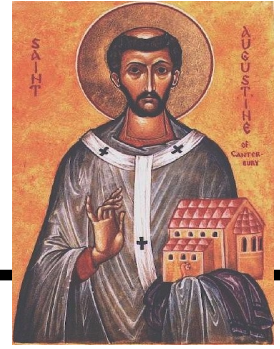




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Eastling Road, Painters Forstal, Kent ME13 0DU



PARISH NEWS

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

**A Very Warm
WELCOME**

**This Sunday is
Quinquagesima
27th February
2022**

The Propers of the Mass today are to be found on page 378 of the Book of Common Prayer

HYMNS

**359
84
383
393**

At the end of Mass we shall turn to the back of Church and pray together
The Angelus, at Our Lady's Shrine



**Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones**

Our Organ doesn't like them

Thank you

Dear Friends, Last Sunday I told you in my Sermon that the Church has assigned a distinct purpose to this 'Gesima-tide'. The lessons have been chosen for a particular reason; to shift us from celebrating the joy of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany leading us to consider our response to what we have heard during that joyous time.

The Epistle for today gives us our final instruction for keeping Lent aright. We are being told very clearly the purpose of the discipline of Lent is to enable us to seek, better understand, embrace and to live in, Charity.

We are told that Charity is the greatest of the Theological Virtues. Faith will vanish and knowledge shall take its place; Hope will find its fulfilment in delight. However, Charity will remain forever as the climax of perfection. It will find its unending expression in loving God with all the heart, with all the mind, with all the soul, and with all the strength: and secondly in loving our neighbour as we love ourselves.

"Charity," writes Saint Paul, "suffereth long, and is kind; Charity envieth not; Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth."

It never fails to rise to the occasion, to meet the situation, to feel kindly, to think fairly, to do justly, to act courteously. Charity makes normal contacts and rational relationships possible. Without Charity we are left exposed to temperamentality, personal prejudice, uncontrolled emotionalism, and all



the humiliations of hysteria.

Un-charitableness suspends sound reasoning and precludes effective action. We cannot be normal unless we are charitable.

Fr. Frank L. Vernon, a priest who served in the American Episcopal Church during the 1930's once wrote that "Charity enables us to suffer long in one way or another without rebellion or complaint, because it looks far ahead of the present, and well into the future, and is content to rest in appreciation that God, the source of Charity, knows best. Charity makes us kind because it enables us to see ourselves in others and others in ourselves. It reveals the futility of envy and the foolishness of boasting and vanity, and the meanness of self-seeking. It develops emotional stability which is proof against provocation. It fosters the high-mindedness which is above base suspiciousness. It produces the delicate sensibilities which perceive the tragedy of iniquity and admire the grandeur of the truth. It moves us to bear all things with dignity. It inspires us to believe steadfastly, to hope undauntedly and to endure intrepidly. Whatever the difficult situation may be,

February

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Thursday 24th

St Matthias

12 noon Low Mass

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Sunday 27th

Quinquagesima

11am Sung Mass

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March

✕

Wednesday 2nd

*Ash Wednesday
(Comm St Chad)*

12noon Low Mass
& Imposition of Ashes

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Sunday 6th

*Lent I (Comm: St Perpetua &
St Felicity)*

11am Sung Mass

*Followed by Monthly
Healing Service*

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Wednesday 9th

*Ember Wednesday in Lent
(Comm St Frances of Rome)*

12noon Low Mass

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whatever may fail us, Charity never fails. In the long, long run it conquers everything."

Many modern translations of Scripture translate 'Charity' as 'Love'. But love is only part of what Charity means. This English word 'Love' is sadly over-used, and, at the same time, under-valued. The sort of Charity we must attain doesn't just trip off the tongue lightly. Christian Charity must be sought and fought for in spiritual battles. It is a free gift from God, but it is sometimes *too hot* for us to handle. Because it requires us to embrace it and take it to the centre of our being and so many of us find this too uncomfortable and threatening. Nevertheless, this is what we are commanded to do during the coming weeks of Lent.

+ Damien

Hmmm ... Oh Eunice!

Storm Eunice took some tiles off the roof of the Church. Not many but with more rain and strong winds forecast we were concerned about getting repairs done as soon as possible. Last Sunday, before Mass, a lot of dust and small debris had to be cleaned up in the Sanctuary.

After the coffee hour, as we were leaving, a local Roofer pulled up across the road to replace a neighbour's tile. Asking him if he could take a look at the Church roof, we were delighted by his immediate offer to repair our roof, which took only 30 minutes or so. Thank you Louis Cole — you have our sincere thanks!



YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Fr Don and Di Walker, Chris Bosworth, Margaret and Laurence Mead, Paul and Sue Fletcher, Barbara Henderson, Todd, David and Sheila, Colin Rumens, Frederick Chadwick, Ann Chapman, 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, Sarah, David, Nicole and Corrina Winterburn, Kathleen Dunford, Deacon Jong, Bishop David Haines, Malcolm Munn, Barbara Bowers, Isabella Ighodaro, 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

- Diocese of Canada, Fr Robert Mansfield, vicar general;
- St Mary & St Eanswythe, Dartford, Kent, Dr Roy Fidge, Warden;
- The people of Wales.

And we remember the recently departed: specially Paul Dicks, Priest, Robert Dunford and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Joseph DeHart, Priest

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

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