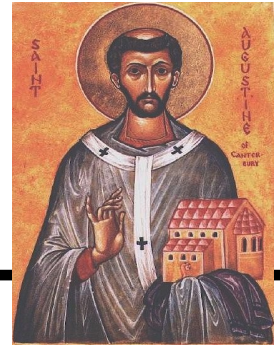




Anglican Catholic Church of St Augustine  
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal, Kent ME13 0DU

# PARISH NEWS



Date for your diary: Saturday 6th July 2024 – the Solemn Consecration of St Augustine's Church

## WELCOME

Today is

## Passion Sunday

being the 5th Sunday of Lent  
Comm St Patrick

17th March 2024

The Propers of the Mass  
are on page 408 of the  
Book of Common Prayer

## HYMNS

159

90

78

86

After the last hymn we will  
pray together The Angelus  
facing Our Lady's Altar.

Dear friends,

For many centuries, today, the 5th Sunday of Lent was called "Passion Sunday," throughout the Church, while the Sunday after it was called, "Palm Sunday."

However, it seems that the modern Church, now keeps the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent as just that, and it is no longer called *Passion Sunday* and instead has been combined with next Sunday, as "*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion.*"

The great Roman Catholic liturgist Dom Prosper Gueranger explains in his *Liturgical Year* the reason why the 5th Sunday of Lent is called *Passion Sunday*. "This Sunday is called *Passion Sunday* because the Church begins on this day to make the Sufferings of our Redeemer her chief thought.

He writes: "*It is called also Judica from the first word of the Introit of the Mass and again Neomania that is the Sunday of the new, or the Easter moon, because it always falls after the new moon, which regulates the Feast of Easter Day.*"

Passion Sunday also marked the beginning of a special sub-season of Lent called *Passiontide*, which extends up until Holy Saturday. During this time the Church's liturgy becomes more sombre and this sorrowful mood is reflected in the various practices that occur in the liturgy. You will notice, for example, that much of the Church is covered in veils throughout *Passiontide*.

It will not surprise you that as we in the ACC keep the old Calendar and continue many of the old traditions and practices, so we keep *Passiontide* in its traditional place.

Here we are just two weeks away from *Good Friday*, and we are turned towards the impending



sufferings of Christ: the agony of Gethsemane and the brutality of Golgotha and his precious death.

In today's Gospel, we read of the Jews rejecting their Christ which is a foreshadowing of the passion of our Lord. Our Lord declaring his divinity amid the growing cries of blasphemy and the increasing threats against his life. They simply could not see that *God in Christ was reconciling the world unto himself* (2 Corinthians 5:19). A greater and more perfect tabernacle had come; One far greater than Abraham was now in their midst, "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was I AM:*" - no less than the eternal Son of God made flesh.

St. Matthew records that instead of throwing themselves at before the feet of Christ, "*... they took up stones to cast at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.*" Looking around the Church and seeing the veiled images one can be reminded of this.

Why did he hide himself? Quite simply because His time of suffering had not yet come. The hour in which he would render His priestly ministry upon Golgotha's Cross was not yet.

Think on the Cross for just a moment,



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Turn off Your  
Mobile Phones

# HOLY WEEK



## Sunday 24th March

### Palm Sunday

11am Sung Mass

*Preceded by the blessing and distribution of Palms*

## Wednesday 27th March

### Wednesday in Holy Week

*At which the Holy Oils will be consecrated*

12 noon Chrism Mass

## Thursday 28th March

### Maundy Thursday

7pm Sung Mass

## Friday 29th March

### Good Friday

12 noon Solemn Liturgy

## Saturday 30th March

### Holy Saturday

7pm Liturgy & Sung Mass

## Sunday 31st March\*

### Easter Day

11am Pontifical Sung Mass

\* Please note Clocks Change – springing forward one hour!

its mystery and the unfathomable depth of its meaning where the entirety of history converges in the demands of God's perfect justice and His incomprehensible love, at the Cross, "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other" (Palm 85:10).

Two seeming contradictions and ideas at odds are reconciled in unity and perfect concord: righteousness and peace kiss each other. In the crucified Christ, humility *and* exaltation co-exist, as do shame *and* honour; as do the death of the flesh and everlasting life in the Spirit.

In the Cross, Jesus Christ is both priest and sacrificial victim. His sacrificial death is the end of his priestly ministry on earth and the inauguration of his high priestly office in the eternal tabernacle.

The awesomeness of God's love for us meets the awfulness of man's greatest achievement when he separates himself from God — the Crucifixion of our Saviour.

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**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 Chrism 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

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

Do you tremble?

You should.

+ 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, Craig Paterson, Oliver Nolan and his family, 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*

- The Missionary Diocese of Caribbean, Fr Jean Bien-Aime, Vicar General;
- The Mission of St Osmund, Dudley, West Midlands. Fr Mark Morgan, Priest in Charge;
- The people of Northern Ireland.

*And we remember the recently departed: especially Kathleen Cox, Jamie Taylor and those whose anniversaries fall at this time ...*

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

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