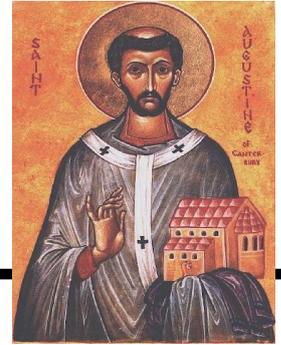




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# PARISH NEWS

Sunday: 11 am Sung Mass + Wednesday: 12 noon + Holy Days: As Announced

**A Very Warm  
WELCOME  
This Sunday is**

**Trinity XVIII  
Comm: St Theresa  
of Lisieux**

**3rd October 2021**

The Propers of the Mass today are to be found on page 631 of the Book of Common Prayer and page C91 of the Anglican Missal

## HYMNS

**410  
258  
457  
323**

At the end of Mass we shall have our **Monthly Healing Service** which will conclude with **The Angelus**, facing the image of Our Lady at the back of Church.



**Please  
Turn off Your  
Mobile Phones**

Our Organ doesn't like them

*Thank you*

*Dear Friends,*

Tomorrow, we commemorate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

In the common consciousness, he is one of the Church's most popular Saints.

St Francis was a man who, after he encountered Christ in his life, tried to pattern his life on Jesus, he tried to deny himself, take up his cross each day and follow Jesus.

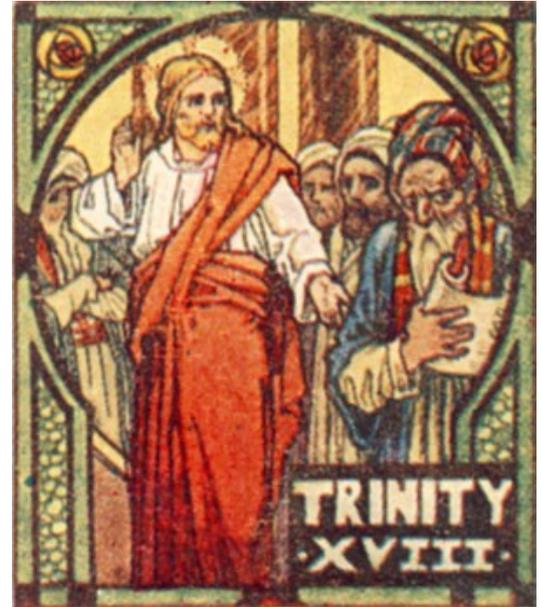
St Francis' ministry began with the Cross of San Damiano, in that tumble down, ruined Church, when the Image of Christ on the Cross spoke to him saying 'build my church'. His life and ministry ended bearing the stigmata, the wounds of Jesus from his suffering on the Cross, on his own body.

Francis' first instinct was to hide these marks, of course this was because he knew they were not about glorifying himself. But his brother Franciscans caught glimpses – he had to bandage his hands, wear slippers instead of going barefoot, and he bled from his side. He could barely walk, and needed the care of his brothers for the final two years of his life.

The Church speaks of the "Gift of the Stigmata", but it was a costly gift indeed. It was a gift of wounds, real wounds, with real pain and real cost.

Wounds that needed bandaging, wounds that needed care, wounds that weakened Francis and which quite probably hastened his death.

When the early Christians were burnt at the stake or thrown to the lions by the Romans. We are told how they sang hymns of praise. They didn't welcome death for its own sake, nor pain for its own sake, but because they believed that their death would mark their heavenly birthday.



Life and death, happiness and joy for the Christian do not carry the same meaning as they do for the world. This is why the world is at odds with and has failed to understand our Faith.

Take a look at the nearest crucifix to you for a moment and see who hangs there ...

- The world sees a criminal, or perhaps a mad man.
- Who do we see ? ... we see Jesus – the Man, We see Jesus our God.
- The world sees nothing, or perhaps seeks to dismiss his life as imaginary, his teachings as Fairy Tales.
- Who do we see ? ... We see Faith, We see Hope, We see Love.
- The world sees darkness, death and an end. What do we see? ... We see the Way, We see the Truth, We see the Life!

The world sees the Cross of Christ as an instrument of punishment, pain and death whereas we see the Cross as the gateway to heaven! But

# September

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Wednesday 29th

*St Michael & All Angels*

12 noon Low Mass

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# October

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Sunday 3rd

*Trinity XVIII*

*(Comm St Theresa of Lisieux)*

11am Sung Mass  
& Healing Service

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Sunday 10th

*Trinity XIX*

*(Comm St Paulinus of York)*

11am Sung Mass

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Sunday 17th

*Trinity XX*

*(Comm St Etheldreda)*

11am Sung Mass

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Sunday 24th

*Trinity XXI*

*(Comm St Raphael, the Archangel)*

11am Sung Mass

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passing through that gateway comes at great cost.

Today, it is almost a throw away gesture. We make the Sign of the Cross often far too carelessly. Even in many baptisms.

Much of the modern Church has failed to teach the significance of the act – if they bother with it at all.

Making the Sign of the Cross especially marking a Cross on someone newly baptised is an important act. At a baptism we use the words “We receive this child into the congregation of Christ’s flock, and do sign him with the sign of the cross, in token hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world and the devil, and to continue Christ’s faithful soldier and servant until his life’s end”.

Thus we begin our journey with Christ marked with the Cross of Christ

and it speaks to us, just as the Cross of San Damiano spoke to Francis.

During our lives we sign ourselves with the Cross of Christ to take upon ourselves the sign of Stigmata, the signs of the Passion of Christ, just as St Francis bore them on his body.

Being a Christian comes at great cost. The greatest being a surrender of self.

**Apologies:** I am very sorry that our Mass on Wednesday last week for the Feast of St Michael and all Angels and our Pet Blessing service yesterday was cancelled. The decision to cancel these services was in response to the fuel shortages. Hopefully these will be short term and we can recommence our Wednesday Masses soon.

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Fr Don & Di Walker, Chris Bosworth, Margaret and Laurence Mead, Paul Fletcher, Barbara Henderson, Todd, David and Sheila, Colin Rumens, Frederick Chadwick, Ann Chapman, Diane Young, Megan Young, Rosie Young, Pauline Allison, Harrison and Edward Eckert, Margaret and Peter Martin, Margaret Bendelow, Dorothy Hipkiss, Fr Miles Maylor, Elizabeth Bell, Vickie Wall, Pat Johnson, Fr Ed & Liz Bakker, Deb Stuck, Angela, Hazel, Karl, Millie Armstrong, Sarah and David Winterburn and their daughters Nicole and Corrina, Robert and Kathleen Dunford, Br Botolph OSB, Deacon Jong, Bishop David Haines, Malcolm Munn, Barbara Bowers. 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, Afghanistan, the Middle East and China.

*For those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*

- The Military Ordinariate, Episcopal Visitor, the Rt Rev Donald Lerow, the chaplains, their families and the service men and women in the Armed Forces of the ACC’s constituent nations whom they serve.
- The Victoria College of Music and the Diocesan Ministry Training Programme;
- The propagation of the Holy Catholic and Orthodox Faith, for all Missionaries and Evangelists.

*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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