



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Newsletter for Sunday, 10th December 2023

Parish Priest: Fr Christopher Basden; **Shrine Chaplain:** Fr Simon Heans; **Polish Chaplain:** Fr. Ryszard Hanaczewski;
Deacon: Rev'd Peter Brown; **Shrine Administrator:** Andrew Kelly; **Safeguarding Officer:** Kate Morgan.

My Dear People,

It is important for us all to watch the news, however distressing it may be. I often joke, 'We are supposed to live the Good News but everyday we hear the bad!' For many years I have watched the news from 'Al Jazeera'. Like every news outlet it has its own particular bias, however, I watch it as it always has news of the Middle East, where I was born and raised. It also has a lot of world news not covered by our own channels. In the last month the images from Gaza have been the most cruel and depressing scenes I have ever seen. About 20,000 civilians have been killed, many more injured and many more psychologically damaged for the rest of their lives. All of this only fuels more hatred instead of finding a solution. Original Sin means that there will always be violence and revenge but there is a way out: The Gospel of Jesus Christ. His teaching shows us the way to live in peace. As we pray for a cessation of war we also pray that some good might come out of this horrendous pain and suffering.

We Catholic Christians do not know how Blessed we are to have the message of the Gospel to show us the 'better way'. In Advent we do three things: firstly, we prepare to celebrate the First Advent at Christmas, 2023 year ago. Secondly, we are reminded by the liturgy that we are waiting for His 2nd Coming, the end of the world. Thirdly, the Saints remind us that Advent is always 'now' and we invite the Holy Spirit into our hearts and minds to bequeath His unique wisdom. On Saturday night we have our Carols at St. Augustine's at 5.00pm and Fr. Daniel from Broadstairs will come for the 5.30 Mass at St. Ethelbert's with Confessions before and after.

May Our Blessed Lady obtain for us the Grace of a Happy Advent.

Fr. Christopher Basden, on behalf of Fr Simon Heans & Fr. Ryszard Hanaczewski

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
2nd Sunday of Advent (B)	10 th Dec	10.00am	Maureen Francis Intention	8.30am	Holy Souls – November List
		12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i>	Aniela & Tadeusz Faber RIP	12.00noon	<i>(Sung Latin)</i> Ivan Shelomov RIP
				5.00pm	<i>(Ordinariate use)</i> People of the Parish
<i>Monday</i> <i>St. Damasus</i>	11 th Dec	9.30am	David Price RIP	12.00noon	Cecilia Burnett RIP
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	12 th Dec	9.30am	Maggie Smith - Wellbeing	12.00noon	Holy Souls – November List
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>St. Lucy</i>	13 th Dec	9.30am	Maureen Francis Intention	12.00noon	Robert Anslem Namey RIP
<i>Thursday</i> <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	14 th Dec	9.30am	Margaret & Roger Hampson RIP – 3 rd Anniversary	12.00noon	Violet Helene & Peter Cushing RIP
Friday <i>Feria</i>	15 th Dec	9.30am	Rhys RIP	12.00noon	Holy Souls – November List
		6.00pm <i>(Polish)</i>	Grzegorz & Family (SC)		
<i>Saturday</i> <i>Our Blessed Lady</i>	16 th Dec	9.30am	Kathleen Watts - Wellbeing	12.00noon	Holy Souls – November List
		5.30pm	Steven Godden RIP	5.00pm	Carol Service & Benediction
3rd Sunday of Advent (B)	17 th Dec	10.00am	Peter Wood RIP	8.30am	People of the Parish
		12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i>	Stefania, Wladystan & Krystyka RIP	12.00noon	<i>(Sung Latin)</i> Holy Souls – November List
				5.00pm	<i>(Ordinariate Use)</i> Holy Souls November List

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament: *St Ethelbert's:* Monday - Friday: 8.30am. *St Augustine's:* on Tuesday 12.45 – 3.00pm.

Rosary: *St Ethelbert's:* Monday – Friday 9.00am, Sat 9.10am. **Mothers' Prayers:** St. Ethelbert's Parish Room on 1st Friday of the month at 12.00noon followed by **1st Friday Rosary** at 12.30pm. **1st Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed Lady:** 1st Saturday of the Month. **Confessions:** *St Ethelbert's:* Sat 10.15am and with Fr. Daniel before and after the 5.30pm Mass. With Fr Bernard during 10.00am Mass on Sunday. *St Augustine's:* Tues - Thurs following Mass & during 12.00noon Mass on Sundays. *Polish Confessions:* Sunday: 11.30am & Friday: 5.30pm. **Next Sunday there will be a collection for flowers for Christmas.**

St. Augustine's: Saturday, 16th December, at 5.00pm Carol Service & Benediction at 5.00pm.

