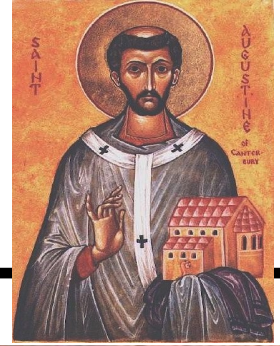




Anglican Catholic Church of St Augustine
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal, Kent ME13 0DU

PARISH NEWS



On 01.02/2023 the Mortgage for our Church was redeemed Praise God — we are now debt free!

WELCOME

Today is

Lent III

3rd March 2024

The Propers of the Mass are on page 402 of the Book of Common Prayer

HYMNS

374

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After the last hymn we will hold our monthly Healing Service followed by praying together The Angelus facing Our Lady's Altar.

Dear Friends,

In his Letter to the Ephesians, which we have as our Epistle today, St Paul tells the Christians to whom he writes that they are should **“walk as children of light”**. This means that how they live their lives; how they speak; and how they work; should manifest that they belong to the Lord Jesus.

In the first exuberant days of conversion when you first came to know Jesus, you may have found it easier to live as a Child of Light. But, just as the first Christian Communities who earnestly believed that Christ would almost certainly return during their life-time, you may have found that certain ‘changes’ and ‘adaptations’ of your Christian faith have been necessary over time. Certainly as time passes a recognition that we are not perfect, that we have weaknesses and that we must balance a whole host of concerns and responsibilities within and alongside our Christian lives, can preoccupy us.

In the midst of this however we must not forget our priorities — for these must begin with an acknowledgment of our vocation. Of that calling which God has given each of us, ordained and lay alike, as followers, as disciples, of His Son Jesus Christ. Perhaps you do not have an awareness of what specific vocation you have. Perhaps these words from Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman’s meditation on vocation, and the holiness of God’s individual call to each one of us will help:

“God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.



I have my mission - I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it - if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.

He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me - still He knows what He is about.”

Discovering our vocation, the specific calling God has given each of us, can take a lifetime to discover. But discover it we must strive to do.



Please Turn off Your Mobile Phones

March

Sunday 3rd

Lent III

11am Sung Mass

Followed by our Monthly
Healing Service



Sunday 10th

Lent IV

Comm: Forty Holy Martyrs

Mothering Sunday

11am Sung Mass



Sunday 17th

Passion Sunday

Comm: St Patrick

11am Sung Mass



Sunday 24th

Palm Sunday

11am Sung Mass

Preceded by the blessing and
distribution of Palms



As the hymn writer put it "*Brief life here is our portion*". To often we become bogged down with the cares, worries, concerns and yes, even, joys of this world. Life is tough and difficult, and we all have different circumstances, different experiences that either, makes life more difficult, or easier for us.

So why is that our calling and vocation from God should take centre stage and be our focus?

St Augustine (of Hippo, not Canterbury) hit the nail on the head when he wrote; "***Because God has made us for Himself, our hearts are restless until they rest in Him.***" That ultimate '*rest in Him*' comes of course at the end of time. But in looking for the peace, calm, comfort and love, that being at one with God truly means, can be ours now - if we identify ourselves wholly with Him. .

Be honest with yourself and with God. Begin with the simple prayer "***Not my will, O Lord, be done, but Thy will***". Empty yourself of YOU so you can fill yourself up with HIM!

THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE
St Augustine's Church
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Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday: 11am Sung Mass & Blessing of the Palms
Wednesday in Holy Week: 12 noon Chrim Mass
Maundy Thursday: 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Stripping of the Altar & Vigil Watch
Good Friday: 12 noon Liturgy of the Day, Veneration of the Cross & Mass of the Pre-Sanctified
Holy Saturday: 7pm Paschal Vigil & First Mass of Easter
Easter Day: 11am Solemn Pontifical Sung Mass

A Warm Welcome Awaits You Here
Easter Confessions by arrangement with the Rector 01797 321704

Behold we go up to Jerusalem!

+ Damien

CHURCH FLOWERS
To make a donation for
Flowers in Church - Please
see Mrs Margaret Mead

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Chris Bosworth; Margaret and Laurence Mead; Diane and Mike Smith; Todd, David and Sheila; Colin Rumens; Ann Chapman; Margaret and Peter Martin; Dorothy Hipkiss; Fr Miles Maylor; Vickie Wall; Fr Ed Bakker; Deb Stuck; Sarah, David, Nicole and Corrina Winterburn; Malcolm Munn; Barbara Bowers; John Sullivan; Roy Hipkiss; Don and Rhonda Contreras; Fr Robert McBride; Canon Don Walker, Sally and Craig Pengilly, Robin Young, Nena and Heath Taylor, Fr Gordon Tall, Sally and Michael Lyth, Kathleen Cox, HM The King and HM The Queen and the Royal Family.

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 the Holy Land, and in Ukraine and Russia and throughout the World.

For those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

- Diocese of New Orleans, USA. Bishop Ordinary - Rt Rev Terry Lowe;
- For Lay Readers, deaconesses and other lay Ministries in the Church of God.
- For all altar servers and acolytes;
- The (British) Commonwealth of Nations.

And we remember the recently departed: especially Jamie Taylor and those whose anniversaries fall at this time ... Joseph Edward DeHart, priest, Michael Sheehan,

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

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