 863764. Mass Monday - Saturday at 6.55am.

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### Masses during the week

*Psalter week 4*

#### Sunday

*Dennis Fawson*

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

*For the people*

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

*The feast of the Annunciation*

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

*Requiem Mass: Sheilah*

*Burchell-Lockwell*

#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March

*For the people*

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

*Harry Ronan & Ann*

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
*at request.*

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**For Daily Mass readings & Liturgy of the Hours:**

<https://universalis.com>

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### Churches Together

*Light a candle at 7pm this Sunday. A National call for prayer.*

In the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic, presidents of CTE are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer & Action on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Pope Francis has also asked people to say one of the Luminous decades of the rosary with him at the same time.

**Many thanks** for your generosity in the offertory collection of £377-90.

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**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Sheilah Burchell-Lockwell who died recently. Her funeral will take place at on 27<sup>th</sup> March. Because of the present restrictions only close family can attend.

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#### **From today's Gospel :**

*Jesus said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir" the man replied "Tell me he who is, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him, he is speaking to you."*

#### **Reflection:**

We can't predict or define God's saving presence in the world. The Pharisees couldn't imagine that God was present in Jesus, or that the blind man could discern the presence & actions of God better than they could. God is bigger & greater than any of us could imagine. The greater darkness is to claim to have all the answers. Adapted for our purposes, this Lent we might pose the blind man's question this way, "Who are you Lord, that we might believe?" For we always are in need of

more sight – more light on the "subject!"

#### **So we ask ourselves:**

Do I see Christ's presence in people & places that surprise me?

Who has helped me "see" & grow in faith?

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"In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, so many aspects of our lives must change. This includes the ways in which we publicly express our faith. It's very clear that, following official advice & in order to keep each other safe, save lives & support the NHS, at this time we must not gather together for public acts of worship in our churches.

This will begin from Friday evening, 20 March until further notice.

Although we won't be gathering for public acts of worship, our churches will remain open. They are not closing. They will be a focal point of prayer, where you will find solace & strength. In visiting our churches at this time, we will observe with great care the practices of hygiene & the guidance on social distancing. However celebration of Mass,

Sunday by Sunday & day by day, will take place without a public congregation."

*(Bishops Conference of England & Wales.)*

Unfortunately, although the Mass at Holy Cross can be seen in the Flats & Care Home by cable, it isn't possible at the moment for us to share the Mass on the website. However if you are unable to get to Mass you can watch the celebration of Mass on the websites of various churches: for a list of churches see:

[www.churchservices.tv/churches/](http://www.churchservices.tv/churches/)

*Just as our Lenten penance is meant to deepen our relationship with God & our unity with all who suffer, we can allow these sacrifices & inconveniences to direct our prayers toward those who have died & their loved ones, our attention toward those who are ill or facing financial difficulties & our actions toward strengthening the common good, both at home & abroad. This new virus poses a threat that knows no borders, but neither does our love & concern for our neighbours.*

**Holy Cross Chapel will be open from 7.30 am to 6.00pm for private prayer & reflection.**

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**The newsletter will continue to be posted on the website.**

For Rota's see noticeboards

All cheques should be made out to:-RCD of A&B Burwash with Heathfield Parish.

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)