Ordinariate Mass at St. Augustine's Shrine - The 17th December will be the last Sunday Ordinariate Mass at The Shrine. The Ordinariate Mass will now be on Fridays at 12.00noon.

Prayer Candles: *St. Ethelbert's:* Trevor, Sue, Frank. *St. Augustine's:* S. Hastings.

Events & Notices

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish: M. Marjoam, A. Fell, Edward Smalley, David Hall, T. Webster, H. Russell, Joan Hall, B. Mallon, Denis McClosky, A. Gosling, Mary Austen, Kathy Knobbs, Olive Carney, Frank Tierney, A. Lucas, Vicky & Kevin Nicholas, Sylvia Quinn, Susanna King, Adrienne Taylor, Sr. Aelred, Mark Harvey, Valerie & Michael Godden, Eileen & Jack McCaughan, Jef Silva, Steve Lawlor, Eileen Crowley, Yan Kelly, Norma McAllister, Patricia Smalley, Jane Ryan, Edmond Glean, Trevor Vandervord, William Carbury, Carlos Hernandez, Christopher Egan, Tom Phelan, Martin Flannery, Kay Lovett, Julie Foreman, Kevin Pender, Eileen Chapman, Alex Jordan, Doreen Browning, Eleanor McGinley, Diana Philpott, Tarlie Sansom, Tilda Doherty, Mary Cotton, Diane Sinclair-St Claire, Rev'd Angus Beattie from Holy Trinity Church, Roz & Vincent Lennon, Fr. Philip Seed, Canon Luke Smith, Russal Thanthrimudalige, Maggie Smith, Uta Nedd, Connie, Mary & Bernadette O'Donaghue, Luke Kelly, Mary Northrop, Christopher Serpel.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently.

Mary's Meals Charity - For those who wish to donate at Christmas to Mary's Meals instead of sending Christmas cards to parishioners. The Charity Mary's Meals helps support children throughout the world who are starving. From 22 November 2023 to 22 January 2024, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1 million. If you wish to add your name to the list, please pass your name and donation to the office.

Happy Christmas - Wishing you all the Joys and Blessings at Christmas from: Rita & Keith Andrews, Julie Rydz, Rena Gathercole, Mary & Chris Hewitt, Laura & Sid Wyness, Maureen Francis.

Gift Aid - If you have recently signed up for Gift Aid following the Appeal, please find a letter at the back of church with details of your Gift Aid number which must be written on any collections/masses/donations.

Visitor Centre: St Augustine Visitor Centre and Church are open to visitors Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri and Sat – 12.30pm – 3.30pm.

Baptismal Preparation for Polish and English Baptisms: If you are planning a Baptism, please contact a priest on 01843 592071 or leave a message in the Parish Office, in good time to ensure that Baptismal preparation can take place.

For 1st Holy Communion Preparation: Contact – Catechist Mrs Julie Rydz.

Confirmation & Pre 1st Holy Communion Faith Club: Contact - Catechist Mrs Patricia Smalley.

Parish Events: School Carol Concert in St. Ethelbert's Church, Thursday, 14th December at 2.00pm & 6.30pm.
Carol Service/Benediction – Saturday, 16th December at St. Augustine's Shrine at 5.00pm.
Senior Parishioners Christmas Social Afternoon – Saturday, 16th December starting at 1.00pm. See poster at the back of church and please put your name on the list if you will be attending.

The Roman Catholic Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs, is looking to recruit a part time Parish Secretary to assist in the administration of a busy parish. See Poster at the back of church for full details.

Ministries for the Sick and Bereaved: If you know of sick or bereaved parishioners who may like a home visit, please obtain their permission and forward details to Parish Office on 01843 592071.

If you are in hospital: If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and requires a priest to visit, inform the ward you are a Catholic and wish to be visited by a priest. Contact the priest on 01843 592071, to let him know you are in hospital and you require the Sacrament of the Sick.

Diocese Posters for Information and future events are displayed in the porch and at the back of church.

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St Augustine's: Facebook, Twitter & Instagram: @AugustinePugin **or on YouTube:** /staugustinesramsgate
Website: www.augustine-pugin.org.uk. Newsletters can now be accessed from the Shrine homepage [Home - Shrine of St Augustine & The National Pugin Centre \(augustine-pugin.org.uk\)](#).

Contact details: St. Ethelbert's School: Dane Park Road, Ramsgate, CT11 7LS (01843 585555)
The Divine Retreat Centre: St. Augustine's Road, Ramsgate, CT11 9PA (01843 586904)
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PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH WHEN YOU ARE WRITING YOUR WILL.