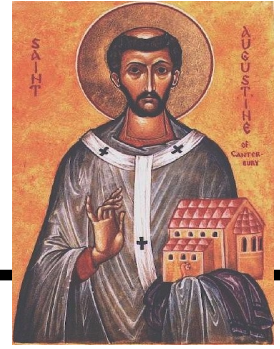




Anglican Catholic Church of St Augustine
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal, Kent ME13 0DU



PARISH NEWS

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

**A Very Warm
WELCOME**

**This Sunday is
Second
Sunday in Lent
13th March 2022**

The Propers of the Mass today are to be found on page 400 of the Book of Common Prayer

HYMNS

**333
512
399
339**

After the final hymn we will conclude at 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,

**How did you
come to know the
Lord?**

We all have different stories to tell. For some there was a 'Road to Damascus' experience while for others it was a slow, almost imperceptible development. Some are moved by their emotions, some by their logic, while others their intellect. Yet, somehow, each of us has become aware of our need to know Jesus better.

Deep down in the human heart lies, it would seem, there is to be found an impulse to take refuge in the Supernatural.

In the famous opening paragraph of St Augustine of Hippo's Confessions, he declares, **"You have made us, O Lord, for Yourself, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in You."** That is to say, God has so designed human beings that the deep longings and desires for happiness and joy that are built into the very fabric of our souls are only met and satisfied by Him. We, rather like Solomon, in the Book of Ecclesiastes, will pursue satisfaction in everything under the sun, but unless we recognise that true happiness is only found in God, we too will be striving 'after the wind'.

We are restless until we find rest in God. Simple faith and undaunted hope are our pledges for answered prayers and fulfilled desires. To every one of us, at least once in our lives, is given the opportunity for a face-to-face meeting with Jesus. At least one event, or one chain of events, will lead to Him.

In today's Gospel we might wonder what made that woman of Canaan come and cry out to Our Lord? No one seemed to know. The disciples were rather annoyed. They even asked Our Lord to send her away. Yet she followed on and



prayed the more insistently. Jesus understood. He encouraged her, though at the same time He tested her faith and sincerity. The result justified her testing. She came out of her trial with a triumphant faith. Her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

But what made her come in the first place? God only knows. After all, He is the only person who needs to know. She had heard something, she had seen something and remembered it. When the time came she acted upon her awareness of her need. She was misunderstood and frowned upon. But she was too desperate and too earnest to be daunted by that. She knew that Our Lord could help her. She never faltered until she had obtained the answer to her prayer. She learned to know Him on whom she had believed. She saw a miracle. Her daughter was the living evidence. Her faith had come to rest in fact.

The sense of the Presence, the attraction, the prayer, the answer and the miracle. Not one of us can ever ask in vain. The roots of all such experiences lie deep in the human heart and God's response to our need lies deep in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

March

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Wednesday 9th

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

12noon Low Mass

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Sunday 13th

Lent II

11am Sung Mass

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Wednesday 16th

Lenten Feria

12noon Low Mass

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Sunday 20th

Lent III

11am Sung Mass

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Wednesday 23rd

Lenten Feria

12noon Low Mass

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Friday 25th

The Annunciation of the BVM

12 noon Mass

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Sunday 27th

Lent IV (Mothering Sunday)

11am Sung Mass

*Following Mass we will
venerate the Relic of the Veil*

During Lent we are all mindful of our journey with Jesus as we go with him up to Jerusalem. We all have questions in our hearts if not in our minds. During this journey we are encouraged to draw closer to him and what better way than to do so by asking of him answers to the questions we have.

Deepening our faith is essential for Christians. Participating in the special services during Holy Week each year is one way we can do this. Listening to and witnessing the events of our redemption and salvation.

This year we hope to follow the complete round of Holy Week services printed here — as it says in the advertisement A warm welcome awaits YOU!



PS: You will notice we have resumed our midweek Wednesday services at 12 noon.



THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

St Augustine's Church
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal,
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Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday: 11am Sung Mass & Blessing of the Palms
Wednesday in Holy Week: 12 noon Chism 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

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Canon 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 Peace in Ukraine and throughout the World.

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 the South, Bishop Ordinary - the Most Rev Mark Haverland;
- St Alban the Martyr, Salford, Greater Manchester, Canon Charles Johnson, Parish Priest;
- The people of Northern Ireland.

And we remember the recently departed: specially Neville 'Chief' Bensley and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Michael Sheehan, Joseph DeHart, Priest

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

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CHURCH FLOWERS

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