



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Newsletter for Sunday, 31st 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,

Tomorrow is the Octave of Christmas as well as New Years Day. The mystery of God becoming Man is so sublime with so many implications for us that Mother Church gives us a whole week to celebrate and meditate on this mystery. It is nice that this intersects with the dawning of yet another year and so we pray that AD2024 can be a year of many Graces and Blessings for all of us. Please pray especially for peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine and Africa. The terrible violence in all those places simply perpetuates hatred and bitterness and makes this beautiful world an unhappy place for so many. We never know what tomorrow will bring but each of us has to forge peace and goodwill in our own lives and go forward trusting in God.

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

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
Sunday, 31st December 23 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	31 st Dec	10.00am	Doug Pegg RIP – 30 th Anniversary	8.30am	People of the Parish
		12.00noon (Polish)	The Dudek Family	12.00noon	(Sung Latin) The Monks of Chilworth
Monday <i>Mary the Holy Mother of God</i>	1 st Jan	9.30am	Geraldine & Jim Colleary	12.00noon (Latin)	Oblates of Chilworth OSB
Tuesday <i>St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i>	2 nd Jan	9.30am	Gosia Birthday - Thanksgiving	12.00noon	Mrs Joan Cliffe RIP & David Cliffe RIP
Wednesday <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	3 rd Jan	9.30am (Latin)	Mass of Ages Team	12.00noon	Fr. Thaddeus Nwokeji
Thursday <i>Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese</i>	4 th Jan	9.30am	St. Ethelbert's School Whole School Mass	12.00noon	Fr. John Hanwicke
Friday <i>Feria of Christmas Time</i>	5 th Jan	9.30am	Sisters of Minster	12.00noon	Fr. Luke Smith
		6.00pm (Polish)	Gregory Dudek and Family		
Saturday <i>Feria of Christmas Time</i>	6 th Jan	9.30am	Fr. Ryszard	12.00noon (Latin)	<i>The Epiphany of The Lord</i> Paddy Machessy RIP
		5.30pm	The Smalley Family		
Sunday, 7th January 24 <i>The Epiphany of The Lord</i> <i>2nd Collection SPUC</i>	7 th Jan	10.00am	Clarisse Rebec	8.30am	Gavin Bailey RIP
		12.00noon (Polish)	Henryka Wargockiego	12.00noon	(Sung Latin) People of the Parish

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 (5th Jan) at 12.00noon followed by **1st Friday Rosary** at 12.30pm. **1st Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed Lady:** 1st Saturday of the Month (6th Jan). **Confessions:** *St Ethelbert's:* Sat 10.15am & 5.00pm and 9.30am on Sunday. *St Augustine's:* Tues - Thurs following Mass & during 12.00noon Mass on Sundays. *Polish Confessions:* Sunday: 11.30am & Friday: 5.30pm.

Prayer Candles: *St. Ethelbert's:* Helena Taylor - Thanksgiving, Smalley Family, Monks of Chilworth, Sisters of Minster, Kathleen Freeman RIP, Maureen, Rena, Jane, Pat. *St. Augustine's:* S. Hastings, For all children in the world who are suffering.

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, 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.

Please remember in your prayers Trevor Vandervord and Moyra Kozulko RIP, who died recently.

Frank Vandervord would like to thank all parishioners for their overwhelming messages of sympathy and support for him at the loss of his son Trevor.

Visitor Centre: St Augustine Visitor Centre will reopen on 9th January 24.

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.

The Priests of the Parish wish to thank you so much for all of your presents, cards and Christmas collection. Sometimes, gifts come without a name and so we thank the anonymous donors!

Thank you too, to all the flower arrangers, cleaners, readers, singers, servers, helpers and organists and all of you who keep this parish and school running smoothly throughout the year.

White Flower Appeal - The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) – 2024 (2nd Collection) will be held on Sunday, 7th January 24, at all Masses. SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy.

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)

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

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