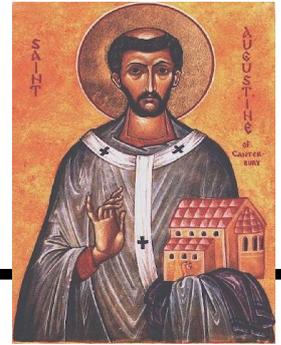




# PARISH NEWS

Sunday: 11am Sung Mass

Holy Days: As Announced



Please read our Covid-19 worship notice

**A Very Warm WELCOME**

We are in

'Gesima-tide

The Pre-Lenten Period

31st January –  
14th February  
2021

The Propers are on

Page 373 – 378 of  
the red

Book of Common Prayer

St Augustine's is closed for public worship. During this temporary arrangement Mass will be recorded each Sunday and uploaded to our Facebook Page and our website.



At the end of each service we conclude with the **Angelus** (in the back of the white **Mass Booklets**) in the Lady Chapel.



Please Turn off Your Mobile Phones

Our Organ doesn't like them

Thank you

*Dear Friends,*

These three Sundays before Lent are called respectively;

Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima. These are the Latin names signifying that they are the seventieth, sixtieth, and fiftieth days (approximately) before the great Feast of Easter.

'Gesima-tide is known in the Eastern Orthodox Churches as "Great Lent". The purpose of this is to highlight that a right keeping of Lent is such an important part of our preparation for Easter that we need to start preparing for Lent itself.

The readings at Mass appointed for these three 'gesima' Sundays encourage us, in particular, to reflect upon the virtues that are necessary for us to become holy.

I wrote the following 3 years ago but with so many of us not having had the opportunity to take a holiday during this past year, perhaps they resonate today and deserve repeating.

Those of us lucky enough to be able to take holidays know that prior to undertaking the journey to get to our destination, there is a period of preparation for the journey itself. Getting suitcases down from the attic, dusting them off, planning the route, making sure passports are to hand along with tickets and all the documentation is in order. I have learned to appreciate the journey almost as much as the holiday location itself. Thinking about what one might do on the journey to make the holiday even more exciting or restful. All this is part of preparing for the journey. This makes it sound as if I am very organised - perhaps even with to-do-check-lists! But, alas I am not!

SEPTUAGESIMA SEXAGESIMA  
QUINQUAGESIMA

SHROVE  
TUESDAY



Shrove = Pardon

ASH  
WEDNESDAY



Remember  
O man  
that dust  
thou art

and to dust  
shalt thou return

Our Church Kalendar maps out our pilgrimage or journey through life as Christians. We have just had the seasons of expectation and celebration: Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Today, Septuagesima, we begin the preparation for the journey of Lent. It is an important stage of planning for our journey to Easter.

I hope my Gesima-tide preparation is better than my holiday planning - as it should be! I find a particularly helpful pre-journey checklist of attitude and mental preparation for my pilgrimage through Lent towards Easter is a hymn written well over a thousand years ago by St Joseph the Hymnographer and translated by the truly blessed John Mason Neale in 1862. My personal favourite tune for which is Knecht (Hymn 418 New English Hymnal).

O happy band of pilgrims,  
If onward ye will tread  
With Jesus as your Fellow  
To Jesus as your Head!

O happy if ye labour  
As Jesus did for men;  
O happy if ye hunger  
As Jesus hungered then!

# January

Our public services are suspended until further notice

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Sunday 31st

*Septuagesima*

*(Comm St John Bosco)*

11am Sung Mass\*

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# February

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Sunday 7th

*Sexagesima*

*(Comm St Romuald)*

11am Sung Mass\*

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Sunday 14th

*Quinquagesima*

*(Comm St Valentine)*

11am Sung Mass\*

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\*These services will be uploaded to our website:

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and Facebook

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The cross that Jesus carried  
He carried as your due;  
The crown that Jesus weareth,  
He weareth it for you.

The faith by which ye see him,  
The hope in which ye yearn,  
The love that through all troubles  
To him alone will turn,

What are they but forerunners  
To lead you to his sight?  
What are they save the effluence  
Of uncreated light?

The trials that beset you,  
The sorrows ye endure,  
The manifold temptations  
That death alone can cure,

What are they but his jewels  
Of right celestial worth?  
What are they but the ladder  
Set up to heaven on earth?

O happy band of pilgrims,  
Look upward to the skies,  
Where such a light affliction  
Shall win you such a prize!

With the news so full of the strain the National Health Service is under, the roll out of the Vaccines, the concern over new strains of the virus. It is easy to be despondent — but as with the anticipation of a much needed holiday can sometimes be almost too much to cope with. This period of time before some sort of normality in our daily lives return may also seem overpowering.

Let us take comfort in the rhythm of our Church Calendar, even if we can't get to Church in the way we would like.

Let us get ready for Lent.

In Christ  
+Damien



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, Danny and Colin Rumens, Frederick Chadwick, Ann Chapman, Diane Young, Pauline Allison, Harrison and Edward Eckert, Ina Bond, Margaret and Peter Martin, Margaret Bendelow, Dorothy Hipkiss, Fr Miles Maylor, Liz Bell, Vickie Wall, Pat Johnson, Liz Bakker, William and Nancy Spencer, Deb Stuck, Jos Kenyon-Hoare, Sally Pengilly, Angela, Hazel, Tom, Gabriella Beasley, Millie Armstrong, Br Bob Roddy, OFM, and all effected by the Coronavirus,

*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*

**31st January 2021, Septuagesima (Commemorate St John Bosco)** - Diocese of The Kei, Bishop Ordinary Dominic Mduyela; - Good Shepherd & St Tudwal, Conwy, N Wales, Fr Gareth Parry; - Her Majesty the Queen on her 68th anniversary of Accession to the Throne, and the Royal Family, for God to guide and protect them.

**7th February 2021, Sexagesima (Commemorate St Romuald)** - Diocese of the West, Fr Damien Trudeau, Vicar General – St Augustine of Canterbury, Painters Forstal, Kent, Bishop Damien Mead, The Ven. Raymond Thompson, Hon. Assistant • Preparations for a holy Lent.

**14th February 2021, Quinquagesima (Commemorate St Valentine)**

- Diocese of Christ the Redeemer, Bishop Ordinary Solomzi Mentjies; - St Deiniol and St Asaph, Pembrokeshire, Fr Miles Maylor; - Those whose belief in God is compromised by modern social teaching.

*And we remember the recently departed: specially, Florence Charlesworth, Alan Kenyon-Hoare, Bishop.*

*AND those whose anniversaries falls at this time*

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



### CHURCH FLOWERS

To make a donation for Flowers in

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