



# Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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St Augustine's Road, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 9NY

Newsletter for Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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,*

The older you get there is the sobering loss of contemporaries and gradually we realise that life is short and time is precious. This is one of the meanings of Advent. John the Baptist is a pointer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Advent. Who then is the pointer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent? The answer is you are and I am; in other words, we Christians in the Church must point the way, must reflect and illustrate the beauty of Our Blessed Lord. In the short time we have to live we must choose to love. Our mission is the same mission of Christ, which is in the prophecy from Isaiah, 'He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison'. St. Paul in the Epistle tells us that we should be happy at all times and pray constantly in thanksgiving. We may not feel happy all the time but we should try to spread a bit of happiness in this world which can be so challenging.

As we prepare for Christmas let us offer up our crosses for those who suffer in the Holy Land and in the Ukraine.

We ask Our Blessed Lady's prayers.

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

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (B)</b>  <b>Gaudete Sunday</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Peter Wood RIP	8.30am	People of the Parish
		12.00noon (Polish)	Stefanai, Władysław & Krystyna RIP	12.00noon	Holy Souls – November List
				5.00pm	(Ordinariate use) Holy Souls – November List
<b>Monday</b> <i>Feria</i>	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Lennox Joyett RIP	12.00noon	Holy Souls – November List
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Feria</i>	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	<b>Funeral - Patrick McAree RIP</b>	12.00noon	Giovanni & Antonia Plenzik RIP
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Feria</i>	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am (Latin)	Sr. Louise, of Our Lady of the Missions.	12.00noon	Joe O'Sullivan RIP
<b>Thursday</b> <i>Feria</i>	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9.30am	Lino Lesini	12.00noon	Robert Lamb RIP
<b>Friday</b> <i>Feria</i>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	9.30am	Brzyska Family & John Watts RIP followed by Interment of Ashes.	12.00noon (Ordinariate)	Sr. John Baptist RIP
		6.00pm (Polish)	Holy Souls – November List		
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Feria</i>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mrs. J S Menezes RIP	12.00noon	Royce & Clark Family
		5.30pm	Luke Kelly – Wellbeing.		

**Please take a leaflet at the back of Church with details of Masses/Services over the Season of Christmas.**

**Ordinariate Mass at St. Augustine's Shrine - The 17<sup>th</sup> December will be the last 5.00pm Sunday Ordinariate Mass, it will now be on Fridays at 12.00noon. Collection today after Mass for flowers and decorations for the Church for Christmas.**

**This week: -Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament: *St Ethelbert's*: Monday - Friday: 8.30am. *St Augustine's*: Tuesday 12.45 – 3.00pm. **Rosary:** *St Ethelbert's*: Monday – Friday 9.00am, Saturday 9.10am. **Confessions:** *St Ethelbert's*: Saturday 10.15am & 5.00pm. and during 10.00am Mass on Sunday. *St Augustine's*: Tuesday - Thursday following daily Mass & during 12.00noon Mass on Sundays. *Polish Confessions*: Sunday: 11.30am & Friday: 5.30pm. **St. Ethelbert's -No Adoration, Rosary or 9.30am Mass on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 23 - Funeral at 11.00am.****

**Prayer Candles: *St. Ethelbert's*: Steven Godden RIP. *St. Augustine's*: S. Hastings, Mo Leung - Private Intention.**

## 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, Jackie Coppock & Natalie Ratcliff, Terry & Kate Morgan, Terry & Ruth Leonard, John & Claire Turner & Maureen Francis.*

**St Augustine Visitor Centre** is closed until 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Preparation: Contact** – Catechist Mrs Julie Rydz.

**Confirmation & Pre 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Faith Club: Contact** - Catechist Mrs Patricia Smalley.

**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.

**Collection** after Mass this weekend for flowers/decorations for the Church for Christmas. If anyone has any holly or Christmas greenery that can be used for decorating the church please bring to the church next week ready for the weekend.

**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](http://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)

**St. Mildred's Priory,** Minster Abbey, Church Street, Minster, Ramsgate, CT12 4HF (01843 821254)

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH WHEN YOU ARE WRITING YOUR WILL.**