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Newsletter for Sunday, 3rd 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,

Today we begin the season of Advent. It is not a frenetic, mad hysterical time to get ready for presents/dinner etc. at Christmas. Rather, the season of Advent is Mother Church's mediation on the meaning of time itself. The Mystery of God came into our time 2023 years ago and He will come again; we know not the day nor the hour! Therefore, we who are sandwiched in the middle of these two dates in human history can become indifferent to the real meaning of this season. The fact is that the Mystery of God is always coming into our time and space, obviously in the Mass with the Word of God and the Bread of Life. However, He knocks on the door of our hearts in the Providence of our lives. How blind we so often are to the action of God in the day to day seemingly normal events of our lives. When we wake up in the morning the first thing we should do is to say the morning offering. We offer all our work, joys and sufferings in union with the great offering of the Holy Mass. This consecrates the whole day and makes it into a big prayer. Let us ask Our Blessed Lady to be a Mother to us and to obtain for us the grace of a deeper faith and a PERCEPTION of the wonder of God in the ordinary events of our daily lives.

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

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
1st Sunday of Advent (B) Day of Prayer for Migrants	3 rd Dec	10.00am	Margaret & James	8.30am	The Adsett Family
		12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i>	Maria & Adam RIP	12.00noon	<i>(Sung Latin)</i> Holy Souls – November List
				5.00pm	<i>(Ordinariate use)</i> People of the Parish
Monday <i>St. John Damascene</i>	4 th Dec	9.30am	Family & Friends of Pat Wood	12.00noon	Holy Souls – November List
Tuesday <i>St. John Almond</i>	5 th Dec	9.30am	Holy Souls – November List	10.00am	Holy Souls – November List NO Adoration today
Wednesday <i>St. Nicholas</i>	6 th Dec	8.00am	Holy Souls – November List	12.00noon	Holy Souls – November List
Thursday <i>St. Ambrose</i>	7 th Dec	9.30am	Holy Souls – November List	12.00noon	Holy Souls – November List
Friday <i>The Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8 th Dec	12.30pm	Funeral of Diane Pyke	12.00noon	Mary Griffin
		6.00pm <i>(Polish)</i>	Maria (SC)	7.30pm <i>(Latin)</i>	Sisters of Minster
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9 th Dec	9.30am	Bill & Doris Kinane RIP	12.00noon	Holy Souls – November List
		5.30pm	John Watts RIP		
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

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 (1st December) at 12.00noon followed by **1st Friday Rosary** at 12.30pm. **1st Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed Lady:** 1st Saturday of the Month (2nd December). **Confessions:** *St Ethelbert's:* Sat 10.15am & 5.00pm; *St Augustine's:* Tues - Thurs following Mass. **Polish Confessions:** Sunday: 11.30am & Friday: 5.30pm.

St. Ethelbert's: Mass on Wednesday, English at 8.00am NO Adoration, Rosary or 9.30am Mass. Mass on Friday a Funeral Mass for Diane Pyke at 12.30pm NO Adoration, Rosary or 9.30am Mass.

St. Augustine's: Tuesday, Mass at 10.00am NO 12.00noon Mass – NO Adoration. Additional Mass on 8th December at 7.30pm

Prayer Candles: *St. Ethelbert's:* Judy, Charlie.

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, Rita Andrews, 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 those who have died recently.

Mary's Meals Charity - There will be a list of names in the newsletter 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.

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.

Thank you to the Social Committee and their partners and all who helped and supported the Parish Christmas Fayre. £2400.00 was raised. There is a list at the back of Church of the winners of the raffle and a breakdown of money raised.

Future Parish Events:

Carol Service/Benediction – 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.

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.

St. Ethelbert's School and Nursery PTFA Christmas Fair, Friday, 1st December from 3 – 5 pm. See Poster at the back of Church.

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)

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH WHEN YOU ARE WRITING YOUR WILL.