

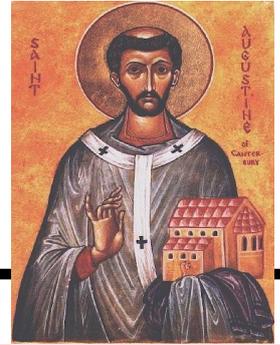


Anglican Catholic Church of St Augustine  
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal, Kent ME13 0DU

# PARISH NEWS

Sunday: 11am Sung Mass

Holy Days: As Announced



**A Very Warm  
WELCOME**  
Today is  
**Passion Sunday**  
Lent V

**21st March 2021**

The Propers begin on  
**Page 408** of the red  
**Book of Common Prayer**  
and **Page A128** of the  
**Anglican Missal**

St Augustine's is now open  
on Sundays for Mass at  
11am. 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,*

The fifth Sunday in Lent is commonly known as Passion Sunday. We enter, the last lap of our Lenten pilgrimage, with Calvary now at last in view. This thought is expressed in the old mediaeval hymn, traditional for this Sunday, and which Barnabas will sing for us today:

*The royal banners forward go,  
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow  
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,  
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.*

The thought of the eternal redemption which Christ there obtained for us is the theme of our Epistle today (Hebrews 9:11-15); and our Gospel reading (John 8:46-59) speaks of Jesus' sinlessness and deity, important factors in any understanding atonement. At first sight, today's Collect, that is the special prayer which collects together the "theme" of the day, appears to have little connection with either of these

However, a closer inspection of the Collect shows that it is not irrelevant. For we know that the prime occasion when God the Father mercifully looked upon his people, was when he offered up his only begotten Son upon the Cross for our salvation. There his "great goodness" was supremely manifested, on the basis of which we can indeed pray with confidence to be "governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul". We are reminded of the Words of Administration in the Holy Communion: "the Body (or Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ ... preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life". Every part of us is to be included in the scope of Christ's redeeming work.

Our Epistle today invites us to contemplate Christ's sacrifice of himself, and to seek to understand what it cost him, the Holy One, to bear away our sin. As I mentioned in my Sermon last Sunday, Refreshment Sunday, it is important for full understanding to realise that, although Jesus died outside the earthly Jerusalem, his deed, as a priestly act, was done to secure entrance to the true Holy Place, that is Heaven itself. Christ's

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death had to do with the redemption of transgressions. He gave his life a ransom "through his own blood" Christ "entered in once for all into the holy place". The task of redeeming us from sin has been completed, never to be repeated. What Christ did on the cross makes available now, a continuous cleansing from sin. AND it is through the redemption of our sin we became inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We face three questions as we read this passage from Saint John's Gospel: The first question is: Who is this Jesus? The second: What claim does he make for Himself? And thirdly: How are we to think of him, and what verdict are we to form about him?

To answer the first, we are confronted with his sinless humanity and his ability to ask, with complete openness and free from any fear of contradiction, his sternest critics "which of you convinceth me (or, as a modern translation would put it, "prove me guilty") of sin?". The miracle of Our Lord's perfect manhood is one of the most startling facts of the New Testament. **If His claim is true**, we must accept it. **If it is false**, we must dismiss it, as so many of those whom he came to save did, and do, with scorn and contempt. Reading on, we

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

(Subject to change please visit our Facebook Page or our website to check)

**THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE**

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**Holy Week & Easter Services**

**Palm Sunday:** 11am Sung Mass & Blessing of the Palms  
**Wednesday in Holy Week:** 12 noon Chrism Mass  
**Maundy Thursday:** 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Stripping of the Altar & Vigil Watch  
**Good Friday:** 12 noon Liturgy of the Day, Veneration of the Cross & Mass of the Pre-Sanctified  
**Holy Saturday:** 7pm Paschal Vigil & First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day:** 11am Solemn Pontifical Sung Mass

*A Warm Welcome Awaits You*

Easter Confessions by appointment with the Rector: 01797 321704

come face to face with the claim that Jesus makes about Himself, that he is the eternal Son of God.

Two of our Lord sayings are perfectly striking. "If a man keep my word he shall never see death". Archbishop Temple's version of these words is "If a man observed my word he shall not notice death". The other saying "before Abraham was, I am" - the verb was literally "was born" or "came into being". This saying is essentially a claim to deity. Jesus is man, but he is more than a man. As the great "I am", he is the eternally existing One without beginning or end.

Thus we are prompted by these two claims to react—which is it to be?

Do we respond as the Jews' did, rejecting His claims as they did, and take up stones?! OR do we truly accept Jesus' claims? In which case the only response we can possibly have, is to bow the knee in worship and crown Him Lord of All!

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## April

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Sunday 11th

*Easter I (Low Sunday)*

11am Sung Mass

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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 ...

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, 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, Megan 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, Vera and Karl, Gabriella Beasley, Millie Armstrong, the family of Lucy Fagg, whose year mind is at the time, and all those 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 Zimbabwe, Bishop Ordinary - Rt Rev Fungai Elfigio Mandizvidza;
- The Provisional Mission of Our Lady & St Anthony, York — Fr Martin Charlesworth;
- Persecuted Christians, especially those enduring torture.

*And we remember the recently departed: specially, AND those whose anniversaries falls at this time*  
Lucy Fagg

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



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