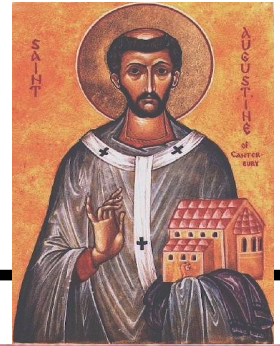




Anglican Catholic Church of St Augustine
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal, Kent ME13 0DU

PARISH NEWS



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

WELCOME

Today is

Palm Sunday

Sunday Next Before Easter

24th March 2024

The Propers of the Mass
are on page 410 of the
Book of Common Prayer

HYMNS

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After the blessing we sing our
last hymn, which replaces
the Angelus today, before
Our Lady's Altar.

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Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones

Dear Friends, You know the old saying "a little knowledge is dangerous?" Some years ago I overheard a lady telling a friend that Palm Sunday was so named because it commemorated the importance of the nails piercing the Palms of Jesus' hands!

We might laugh, we might be tempted to despair, but this isn't just ignorance, it is increasingly the case that words, names and phrases that we take for granted in the Church are apt to be misunderstood by increasingly large numbers of the population. However, it has always been the case that many people have missed the point entirely, or not understood the significance, or importance of things.

One commonly questioned choice of words asks us why we call Good Friday - Good? After all, it is such a dark and bleak event commemorating a day of suffering and death for Jesus, how can that be good?

Good Friday is a crucial day of the year because it celebrates what we believe to be the beginning of the most momentous weekend in the history of the world. Ever since Jesus died and was raised, Christians have proclaimed the cross and resurrection of Jesus to be the decisive turning point for all creation. St Paul considered it to be "of first importance" - that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, all in accordance with what God had promised all along in Holy Scripture (1 Corinthians 15:3).

On Good Friday we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate



sacrifice for our sins (1 John 1:10). It is followed by Easter, the glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead, heralding his victory over sin and death and pointing ahead to a future resurrection for all who are united to him by faith (Romans 6:5).

Still, why call the day of Jesus' death Good Friday instead of Bad Friday or something similar? Some Christian traditions do take this approach: in German, for example, the day is called *Karfreitag*, or *Sorrowful Friday*. In English, the origin of the term "Good" is debated: some believe it developed from an older name, "God's Friday." However, regardless of the origin, the name Good Friday is entirely appropriate, because the suffering and death of Jesus, as terrible as it was, marked the dramatic culmination of God's plan to save his people from their sins. That has to be GOOD!

In order for the good news of the gospel to have meaning for us, we first have to understand the bad news of our condition as sinful

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 at 1am – springing forward one hour!

people under condemnation. The good news of deliverance only makes sense once we see how we are enslaved. Another way of saying this is that it is important to understand and distinguish between the law and the Gospel in Scripture. We need the law first to show us how hopeless our condition is; then the Good News of Jesus' grace comes and brings us relief and salvation.

Good Friday is **good** because as terrible as that day was, it had to happen for us to receive the joy of Easter.

Let us arm ourselves, by being aware of the significance of this fact, and be willing to share this good news — this Gospel — with others.



Don't forget the Clocks Change next Sunday morning at 1am!



THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

St Augustine's Church
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal,
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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

**+ Dates For Your Diary +
XXXII Diocesan Synod**

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, Meg Young, Rosie 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

- Diocese of Cameroon, Bishop Ordinary - Rt Rev Alphonse Ndukiye;
- The retired clergy of the Anglican Catholic Church, especially Fr Robert McBride, Canon Donald Walker *Obl/OSB*;
- For those in pain, sorrow, doubt and fear;
- For a closer walk with the Lord on the Via Dolorosa

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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