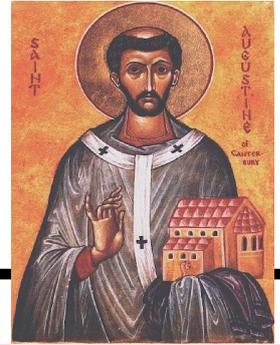




Anglican Catholic Church of St Augustine
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal, Kent ME13 0DU



PARISH NEWS

Sunday: 11am Sung Mass

Holy Days: As Announced

**A Very Warm
WELCOME**

Today is

Easter II
(Good Shepherd Sunday)

18th April 2021

The Propers of the Mass

begin on **Page 534**
of the red

Book of Common Prayer

and **Page C16** of the
Anglican Missal

Today's Mass will be the last
we will record and upload
online. This weekly sheet
will still be published on our
Parish websites.



At the end of today's service
we conclude with the
Regina Caeli (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

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Dear Friends, As I mention in
the left hand
panel of this
sheet, today's Mass will be the last
we will record and upload to
YouTube. There are now a
considerable number of services on
our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/bishopmead>

and Fr Ray and I would like to focus
on returning St Augustine's to focus
on "in person" worship.

Today we welcome, if all has gone
according to plan, Fr Gareth Parry
who is Priest in Charge of our
Mission in North Wales.

It is fitting that he should be with
us on Good Shepherd Sunday
because this is one half of the
dedication of his congregation in
Conwy.

The figure of the Shepherd as
applied to the Lord is a familiar one in
scripture. In the Old Testament we
have the *Shepherd Psalm* [Psalm
23]. That Psalm makes a perfect
background to today's gospel and to
the parable of the lost sheep
recorded in St Luke 15: 17. Other
biblical references which should be
noted are Psalm 20: 1, Psalm 95: 7,
Isaiah 40: 11, Hebrews 13: 20, 1 St
Peter 5: 4 and Revelation 7: 17.
Several things are said in today's
Gospel about the Shepherd and the
sheep. There are sheep in peril for
whom the Shepherd sacrifices his
life. There are sheep safely within the
fold whom the Shepherd knows and
cares for, and then there are the
sheep still outside, lost and scattered,

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whom the Shepherd must seek and
bring home.

In verses 14 and 15 we notice the
words "mine own" which emphasise
the personal relationship between the
Shepherd and the sheep, between
Christ and his people. Of them he is
able to say "my sheep", and of him
they are able to say "my Shepherd".
The bond of sympathy which binds
Christ in his flock is deep and strong.
In verse 15, it is likened to the union
between the Father and the Son. As
the Father knows the Son, and the
Son knows the Father, so the
Shepherd knows the sheep, and the
sheep the Shepherd. "Other sheep I
have, which are not of this fold: them
also must I bring, and they shall hear
my voice: and they shall become one
flock, one Shepherd". Christ died not
only for the Jews but also for the
gentiles, Christ seeks his lost ones
and seeks until he finds them.

What does this mean to us? It
means that if we are to be a sheep of
the good shepherd, if we are to be a

April

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Sunday 25th

St Mark (Comm: Easter III)

11am Sung Mass

Celebrant: Fr Ray

Preacher: The Bishop

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May

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Sunday 2nd

Easter IV

Comm St Athanasius

11am Sung Mass

Celebrant: The Bishop

Preacher: The Bishop

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Sunday 9th

*Easter V / Rogation Sunday
Comm St Gregory Nazianzus*

11am Sung Mass

Celebrant: Fr Ray

Preacher: Fr Ray

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Thursday 13th

Ascension Day

12 noon Sung Mass

Celebrant: The Bishop

Preacher: The Bishop

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Christian, we must first acknowledge ourselves to be lost, and astray. We must admit our sins. We must acknowledge we are spiritually helpless without the Good Shepherd to guide us and to take care of us.

That's why we come to church, isn't it? That's why we read our Bibles and come to Him in prayer? It's because we are spiritually needy.

This is important. For it is these sheep the Good Shepherd cares for. They don't make themselves strong and healthy. He does it. All the sheep need to do is to listen to His voice and it will lead them to food and safety. If, however, we are stubborn sheep, if we think we know best and consider we are strong enough to do it our way, well aren't we in danger of thinking we have no spiritual needs we also cannot meet from our own resources? If sin doesn't cause us any distress, it is to our folly, confusion, blindness. **"If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves**

and the truth is not in us" If we don't think we need to hear the Gospel, don't need to receive the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, then it is to us the Lord Jesus includes in his address to the church in Laodicea, as recorded by St. John in Revelation 3:17:

"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:"

When Jesus searches for you and finds you, he knows you before you know him. He knows all of your temptations. He understands why you succumb to temptation, why you stumble and fall, and how you get yourself trapped in your own failures. And he is the one, the only one, whose voice, whose very words, will deliver you from your own folly.



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, Megan Young, Pauline Allison, Harrison and Edward Eckert, Margaret and Peter Martin, Margaret Bendelow, Dorothy Hipkiss, Fr Miles Maylor, Elizabeth Bell, Vickie Wall, Pat Johnson, Liz Bakker, Deb Stuck, Angela, Hazel, Vera and Karl, Millie Armstrong, Sarah and David Winterburn and their daughters Nicole and Corrina, Mark Harper, Robin Anderson. 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 the surrounding countryside and villages, 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 the Midwest, Bishop Ordinary: The Rt. Revd. Rommie Starks.
- St Cuthbert's House Group, Durham, Dr Peter Hurst, Convenor.
- The people of England.

And we remember the recently departed: Tom Lowery, Ian D. Anderson, Bishop. HRH The Duke of Edinburgh *specially, and those whose anniversaries falls at this time* Richard Mulholland, Deacon.

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



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