



# PARISH NEWS

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

## WELCOME

Today is

### Easter III

*Commemorate St Catherine of Siena*

30th April 2023

The Propers of the Mass are on page 536 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,* When did you last share your faith with someone? When did you last suggest that someone might be able to find comfort, help, guidance, in the Bible, through prayer or through coming to Church?

Personal testimony is something that our protestant brethren do very well. In some traditions every act of worship is accompanied by people sharing their story of faith with those gathered together. Whilst I entirely prefer our style of worship, there is a place for personal testimony in our lives too.

Prayer is the basis for our lives as Christians — not just liturgical prayer at Mass — but personal 'relationship building' communication with God.

Why this link between prayer and personal testimony? Too often I hear people say they don't know how to share their faith. They lack courage or fear they will be seen as 'religious fanatics'. I also often hear people say that they don't know how to pray, they are not sure of the words to use. I believe there is a link between these two important issues.

Learning to pray, and then actually practicing what one has learnt, helps to encourage one to share one's faith.

The starting point of personal testimony is not believing that one can, solely on one's own, through one's own efforts, convert people, nor is it doing so because we are driven by believing that the sharing of our own experiences, will of themselves, make any difference



to those who listen.

No, personal testimony must begin by desiring to allow the Holy Spirit to work through us, to use us that will bring people to an acknowledgement of their need for a better relationship with God.

It is the Holy Spirit who converts people! We have an even more difficult task however - for we must prevent ourselves from interfering in his working.

When faced with an opportunity to share our faith send up a prayer first. I am a great fan of 'arrow prayers' - direct, short, and spontaneous communications with God. Perhaps something simple like "Lord help me to say the right thing" or "Lord be here now with us to show me what to do".

When sharing you faith don't necessarily think its about knowing Church history inside out or pretending to be a great theologian. It is far more simple — Just tell people what Jesus means to you and why you think it important that

## April

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### Sunday 30th

*Easter III*  
*Comm St Catherine of Siena*

11am Sung Mass

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## May

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### Wednesday 3rd

*Invention of the Holy Cross*

12 Noon Low Mass

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### Thursday 4th

*Local Elections*

We are the local  
Polling Station – our Meeting  
Room will be open all day for  
the Election.

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### Sunday 7th

*Easter IV*  
*Comm St Stanislas & the Coronation*  
*of King Charles III*

11am Sung Mass

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### Wednesday 10th

*Requiem Mass*

12 Noon Low Mass

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**St Augustine's Church**  
**1873 - Celebrating 150 Years - 2023**  
formerly **Whitehill Chapel & Champion Hall**

you show them just how important  
he is to you and your life. See, I  
told you our job was more difficult  
than “simply” the converting of  
others!



Date for your Diary

**Sun 21st May** — 11am Archbishop's Visit  
**Change to previously advertised event**  
The June Service for the 150th  
Anniversary celebration will now be  
combined with the Archbishops visit.



## 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, and for Their Majesties the King and Queen as we approach the Coronation.

*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 the South, Bishop Ordinary - the Most Rev Dr Mark Haverland;
- Saints Deiniol and Asaph, Pembrokeshire, Fr Miles Maylor, (Priest in Charge) and Fr Gordon Tall (Hon. Assistant);
- Persecuted Christians, the Barnabas Fund and other relief and campaigning agencies

*And we remember the recently departed: especially Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and those whose anniversaries fall at this time Richard James Mulholland, Deacon. Catherine Bosworth*

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

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