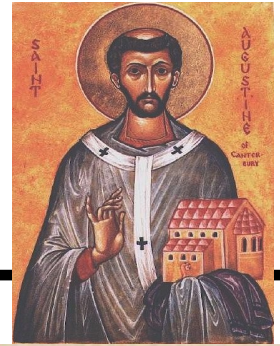




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PARISH NEWS

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



WELCOME

Today is

Trinity VIII

30th July 2023

The Propers of the Mass
are on page 597 of the
Book of Common Prayer

HYMNS

434

393

367

239

*At the end of Mass, we
will conclude with
The Angelus
facing Our Lady's Altar.*

**No Weekday
Masses until
September**



Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones

Dear Friends, The image of the little girl dressed in red carrying a basket, presumably of goodies, to an elderly man in the picture for this Trinity VIII, reminds me of the fairy tale story of Little Red Riding Hood.

So it should, as our Gospel lesson today features the line "*Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*"

Recognising false prophets, false leaders or teachers, is essential if we are to remain orthodox in our faith. It is very easy to be misled by people and also to mislead ourselves. Truly the most tempting enticement is for someone or something to appeal to our baser nature. To "tickle our fancy" to confirm for us that we know best and that we really don't need others telling us how we should behave or what we should believe.

Sometimes the Church has failed to teach the Faith as it should. Individual clergy and lay people have failed miserably to do what they should do, whether through sins of omission or sins of commission. As the Book of Common Prayer puts it "*We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us.*" *This can have an effect upon others as well as ourselves.*

In the great proclamation of the Good News of the Kingdom of God we might think we are insignificant and our words, deeds and thoughts even, do not really matter. But remember that old proverb — which dates back, some say to the death of King Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485:

*For want of a nail the shoe was lost.
For want of a shoe the horse was lost.
For want of a horse the rider was lost.
For want of a rider the message was lost.*



*For want of a message the battle was lost.
For want of a battle the kingdom was lost.
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.*

God has called each of you, remember that if you feel ignored, alone, or perhaps are tempted to feel unimportant or lacking value or unappreciated. You are each part of God's plan for his vision of the future, you have been called by you name, God has written your name on the Palm of His Hand. He knows every hair on your head, every wrinkle on your heart and soul. This is true of everyone created in His image.

Imagine then, the pain God must experience every time we reject Him and the remarkable love and care He has for each of us. Knowing us intimately, forgiving us much, yearning to have us reach our full potential and to live with Him for eternity in Heaven.

The image of Red Riding Hood should not make us think of fairy tales and mistake the doctrines of the Church for the same. The Orthodox Catholic Faith does not speak of fairy tales, of make believe, or of wishful thinking. No, it speaks to us of a clearer, fuller reality, than we can perhaps comprehend.

August

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Sunday 6th

*Transfiguration of Christ
(Comm: Trinity IX)*

11am Sung Mass

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Sunday 13th

*Trinity X
Comm St Hippolytus & St
Cassian*

11am Sung Mass

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Sunday 20th

*Trinity XI
Comm St Bernard & Octave of
the Assumption*

11am Sung Mass

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Sunday 27th

*Trinity XII
11am Sung Mass*

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September

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Sunday 3rd

*Trinity XIII
11am Sung Mass*

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Knowing the Faith of the Church is essential if we are to avoid being led astray by false prophets, or by our own wilfulness. We repeat the Nicæan Creed Sunday by Sunday to remind us of the essential doctrine necessary for our salvation. Some doctrine to be true isn't necessarily easy to understand. The Holy Trinity for example. This is why we value highly St. Vincent of Lérins' important insights about orthodoxy and the development of doctrine. An excellent scholar and writer, Vincent set out to devise for himself a general rule to distinguish Christian truth from heresy. So he studied Scripture, the fathers of the church, and the general councils, and he says that in order to reinforce his memory he summarised his findings in a little book, *the Commonitory* or "*Reminder*." Early in the treatise he established his oft-quoted and influential principle on tradition as the test of orthodoxy — *the true Catholic faith is that which has been "believed everywhere, always and by all."*

When the heirs of some ones estate are called together to share or receive their inheritance they must prove at some point that they are indeed the true beneficiaries. Whether by birth, adoption, through family ties or friendship their ties to the inheritance must be proven.

In St Paul's Epistle to the Romans today we are reminded that we have been adopted by God to share in an inheritance. How are we to prove that we are indeed adopted by God? It is by the fruit of the Spirit made manifest in our lives.



NB: This will be the last Parish News Sheet until September. I will be away on holiday for a couple of weeks, followed by a wedding in the West Country and a visit to our Parish in Pembrokeshire. **Mass will be celebrated every Sunday at 11am as usual by Fr Raymond Thompson during my absence.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Canon Don Walker and his family; 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, Don and Rhonda Contreras, Fr Robert McBride, Dr Roy Fidge, Michael Mead, and Sophie. Ana, Pj & Ela Bello.

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 Eastern Congo, Venerable Mmokywa Mtundu Lamek, Bishop-Elect;
- The Diocesan Office in Lydd, Kent, The Officers and Trustees of the Diocese.
- The Propagation of the Holy Catholic and Orthodox Faith, for all Missionaries and Evangelists

And we remember the recently departed: especially Felipe Bello ("Deacon Yong") and those whose anniversaries fall at this time Ronald Thompson, Tm Perkins, Priest,

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

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