



PARISH NEWS

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

WELCOME

Today is

Easter I

Commonly called **Low Sunday**

16th April 2023

The Propers of the Mass are on page 532 of the Book of Common Prayer

HYMNS

124

112

118

113

At the end of Mass,
we conclude with
The Regina Caeli
(which replaces the Angelus
devotion during Eastertide)
facing Our Lady's Altar.



Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones

Dear Friends,

ALLELUIA!
Christ is risen!

The Days after Our Lord's Resurrection were, for His disciples, filled with equal amounts of wonder, joy, fear, faith, assurance, hesitancy and recognition. One emotion followed quickly on another. It must have all made a very strange concoction. Days packed with highly charged emotion.

That first Easter was a day that was vivid and gripping and endless. And the thing that happened was the most important thing that ever had happened or ever will happen again. It was an astounding day.

Yet it was such a simple, quiet day. The quiet after the storm of Holy Week. And once the disciples had seen the Risen Lord, the *unexpected* seemed to settle down into the *expected*. The thing that had happened seemed to be the only thing that *could* have happened. It was suddenly all taken for granted.

The surprise and the fear and the hesitancy of Easter gave way to recognition and peace and happiness. At first it was overwhelming. Then it was supporting. Life started all over again. And this time they sensed a foundation that was firm. Apprehensiveness had dropped away. Everything that had been worthwhile in the old life remained. Everything that had been regrettable had dropped away. An endless newness opened out. They themselves felt new. They



not only felt, but they actually were, detached from their old unhappy past.

They had become transformed into the substance of which Apostles and Martyrs are made. They took this transformation for granted too, without stopping to think about it. They never looked back. They looked straight ahead. Their old nature transplanted with the new. And all that they could see was the new life, now so much and so really their own, that they could not imagine any other. This new life was their very own.

They were keen to get on with it. And they went on and on and on. They could do this because they had Our Lord. They knew the mystery of forgiveness. They knew the power of an endless life. They found out at last that former things can pass away, and that all things can be made new. It was not Christ who was dead. **It was death that was dead.**

This is the Peace of Christ

April

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Sunday 16th

Easter I (Low Sunday)

11am Sung Mass

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Wednesday 19th

St Alphege

12 Noon Low Mass

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Sunday 23rd

Easter II (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Comm: St George's Day

11am Sung Mass

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Wednesday 26th

Patronage of St Joseph

12 noon Low Mass

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Saturday 29th

XXXI Diocesan Synod

11am Pontifical High Mass

Followed by buffet lunch and
Synod Meeting

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Sunday 30th

Easter III

Comm St Catherine of Siena

11am Sung Mass

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which He bestows upon those who follow Him. The Peace He offers the Church and it is this Peace which the World is in so much need.

Truly some of our brethren walk the Way of the Cross more closely. Rest assured their experience of the Resurrection will be all the greater for it. Their tears and sorrow have already been replaced with a joy we can scarcely imagine.

This is not a matter of shadowy hope. It is a matter of fixed belief. We too have our Lord. We are solemnly vowed to believe all the articles of the Christian Faith. The dazzling climax of that Faith for us is the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The sins we repent will drop away. The evils we repudiate will be banished. The virtues we

struggle for will remain. We shall lose the worst and keep the best.

The life transitory will give way to the life everlasting. It was Easter then. It is Easter now. It will be Easter forever. The last desperate struggles of the evil one, no matter how heinous, cannot prevent Christ's victory over sin and death; over the world and the devil! The victory has already been won.

He is risen indeed!

ALLEUIA!



Dates for your Diary

Sat 29th April — Diocesan Synod

Sun 7th May — Coronation Celebration

Sun 21st May — The Archbishop's Visit

Sat 3rd June — 150th Anniversary Service

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Canon Don and Di Walker; Chris Bosworth; Margaret and Laurence Mead; Diane Smith, Todd, David and Sheila; Colin Rumens; Ann Chapman; Margaret and Peter Martin; Dorothy Hipkiss; Fr Miles Maylor; Vickie Wall; Pat Johnson; Fr Ed & Liz Bakker; Deb Stuck; Sarah, David, Nicole and Corrina Winterburn; Deacon Jong; Malcolm Munn; Barbara Bowers; Isabella Ighodaro, Fr Howard Marsh, David Miller, John Sullivan, Roy Hipkiss, Katy Brewer, Don and Rhonda Contreras and 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

- The Military Ordinariate, Episcopal Visitor, the Rt Rev Donald Lerow, ACC Chaplains, their families and the service men and women in the Armed Forces of our member nations, whom they serve.
- For Lay Readers, deaconesses and other lay Ministries in the Church of God.
- For all altar servers and acolytes;
- All ACC organists, musicians, choirs and cantors; *Especially our own here at St Augustine's.*
- The elderly, care homes, independent living schemes and warden assisted programmes.

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

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

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