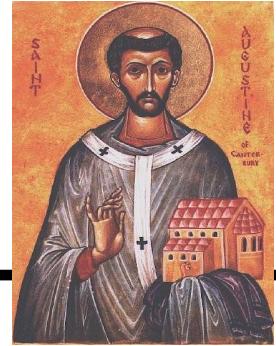




# PARISH NEWS



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

**A Very Warm  
WELCOME**  
**This Sunday is  
Easter Day**  
**17th April 2022**

The Propers of the Mass are on page 513 of the Book of Common Prayer

## HYMNS

**119**  
**104**  
**117**  
**120**

*Following the last hymn we shall turn towards Our Lady's Altar and in place of the Angelus, during Easter tide, we sing The Regina Caeli*



**Please  
Turn off Your  
Mobile Phones**

Our Organ doesn't like them

*Dear Friends,*

So where has it all gone wrong? The results of a national survey concerning children's knowledge of Easter, published a few years ago, hits the headlines from time to time. According to the report published in the Express newspaper (25.03.13)

- A QUARTER of British children think Easter is a holiday to celebrate the Easter Bunny's birthday.
- And 27 per cent think Easter Sunday is the day on which chocolate was invented.
- Just 21 per cent of parents said their children knew the religious meaning of Easter.
- One in 20 children know there is a religious link but believe it marks the birthday of Jesus.
- A massive 87 per cent of parents said no one in their family had any intention of going to church at any point over the Easter holiday.

Of all the miracles; of all Jesus' words; of all the things witnessed by His Disciples; the resurrection stands out clearly above all the others as the absolute proof that Jesus Christ is special, Jesus Christ is different, Jesus Christ is God!

This history changing, life changing, event is what enabled those scared first disciples to leave the Upper Room where they were hiding. Knowledge of Christ's resurrection through first hand experience and the empowering of the Holy Ghost sent those men and women, out into the world to proclaim that Jesus Christ was the Saviour, the anointed,



promised Messiah.

The Christian Faith rests on this simple premise. Either YOU believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead or you don't. If you do NOT believe it — then there is, I am afraid to say, no positive eternal future for you, unless you change that belief. Clearly the rest of the Gospel, Church history, the Sacraments, the working of the Holy Spirit in the Church will mean nothing, to you either. But if you DO believe — then that fact can have no half hearted meaning. It is far too serious a matter for that. If Jesus IS God made Flesh, as the church has proclaimed for 2000 years and as the Holy Scripture of the Old Testament foretold for centuries before. Then that fact must have an impact on your life. If it doesn't then sadly you risk sharing the fate of the unbelievers. Hold on a moment, why is the bishop spoiling Easter day ...

If the Resurrection of Christ is not true then everything He said and did can and should be called into question and ultimately can be set aside. It maybe that some basic teachings fits into a general scheme of living that is not too bad. After all most humanists

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## Sunday 17th

*Easter Day*

11am Pontifical  
Sung Mass

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## Wednesday 20th

*Wednesday in Easter Week*

12 noon Low Mass

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## Saturday 23rd

*St George's Day*

12 noon Low Mass

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## Sunday 24th

*Easter I**Commonly called Low Sunday*

11am Sung Mass

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## Monday 25th

*St Mark*

12 noon Low Mass

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## Wednesday 27th

*St Peter Canisius*

12 noon Low Mass

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## Saturday 30th

*XXX Diocesan Synod Great Barr, Nr Birmingham*

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### CHURCH FLOWERS

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

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and atheists of my acquaintance are good people and live good lives. They are for the most part kind, considerate and caring individuals. So too are most of those I know who profess a non-Christian faith. Christianity has no monopoly on goodness.

But Christianity does have a monopoly on ultimate truth. If Jesus Christ IS God then EVERYTHING he did and said — every example He gave, every commandment and instruction, must be the TRUTH. Being good isn't enough, being kind, considerate, and caring, isn't enough. Does this fill you with trepidation and discomfort? It should. Living the life that Christ calls us to isn't an easy path. Truly loving God and truly loving our neighbour, which is the essence behind every action, word and example Christ has given us, comes at a cost. All save two of His first Twelve Disciples died because they believed in the Resurrection of Christ. Judas killed himself because he betrayed Jesus, and only John, "the disciple

whom Jesus loved", who took the Blessed Virgin Mary into his home at the foot of the Cross on that first Good Friday, died of advanced old age at Ephesus around 98AD.

Many of the other early followers of Christ also died. The catacombs of Rome are full of the bodies of those martyred in the First century AD. Just as millions of men, women and children have died, and are still dying, in like the Middle East, Africa and Asia, for HIS sake and the Truth.

Please God we are not tested so extremely — but please God **even** more strongly — that we are empowered and brave enough to stand up for Christ and proclaim His Glorious Resurrection, and all that it means, in the face of the apathy and rejection prevalent in our society today.

**Alleluia!**  
**Christ is risen!**  
**He is Risen indeed!**  
**Alleluia!**

## 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 and Hazel; Sarah, David, Nicole and Corrina Winterburn; Kathleen Dunford; Deacon Jong; Bishop David Haines; Malcolm Munn; Barbara Bowers; Isabella Ighodaro, Fr Howard Marsh. All those effected by the Coronavirus. For Peace in Ukraine and Russia, and throughout the World.

*For those who read these Parish Notes on our Notice Board outside Church 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*

- St Osmund's House group, Wolverhampton, Mr Mark Morgan, Convenor;
- Greater knowledge of the truth of the Resurrection in our society.

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

The departed Bishops of the ACC: +William O. Lewis, + Michael Dean Stephens, + John T. Cahoon, Jr., + Frank Knutti, + Charles D.D. Doren, +Tillman B. Williams, + Richard Willars, + Justo Pastor Ruiz, + William De J. Rutherford, the + Anselm Ranganadan, + Francis Sylvester, + William Burns, + Joseph P. Deyman, + Harry B. Scott, III; + James Orin Mote; + Br John Charles FODC, + Roger Dawson, + John-Benedict CGS, + Alan Kenyon Hoare; + Edward LaCour. • The faithful departed clergy, especially Joseph Walker, priest. Jim Petty, priest, Timothy Perkins, priest, Roger Bell, priest and Richard Mulholland, deacon, and the departed laity of this Diocese and of our Parish.