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## Newsletter for Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**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 second reading in the Ordinary Form of the Mass for this week is from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Corinth was the largest city in Greece at the time with around 100,000 inhabitants, two thirds of whom were slaves. It was a trading city and its population was very cosmopolitan. It was also notorious for its low-level of morality. Life "Corinthian-style" was synonymous with sexual license. The main cult in the city was devoted to Aphrodite and the temple to her was staffed by "priestesses" who practiced what was euphemistically called "sacred prostitution". St Paul was therefore writing in a society which had lost all sense of sexual sin. And some Christians in Corinth were no different claiming that that sexual indulgence was an exercise of their new-found freedom in the Gospel.

Today there are some Catholics, even in the Vatican as Fr Christopher pointed out last week in the newsletter, who take this liberal line arguing in favour of "blessing" second "marriages" and homosexual activity. In our second reading, St Paul rejects the heresy of liberalism in respect of sexual morality – he uses the word *porneia* for it which is where we get "pornography" from - and urges the Christians of Corinth to live chastely because "your body... is the temple of the Holy Spirit".

*Fr Simon on behalf of Fr Christopher and Fr Ryszard*

| Day  | Date                       | St Ethelbert's             |   | St Augustine's                 |                                       |
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| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b><br><i>Ordinary Time (B)</i><br><b>Peace Day</b><br><i>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Pax Christi</i> | 14 <sup>th</sup><br>Jan 24 | 10.00am                    | Trevor Vandervord RIP                     | 8.30am                         | People of the Parish                  |
|  |                            | 12.00noon<br><i>Polish</i> | Jadwiga Staszczak Carnell                 | 12.00noon<br><i>Sung Latin</i> | Marian Zbigniew                       |
| <b>Monday</b><br><i>Feria</i>  | 15 <sup>th</sup><br>Jan    | 9.30am                     | John Harris RIP                           | 12.00noon                      | Joseph Carnell                        |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><i>Feria</i>   | 16 <sup>th</sup><br>Jan    | 9.30am                     | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon     | 12.00noon                      | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><i>St. Anthony</i>   | 17 <sup>th</sup><br>Jan    | 9.30am                     | Eileen Goodman (IP)<br><b>SCHOOL MASS</b> | 12.00noon                      | Mandi Hammond & David Pettit RIP      |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><i>Feria</i>  | 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Jan    | 9.30am                     | Stacey Pilcher RIP                        | 12.00noon                      | Anna (SC)                             |
| <b>Friday</b><br><i>Feria</i>  | 19 <sup>th</sup><br>Jan    | 9.30am                     | Tillie-Mai, Health & Wellbeing            | 12.00noon<br><i>Ordinarate</i> | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon |
|  |                            | 6.00pm<br><i>Polish</i>    | Jadwiga Staszczak Carnell                 |                                |                                       |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>  | 20 <sup>th</sup><br>Jan    | 9.30am                     | Boby Kulsingha RIP                        | 12.00noon                      | Anna (SC)                             |
|  |                            | 5.30pm                     | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon     |                                |                                       |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b><br><i>Ordinary Time (B)</i><br><b>Sunday of the Word of God</b>                                     | 21 <sup>st</sup><br>Jan    | 10.00am                    | Trevor Vandervord RIP                     | 8.30am                         | People of the Parish                  |
|  |                            | 12.00noon<br><i>Polish</i> | Halina                                    | 12.00noon<br><i>Sung Latin</i> | Sonny Bellingham RIP                  |

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 12.00noon followed by **1<sup>st</sup> Friday Rosary** at 12.30pm. **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed Lady:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month. **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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - This Sunday is Peace Day – Sharing the Peace of Christ with our world. There are envelopes at the back of church for your donation.**

**Prayer Candles:** *St. Ethelbert's:* Private Intention.

## NOTICES /EVENTS

**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'Donoghue, Luke Kelly, Mary Northrop.

**Please remember in your prayers** Trevor Vandervord RIP and Moyra Kozulko RIP - (Funeral St. Augustine's, Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 24 at 12.00noon) who died recently.

**At St. Ethelbert's - The Monday Catechesis Group** meets again this week at 4.30pm in the Parish Room. The subject is The Mass: Scripture, Theology and History with Dr Brant Pitre. All welcome. Fr. Simon

**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 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.

**Sunday Tea/Coffee Rota in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass.** Laura is looking for volunteers to join the rota to help with the tea/coffee on a Sunday morning.

**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.

**Donations** for entry of Christmas greetings in the newsletter raised £155.19 for Mary's Meals.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection last weekend** for SPUC raised £223.58.

**The crib collection** will remain in place until The Presentation of the Lord on 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Donations to 'Aid to the Churches in Need'.

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

**Follow the parish on:** St. Ethelbert's: facebook.com/stethelbertsramsgate **or on Twitter:** @catholicramsmin

**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 \(augustine-pugin.org.uk\)](http://www.augustine-pugin.org.uk).

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