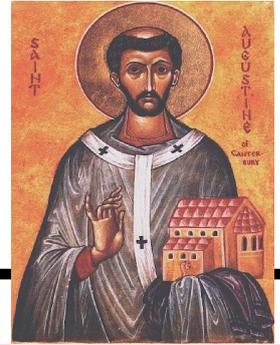




Anglican Catholic Church of St Augustine
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal, Kent ME13 0DU



PARISH NEWS

Sunday: 11am Sung Mass

Holy Days: As Announced

**A Very Warm
WELCOME**
Today is
Lent II

**28th February
2021**

The Propers begin on
Page 400 of the red
Book of Common Prayer
and **Page A83** of the
Anglican Missal

St Augustine's will reopen
for public worship next
Sunday. For the time being
Mass will still be recorded
each Sunday and uploaded
to our Facebook Page and
our website on Sunday
afternoons.



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,

One of the most beautiful prayers in our Order for Mass is, in my opinion, the **Prayer of Humble Access**. It contains the line; *"we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table"*. These words come from our Gospel reading today. The words of the woman seeking the healing of her daughter, which have been beautifully engrafted into the prayer.

The Collect today, the special prayer which "sets" the theme of the Mass, begins with a frank recognition of our powerlessness. Despite all the advances of modern science, and the proliferation in our lives of so many material comforts, unimagined by our ancestors, our age is rapidly becoming *spiritually* bankrupt. I think there are those, even those of other faiths and dare I say no faith, coming to realise this.

Although we benefit from the huge leap forward in medical knowledge, skills and equipment, and I thank God for the National Health Service which has been so incredible in the present Covid-19 pandemic, the best cure for a sick body and a frightened and disordered mind is not so much medical and psychiatric treatments, as faith in God, and contact with him through prayer and sacrament. Once we realise that God's eye is upon us and that he looks on us with mercy and compassion, lives can and do change. We cannot prevent evil

Please read our Covid-19 worship notice



thoughts entering our minds. They come at us from every quarter, but we must not harbour them nor should we give the devil and his minions power or control over us by fearing them more than we love God.

When we think of all the physical and spiritual dangers to which we are exposed, we do well to re-echo the prayer of the woman in today's gospel: "Lord help me". Our Collect today is an expansion of that prayer

There are lots of phrases which have found themselves into the modern consciousness which sometime become confused with Holy Scripture. I even once heard a preacher expounding on the phrase *"God helps those who help themselves"*, which is a motto that emphasises the importance of self-initiative and endeavour. However motivating this may be for

March

*St Augustine's is now
open for public
worship on Sundays*

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Sunday 7th

Lent III

Comm St Thomas Aquinas

11am Sung Mass*

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Sunday 14th

Lent IV

Mothering Sunday

11am Sung Mass*

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Sunday 21st

Passion Sunday

11am Sung Mass*

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these services will be
uploaded to our website:*

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some people it is not in Scripture, and the preacher was not doing himself or anyone else any favours. The phrase originated in ancient Greece as "the gods help those who help themselves" and may originally have been proverbial. It is illustrated by two of Aesop's Fables and a similar sentiment is found in ancient Greek drama.

I am not going to argue about whether the phrase above flies in the face of God's grace and our need to trust in him, because there is some mileage in using it as a useful aid memoire as Christians. God has given us clear and concise instructions, which, when we follow them, do lead us to cooperate with His saving plans for us.

prominence being given to future hope and to the crowning prospect of the coming of our Lord, however equal emphasis is also given to present difficulties, to the immediate obligation resting upon us to please God by the way in which we behave now. We are challenged to realise how we are to fulfil our earthly duties.

God's help isn't dependent on us helping ourselves, but there are things we can do to cooperate with God and try and meet him half way in our lives. The personal pursuit and practice of holiness is the best way to live, to love and it brings with it the answer to our own prayer of "God help me".

Please pray
for me, as I
pray for you.



We see in today's Epistle, great

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, Elizabeth Bell, Vickie Wall, Pat Johnson, Liz Bakker, William and Nancy Spencer, Deb Stuck, Jos Kenyon-Hoare and her family, 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

- Diocese of Eastern Congo, Ven. Mmokywa Mtundu Lamek, Bishop-Elect;
- St Mary & St Eanswythe, Dartford, Kent, Dr Roy Fidge, Warden;
- The people of Wales.

And we remember the recently departed: specially,

AND those whose anniversaries falls at this time

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



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