



PARISH NEWS

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

WELCOME

Today is

Easter IV

Commemorate St Stanislas &
the Coronation of HM King
Charles III

7th May 2023

The Propers of the Mass
are on page 538 of the
Book of Common Prayer

HYMNS

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Commemoration of the
Coronation

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490

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At the end of Mass, we
will bless the May Crown
for Our Lady and place it
on her head in the
Lady Chapel
we will conclude with
The Regina Caeli
(which replaces the Angelus
devotion during Eastertide)



Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones

Dear Friends, Today is the Fourth Sunday after Easter. and we are also to commemorate yesterday's historic event, the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla at Westminster Abbey.

There are 108 Kings mentioned or alluded to in the Bible. The word "king", where it appears in Holy Scripture is generally used to denote one invested with authority, whether extensive or limited. In the New Testament, we find the Roman emperor spoken of as a king (1 Peter 2:13, 17), and Herod Antipas, who was only a tetrarch, is also called a king (Matthew 14:9; Mark 6:22).

It is Christian contention that every legitimate and just ruling authority that exists has been established by God (Romans 13:1-2). Human government is a *derived* authority. Those in authority are described as "the servant[s] of God" (Romans 13:4) and "ministers of God" (Romans 13:6).

Those who reject governmental authority reject God's authority (Romans 13:2). But it is also a *limited* authority. Those in power hold their power because of God (John 19:10-11) and can be removed by God (Psalm 75:7; Daniel 2:21).

Such derived and limited authority is to be exercised for the good of all people (Romans 13:4).

Personally, I find myself drawn happily to being subject to a Monarchy, indeed consider it to be extremely seemly and straightforward. We do well to remember that that rule and governance by a King is the only form of government mandated by God in Holy Scripture. Republics and other forms of government are of human construct – no matter how blessed by God they may be.

Scripture applies the title of King to God and to Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Matthew 27:11). Just as bishops rule and govern in the Church as representatives of Christ and in his place



as shepherds of the people, so too do Kings have a responsibility to Him for their office and role.

God was the sole King of the Jewish nation in the beginning (1 Samuel 8:7; Isaiah 33:22). But there came a time in the history of that people when a king was demanded, that they might be like other nations (1 Samuel 8:5). The prophet Samuel remonstrated with them, but the people cried out, "Nay, but we will have a king over us." The misconduct of Samuel's sons was the immediate cause of this demand.

The Hebrew kings did not rule in their own right, nor in name of the people who had chosen them, but partly as servants and partly as representatives of Jehovah, the true King of Israel (1 Samuel 10:1). The limits of the king's power were prescribed (1 Samuel 10:25).

Many of the records of these kings are recorded in The Book of Kings One and Two, and the Book of Chronicles One and Two. There also existed the chronicles of King David, but these have been lost.

108 Kings. Some were good, some were bad. Some could be clearly seen putting God, and a right relationship with him for those people in his charge, high on their agenda, where as others ignored or tried to use that power for their own ends. Such is the condition of all mankind.

No-one is perfect, there are many who have sought to point out King Charles and Queen Camilla's imperfections. Their

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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Sunday 14th

Easter V

Rogation Sunday

11am Sung Mass

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Wednesday 17th

St Paschal Baylon

12 Noon Low Mass

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Majesties would be the first to point them out for themselves and are probably more aware than anyone of their personal weaknesses and limitations.

In 2 Corinthians 12 9-10 St Paul tells us *“My [God’s] grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.”*

In recognising our weaknesses and the need for a Saviour we overcome those weaknesses.

The King, though in many ways very different to his late mother, Queen Elizabeth II, has a strong faith and a commitment to Christ. Reigning over this country and many others, not to mention being Head of a Commonwealth of nations within which there is perhaps the widest possible mix of religions, cultures, races, and political viewpoints imaginable. The uniqueness of Christ and the real spiritual significance of the rite of Coronation, albeit presided over by the Church of England, a

Church with whom we have reservations and disagreements, is nevertheless the central act of blessing and anointing by God of our sovereign Lord, whom, I believe, God as well as history has chosen as our King.

May God bless their Majesties and all the Royal Family and grant us all to live in peace and harmony.



Thank you to everyone who made last Saturday’s XXXI Diocesan Synod a great success. For our neighbour Sami for providing a delicious lunch to the clergy and delegates to Synod.

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,

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 Midwest, Bishop Ordinary - Rt Rev Rommie Starks;
- St Nicholas, Lydd, Kent, Bishop Damien Mead;
- Those in spiritual poverty.
- For Their Majesties the King and Queen and all the Royal family, the peoples of the United Kingdom and of His majesty’s other realms and territories, and the nations of the Commonwealth.

And we remember the recently departed: especially Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and those whose anniversaries fall at this time Catherine Bosworth

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

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