

PARISH NEWS

1873 - Celebrating 150 Years of Christian Witness in Painters Forstal - 2023

WELCOME

Today is

Epiphany IV

Comm: St Francis de Sales

29th January 2023

The Propers of the Mass are on page 366 of the Book of Common Prayer

HYMNS

296

112

271

446

At the end of Mass,
we conclude with

The Angelus
turning towards Our
Lady's Altar at the
back of Church



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Turn off Your
Mobile Phones

Dear Friends,

Fr Ray has kindly contributed this column this week:

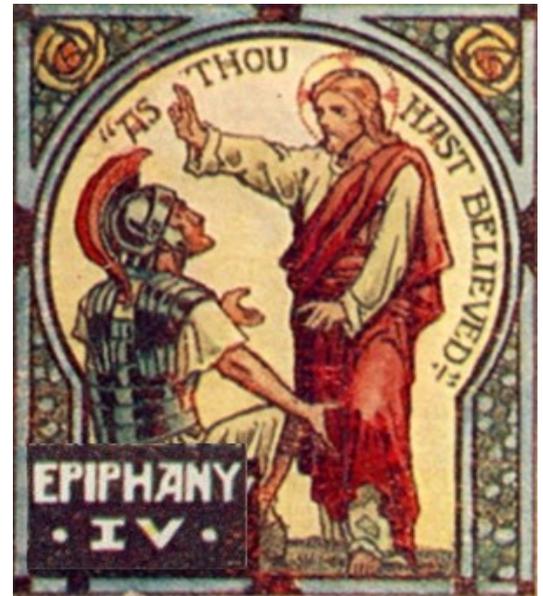
On this last Sunday in Epiphany-tide at the pro-cathedral we are observing an ancient custom. We shall be "burying" the Alleluia. There are many ways this can be done, and there is no official liturgy or ceremonial for it, but it can be a useful teaching aid as well as a moving devotion.

Here are quoted some extracts from *Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs* by Francis X. Weiser, publ. 1958.

"On Saturday before Septuagesima Sunday (the third Sunday before Lent) this ancient and hallowed exclamation of joy and praise in the Christian liturgy is officially discontinued in the Western Church to signify the approach of the solemn season of Lent...

"The discontinuance of the Alleluia on the eve of Septuagesima assumed in medieval times a solemn and emotional note of saying farewell to the beloved song. Despite the fact that Pope Alexander II had ordered a very simple and sombre way of 'deposing' the Alleluia, a variety of farewell customs prevailed in many countries up to the sixteenth century. They were inspired by the sentiment which Bishop William Duranti (1296) voiced in his commentaries on the Divine Office: 'We part from the Alleluia as from a beloved friend, whom we embrace many times and kiss on mouth, head and hand, before we leave him.'

"The liturgical office on the eve of Septuagesima was performed in many churches with special solemnity,



ty, and alleluias were freely inserted in the sacred text, even to the number of twenty-eight final alleluias in the church of Auxerre in France. This custom also inspired some tender poems which were sung or recited during Vespers in honour of the sacred word. The best known of these hymns is, *Alleluia, dulce carmen* (Alleluia, Song of Gladness), composed by an unknown author of the tenth century. It was translated into English by John Mason Neale (1866).

"In some French churches the custom developed in ancient times of allowing the congregation to take part in the celebration of a quasi-liturgical farewell ceremony. The clergy abstained from any role in this popular service. Choirboys officiated in their stead at what was called 'Burial of the Alleluia' performed the Saturday afternoon before Septuagesima.

"On Saturday before Septuagesima Sunday all choir boys gather in the sacristy during the prayer of the None, to prepare for the burial of the Alleluia. After the last *Benedicamus* [i.e., at the end of the service] they march in

Please Note

We regret there will be no weekday (including Wednesday) services for the time being — except as below.

February

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Sunday 5th

Septuagesima

(Comm: *St Agatha*)

11am Sung Mass

Followed by Healing Service

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Sunday 12th

Sexagesima

(Comm: *St Benedict Biscop*)

11am Sung Mass

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Sunday 19th

Quinquagesima

11am Sung Mass

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Wednesday 22nd

Ash Wednesday

12 noon Low Mass

With blessing and imposition of ashes

✕

Sunday 26th

First Sunday in Lent

11am Sung Mass

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St Augustine's Church

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procession, with crosses, tapers, holy water and censers; and they carry a coffin, as in a funeral. Thus they proceed through the aisle, moaning and mourning, until they reach the cloister. There they bury the coffin; they sprinkle it with holy water and incense it; whereupon they return to the sacristy by the same way.

"In Paris, a straw figure bearing in golden letters the inscription "Alleluia" was carried out of the choir at the end of the service and burned in the church yard.

"Thus the Alleluia is sung for the last time and not heard again until it suddenly bursts into glory during the Mass of the Easter Vigil when the

celebrant intones this sacred word after the Epistle, repeating it three times, as a jubilant herald of the Resurrection of Christ."

Here at St Augustine's we have a wooden plaque engraved with the word Alleluia, which will be wrapped in a shroud and carried to the back of the church and laid beneath the altar in the Lady Chapel until Easter.

Dates for your diaries:

Sat 29th April — Diocesan Synod,

Sun 30th April — Visit of Archbishop Haverland

Sat 3rd June — 150th Anniversary Service



YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Canon Don and Di Walker; Chris Bosworth; Margaret and Laurence Mead; Diane Smith, Sue Fletcher; Todd, David and Sheila; Colin Rumens; Ann Chapman; Pauline Allison; Harrison and Edward Eckert; Margaret and Peter Martin; Dorothy Hipkiss; Fr Miles Maylor; Vickie Wall; Pat Johnson; Fr Ed & Liz Bakker; Deb Stuck; Angela, Barrie and Sylvia; Kathleen Dunford; Sarah, David, Nicole and Corrina Winterburn; Deacon Jong; Malcolm Munn; Barbara Bowers; Isabella Ighodaro, Fr Howard Marsh, David Miller, Graham Owen, John Sullivan, Roy Hipkiss, those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

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 Peace in Ukraine and Russia and throughout the World.

For those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

- Diocese of Aweil, Bishop Ordinary - Rt Rev Wilson Garang;
- Our Lady and St Edward, Bolton, Greater Manchester, Fr Howard Marsh;
- The Propagation of the Holy Catholic and Orthodox Faith. All Missionaries and Evangelists.

And we remember the recently departed: especially Deacon David Jewess, Kim Proctor-Walsh, Barbara Henderson, Jaine Meredith Kite, John Hambidge, priest. *and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:* Alan Kenyon Hoare, bishop.

✕ Rest Eternal Grant unto them, O Lord **R/s:** And let light perpetual shine upon them

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