



PARISH NEWS

Sunday: 11am Sung Mass

Holy Days: As Announced

**A Very Warm
WELCOME**

Today is

Trinity XXII

Remembrance Sunday

**8th November
2020**

The Propers are on
Page 639 of the red
Book of Common Prayer

Today there will be no

Hymns

At the end of the service we
conclude with the
Angelus (in the back of the
white **Mass Booklets**)
Turning to face the Statue of
Our Lady.

**Government Covid-19
Guidelines and Rules**

In accordance with
Government guidelines we
ask that you wear facemasks
in Church (clergy in the
Sanctuary are permitted to use
their discretion), practice
safe distancing and use
hand sanitiser.



**Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones**

Our Organ doesn't like them

Thank you

Dear Friends,

Here we are again/ the country is in Covid-Lockdown and places of worship, among many other places, are closed. We are told for 4 weeks, but I think it possible that this will be revised if the goals the Government has set for containing the spread of the Coronavirus aren't achieved.

St Augustine's is now closed to the public for worship. However Fr Ray and I have decided, in accordance with the guidelines and regulations which permit Church buildings be used for the recording and broadcasting of services to resume our practice of uploading to my YouTube Channel:

<https://youtube.com/user/BishopMead>

Our Sunday morning services on 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th November will be uploaded in the afternoon.

Remembrance Sunday

Our service this morning will begin earlier than usual, at 10:50am. It is especially sad that this year we will not be able to meet together for our Act of Remembrance. We will still hold a 2 minute silence at 11am today to remember all who died as a result of war. Please join us at 11am and pause whatever you may be doing.

"O thou wicked servant". These words are to be found at the top of the list of words and phrases I hope never to hear God utter when finally I come face to face with Him on the Day of Judgement.

In today's Gospel reading we hear these words being spoken to a servant who, although he had been forgiven much, failed in return to forgive the little that was owed him.

Please read our Covid-19 worship notice



If, at this point, the Prayer that Jesus taught his disciples and, which above and beyond Church politics, unites all Christians whatever their churchmanship, springs to mind, then it is for a very good reason.

"Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us"

So easy to say, so difficult to do.

St Peter asked Jesus "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? (Matthew 18:21)

Just as with last week why do we so often choose to ignore or even circumnavigate the words that Jesus speaks in response; "... until seventy times seven".

If it is so difficult, why is forgiveness at the root of the Christian Gospel? It is simply because without a forgiving heart you cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. If the Lord's Prayer teaches us that we should forgive others as we have been forgiven, it is worth considering how far this extends. Do we just forgive

November

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Sunday 1st

*All Saints Day
(Comm Trinity XXI)*

11am Low Mass

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Following the Prime Minister's Statement on Saturday 31st October concerning a 2nd National Lockdown beginning on 5th November for 4 weeks, we regret that our Public Worship during that period has been cancelled.

The recording of Services will be uploaded to our YouTube Channel during this period.

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**Next Public Service
Sunday 6th December**

*Advent II
(Comm St Nicholas)*

11am Low Mass

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**CHURCH
FLOWERS**

*To make a
donation for
Flowers in*

*Church – Please see Mrs
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Cantor: Vacancy

those we love? Actually since we are commanded to love everyone then the answer should be yes — but I am not talking about that love. Am I am talking about those in our families and among our friends who from time to time hurt us? Should our forgiveness just be reserved for them. Or should we forgive only those people who have confessed their faults and tried to make amends?

Each of us is responsible for our own salvation. If we choose to punish God (or his Church or an individual clergyman) because they have said or done something we haven't liked (even if it has been for our own good), we cannot blame them if we miss out on salvation.

When St Paul talks about putting aside Childish things in the thirteenth chapter of his First Letter to the Corinthians, he is talking about spiritual maturity and of taking responsibility for ourselves. Always trusting, of course, in the knowledge

that God is forgiving and just, without man-made restrictions, and maintaining a commitment to become Godlike in how we too forgive those who trespass against us.

Speaking of Spiritual maturity. It was a wonderful joy to Baptise and Confirm Riley Alex Hall last Sunday.



Requests for names to be added to our weekly prayer lists may be made by writing the prayer intention (names and reason) in clear printed writing on paper and given to the clergy. If you wish the intention to remain private—note that and the details will not be published on this weekly sheet

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Fr Don & Di Walker, Chris Bosworth, Margaret and Laurence Mead, Paul Fletcher, Barbara Henderson, Todd, David and Sheila, Margaret Miles, Danny and Colin Rumens, Frederick Chadwick, Ann Chapman, Diane Young, Pauline Allison, Harrison and Edward Eckert, Ina Bond, Margaret and Peter Martin, Dulcie Fidge, Margaret Bendelow, Dorothy Hipkiss, Fr Miles Maylor, Fr Roger Bell, Vickie Wall, Pat Johnson, Edward Wilkinson, Liz Bakker and all those effected by or suffering from the Coronavirus and other infectious diseases. For Riley Alex Hall, Baptised and Confirmed last Sunday.

We pray for Fr Nikolas Kakavelakis, the Orthodox priest shot in France recently.

For those who read these Parish Notes on the Notice Board outside and all who receive email or paper copies.

- For our neighbours and the people of **Painters Forstal** and **Ospringe** and the surrounding countryside, the **growth** of our **Church Family**.
- For **persecuted Christians** especially in Africa, Pakistan, the Middle East and China.

For those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

- Diocese of Christ the Redeemer, Eastern Cape (S Africa), Bishop Ordinary: The Rt. Revd. Solomzi Mentjies.
- Our Lady of Walsingham & St Francis, Rochester, Kent, Fr Andrew Scurr.
- The Royal British Legion and other Service Charities and Institutions; .

And we remember the recently departed: those killed in France in the Basilica of Notre-Dame in Nice, France, specially, AND those whose anniversary falls at this time The War Dead

P: ✕ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord **R:** And let light perpetual shine upon them

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