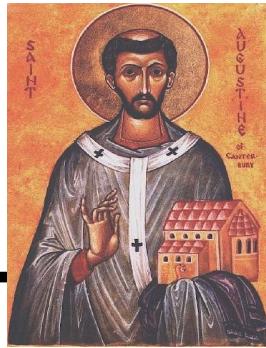




PARISH NEWS

Sunday: 11 am Sung Mass (1st Sunday: Healing Service) Holy Days: As Announced



A Very Warm WELCOME This Sunday is

Pentecost
(commonly called Whit-Sunday)

23rd May 2021

The Propers of the Mass begin on **Page 552** of the red Book of Common Prayer and **Page C33** of the Anglican Missal



At the end of todays service we conclude with the **Regina Caeli** (in the back of the white **Mass Booklets**) in the Lady Chapel.

Dear Friends,

The Feast of Pentecost, of Whit-Sunday (or White Sunday) as it is commonly known, commemorates the coming of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles, to dwell in the Church forever, according to the promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Proper Preface at Mass declares that on this day, as "we give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God," we do so with this special intention, "through Jesus Christ Our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them, and to lead them into all truth; giving them boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy Son Jesus Christ."

At Baptism, we pray "Give thy Holy Spirit to this child" and again at Confirmation we pray; "Almighty and Everlasting God, who has vouchsafed to regenerate these thy servants by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto them forgiveness of all their sins; strengthen them, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, and daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear." When a Bishop is consecrated, three other bishops place their hands on the head of the man to be ordained and pray "Receive the Holy Ghost for the

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Office and Work of a Bishop in the Church of God". (Book of Common Prayer). A very similar formula is used for making of Priests. It is this authority, the abiding authority and presence of the Holy Ghost, which give efficacy to the Sacraments of the Church, through which Christ's presence is manifested for us in a unique and special way.

Here then we have the reasons for our special thanksgiving today. The Holy Ghost came down. He lives in the church to teach and lead us into all truth. We have received His indwelling Presence. We have received His seven-fold gifts. We have Him as our intercessor and comforter. He will produce in us the nine-fold fruits, which are His to give. He makes possible the Sacraments which strengthen us, heal us and reconcile us to God. It is from Him that we receive all holy desires, all good counsels. He alone can give the peace which the world cannot give. He alone can give us a right judgment in all things. He alone can cause us to



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Our Organ doesn't like them

Thank you

May



Saturday 29th
**PATRONAL FESTIVAL
 PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS**

12 noon

Celebrant: The Bishop
Deacon: Fr Ray Thompson
Subdeacon: Fr Andrew Scurr
Fr Scurr will also preach



Sunday 30th

Trinity Sunday
(Comm St Joan of Arc)

11am Sung Mass



June



Sunday 6th

**Trinity I &
 Octave of Corpus Christi**

11am Sung Mass

Followed by Healing Service



Sunday 13th

**Trinity II (Comm Octave of
 Sacred Heart & St Anthony)**

11am Sung Mass



rejoice in His holy comfort.

With our small numbers, both in this Parish and in our Diocese, it is natural that on a human level we can sometimes be disheartened and discouraged. Part of the reason is that we are surrounded by examples of the effect of a long period of time when the Christian Church was influential and powerful. The role that the Christian Church has occupied in the common consciousness of this nation and indeed throughout Europe and the West appears to be at a low ebb. It is then, however, that we must allow the Holy Ghost to truly make our hearts glad and fill us with strength. For whether in grand buildings with thousands attending or in simple chapels like ours, the work of God and the extension of His Kingdom here on earth is proceeding. We must never lose sight of this and we should take comfort from this fact! The coming of



St Augustine of Canterbury

PATRONAL FESTIVAL MASS
Saturday 29th May 2021*

12 noon Pontifical High Mass

Celebrant: The Bishop

Guest Preacher: Fr Andrew Scurr

(*Transferred from Wednesday 26th May)

the Holy Ghost was promised by Christ. He never fails and always fulfils his promises.

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St Augustine's will host this years Diocesan Synod (XXIX) on Saturday 10th July. The day will begin with a Pontifical High Mass at 11am and the business meeting will follow at 1pm. We hope to Zoom the Mass and the Meeting for those unable to attend because of ongoing Covid related concerns.

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, 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 Resurrection, Bishop Ordinary - Rt Rev Rocco Florenza
- St Augustine of Canterbury, Painters Forstal, Kent, Bishop Damien Mead, The Ven. Raymond Thompson, Hon. Assistant;
- Ethical standards in business and the political life of our nation.

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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