



PARISH NEWS

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

WELCOME

Today is

Easter II

*Good Shepherd Sunday &
Commemorate St George*

23rd April 2023

The Propers of the Mass
are on page 534 of the
Book of Common Prayer

HYMNS

457

162

296

443

*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!

Those of you who regularly read these Parish News Sheets will know that most often my column takes the form of a mini sermon rather than a focus on "news". This is not because the Parish isn't doing anything - but because we are usually just going about the ordinary business of worshipping God and being part of the Body of Christ.

We have a number of **special dates** coming up which are, however, specifically news-worthy.

This coming **Saturday, 29th April**, St Augustine's will host the annual Synod of the Diocese of the United Kingdom. This will be the 31st such meeting and it is an important part of our life and witness. Mass will be at 11am.

On **Sunday 7th May**, we will, in addition to celebrating Easter IV, be celebrating the Coronation of HM The King. We will mark the occasion appropriately and with a special Coronation Cake afterwards.

On **Sunday 21st May**, we are to be visited by the Most Reverend Mark Haverland, Metropolitan Archbishop of the Original Province and Acting primate of the Anglican Catholic Church around the world. I hope you will be able to join us at the usual 11am Parish Mass which will be celebrated by the Archbishop and hear him preach.

Archbishop Haverland's visit is a Metropolitan one, which means it is a formal visitation to our Diocese of the United Kingdom. It is fitting that I mention this today, as it is Easter II,



Good Shepherd Sunday, because he is the chief Shepherd of our Church.

As you know, I do try and explain unusual words, that perhaps we don't use very often, or which may be difficult to understand. As I was writing the above I realised that there are a number of references and words which may not mean very much unless I do try and explain them!

'Metropolitan Archbishop'

The Anglican Catholic Church around the world consists of groups of Parishes and Missions who collectively belong to a Diocese (or where this hasn't been arranged yet a 'mission area' like our work in Canada. The ACC has around 28 dioceses and mission areas. These are each assigned a Bishop to look after them, either as a 'Bishop Ordinary' (like me) or an Episcopal Visitor (as Bishop Starks was to us before I was consecrated).

These dioceses, or mission areas, are arranged into, currently, 3 Provinces; the Original Province (of

April

✕

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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May

✕

Wednesday 3rd

Invention of the Holy Cross

12 Noon Low Mass

which we are part) and the Second Province of South East Asia and the Province of Southern Africa. Each Province has an Archbishop and traditionally the Archbishop of a Province has been known as the 'Metropolitan'.

'Acting Primate'

The ACC is organised, as mentioned above, into 3 Provinces. According to the Canon Law which governs the administration of the Church, provision is made that when the Church formally establishes a 3rd Province, the office of Primate is created — that is one of the Archbishops will become the chief bishop over the 3 provinces. This has not yet happened so, until that time, Archbishop Haverland as the senior Metropolitan acts as the 'Acting' Primate.

All this administrative talk brings me to the annual report on the state of our **Parish Finances**. Please find at-

tached a **Statement of the Accounts for 2022**. You will see that our regular plate collection is much less than it has been. This is partly because we have had a disrupted schedule, thus, when we do not meet or when members of the Church do not attend, are ill or on holiday, no money is offered in the collection. Of course the work of the Church goes on and we still have bills to pay — so something must be done.

Please consider completing and returning the attached **Standing Order Form** to set up an instruction with your bank to make a regular gift (weekly or monthly) to the Church. The Diocesan Treasurer will naturally assume that this money is given to the Diocese for our Parish, and the money will be granted to the Parish to help keep the wheels turning. **This negates the need for the Gift Aide Envelopes** and cuts down on the paper work we have to do!



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, Fr Robert McBride, Bishop Larry Johnson, 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 Deanery of Europe, Fr Anthony Chadwick (France) Fr Gregory Wassen (Netherlands);
- The Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi Christian University. Prof Stephen Breu, President. Prof Craig Paterson, Provost;
- The Diocesan Synod, the appointment of officers and a joyful year ahead;
- Refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants.

And we remember the recently departed: especially NN and those whose anniversaries fall at this time Richard James Mulholland, Deacon.

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

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