

PARISH NEWS

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

WELCOME

Today is

Easter Day

31st March 2024

The Propers of the Mass
are on page 513 of the
Book of Common Prayer

HYMNS

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*After the last hymn we
sing the Regina Caeli,
which replaces the Angelus
during Eastertide, before
Our Lady's Altar.*

Dear Friends, On a small brass plaque screwed to my 'Cathedra', my Bishops Chair, which commemorates its donation to the Diocese, there are some words in Latin *Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi*. (Which translate as "That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ")

The *Angelus* is a common form of devotion, which we know well here at St Augustine's, which recalls the Angelic Salutation heralding the Incarnation of God. Although today, and throughout Easter-tide, we shall be singing the *Regina Caeli* instead as our Easter Anthem for Our Lady.

The Incarnation, the great central mystery of our faith, finds expression in *the Hypostatic Union*, the doctrine which seeks to define and explain to us the unique union found in Christ – the awesome wonder of the Union of the fullness of his Divinity and the fullness of His humanity.

However, the *Angelus* also points, through the phrase *Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi* (That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ) to another Union, as truly and wonderful a union as the first, which, in this Eastertide, should be in the forefront of our minds.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the traditional Easter salutation. The joy of Easter is joy in Our Lord's resurrection. It is inseparable from Him. Christians rejoice because Christ is risen. Christians rejoice because in Christ shall all be made alive. In



Christ. These are the sustaining words of Easter. **In Christ.**

Our own resurrection is with Him. Our joy is that we are risen with Him.

Our Baptism made it thus. For in Baptism we were united with, and made members of, Christ. Our Holy Communion reception of His Body and Blood, establish and strengthen and settle that union. Through this Sacrament of Holy Communion He dwells in us, and we in Him.

The meaning of Christmas is that this union exists. The meaning of the Passion-tide we have just commemorated, is that Redemption saves this union. The meaning of Easter is that the Resurrection perpetuates it for eternity.

The meaning of the mysteries of the Incarnate Life is that sin is conquered and death is vanquished and the union is preserved. That is the joy. Our joy today is to be in Christ. The joy of



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March

Sunday 31st March

Easter Day

11am Pontifical Sung Mass

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April

Sunday 7th April

Easter I,

Commonly called Low Sunday

11am Sung Mass

Followed by monthly Healing Service

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Sunday 14th April

Easter II

Good Shepherd Sunday

Comm St Justin Martyr

11am Sung Mass

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Sunday 21st

Easter III

Comm St Anselm

11am Sung Mass

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the Saints is to be in Christ. The joy of the faithful departed is to be in Christ. The union of each is the Communion of all in the joy of being in Christ. For in Him shall all be made alive.

So what are the *promises of Christ* that we pray that we may be made worthy of?

“I am come that they might have life.”

“I am the resurrection and the life.”

“Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath everlasting life.”

It was Our Lord Jesus Christ who made the promises.

It was Our Lord Jesus Christ who rose from the dead to reassure us that the promises were true.

The announcement is clear.

The fact is certain.

The promise is irrevocable.

The gift of God is eternal life.

In Him is life; and the life is the light of men.

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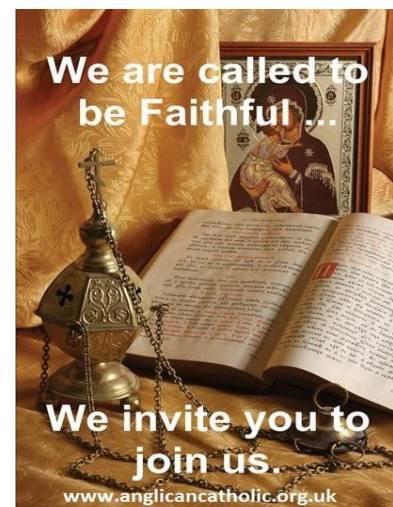
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XXXII Diocesan Synod

Saturday 4th May 2024

Consecration of St Augustine's

Saturday 6th July 2024



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 HRH The Princess of Wales, HM The Queen and all 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, India, 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 Aweil, S. Sudan, Bishop Ordinary - Rt Rev Wilson Garang;
- For the Board of Ministry and Education, and for the Ordinands and Readers-in-Training of the DUK; for vocations to ministry both sacred and lay;
- Greater knowledge of the truth of the Resurrection in our society.

And we remember the recently departed: especially Kathleen Cox, Jamie Taylor and those whose anniversaries fall at this time ... The departed Bishops of the ACC: the Most Revd William O. Lewis, the Most Revd Michael Dean Stephens, the Most Revd John T. Cahoon, Jr., the Rt Revd Frank Knutti, the Rt Revd Charles D.D. Doren, the Rt Revd Tillman B. Williams, the Rt Revd Richard Willars, the Rt Revd Justo Pastor Ruiz, the Rt Revd William De J. Rutherford, the Rt Revd Anselm Ranganadan, the Rt Revd Francis Sylvester, the Rt Revd William Burns, the Rt Revd Joseph P. Deyman, the Rt Revd Harry B. Scott, III; The Rt Revd James Orin Mote; The Most Revd Br John Charles Vockler, The Rt Revd Roger Dawson, The Rt Revd John Benedict CGS, The Rt Revd Alan Kenyon-Hoare; The Rt Revd Edward LaCour; The Rt Revd Rene Canillo, The Rt Revd Rommie Starks. The faithful departed clergy, especially Fr Joseph Walker, Fr Jim Petty, Fr Timothy Perkins, Fr Roger Bell and Deacon Richard Mulholland, and the departed Laity, of this Diocese.

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

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