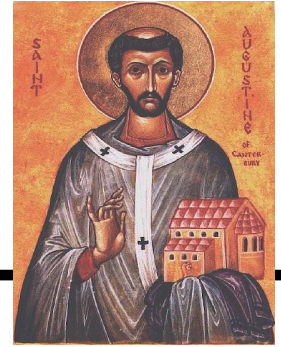




Anglican Catholic Church of St Augustine
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal, Kent ME13 0DU



PARISH NEWS

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

**A Very Warm
WELCOME**
This Sunday is
**Third
Sunday in Lent**
20th March 2022

The Propers of the Mass today are to be found on page 402 of the Book of Common Prayer

HYMNS

372
268
279
235

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,

Today, in his Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul tells the Christians to whom he writes that they are should 'walk as children of light'. So that how they live their lives, speak, and work, should clearly show they belong to the Lord Jesus.

In the first exuberant days of conversion when you first came to know Jesus, you may have found it easier to live as Children of Light. But just as the first Christian Communities, who earnestly believed that Christ would almost certainly return during their lifetime, you may have found that certain changes and adaptations of your Christian faith have been necessary over time. A recognition that we are not perfect, that we have weaknesses and that we must balance a whole host of concerns and responsibilities can preoccupy us.

In the midst of this we must not forget our priorities — and these must begin with an acknowledgment of our vocation. Of the calling that God has given each of us, ordained and lay alike, as followers, as disciples, of His Son Jesus Christ - a Christian purpose.

Perhaps you do not have an awareness of what specific vocation or purpose you have? St John Henry Newman's meditation on vocation, and the holiness of God's individual call to each one of us may help:

"God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.

I have my mission - I may never



know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it - if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.

He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me - still He knows what He is about."

Discovering our vocation - the specific purpose God has given each of us - can take a lifetime to

March

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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

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Wednesday 30th

Lenten Feria

12 noon Mass

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April

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Sunday 1st

Passion Sunday

11am Sung Mass

Followed by Healing Service

discover. But discover it we must strive to do. As the hymn writer puts it "*Brief life here is our portion*". To often we become bogged down with the cares, worries, concerns and yes, even joys, of this world. Life is tough and difficult and we all have different circumstances, different experiences that either, make life more difficult, or easier.

So why is our calling and purpose from God so important?

St Augustine of Hippo sums it up when he wrote; "*Because God has made us for Himself, our hearts are restless until they rest in Him.*" The peace, calm, comfort and love, that being at one with God truly means, can be ours now - if we identify ourselves wholly with Him. Finding out God's will and doing it - is the key that unlocks the treasure of heaven here on earth.




THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

St Augustine's Church
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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 Midwest, Bishop Ordinary - Rt Rev Rommie Starks;
- St Bede, Thames Ditton, Surrey, Canon Donald Walker ObIOSB;

And we remember the recently departed: specially NN and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: NN

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

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CHURCH FLOWERS

To make a donation for Easter Flowers in Church - Please see Mrs Margaret Mead

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