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**Newsletter for Sunday, 21<sup>st</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,**

On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis decreed that this Sunday, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, should be known as 'The Sunday of the Word of God'. September 30 is the Feast of St Jerome, and that day in 2019 was the 1600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the great bible translator's death. He devoted his life to biblical translation because he believed that, as he put it, 'ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.' He's right of course. It's the reason why hearing passages from Scripture, both read and sung, has always been part of the Mass. Every Mass is a *Biblemass*.

The name of the Holy Father's *motu proprio* (literally 'on his own initiative') inaugurating this Sunday of the Word of God is *Aperuit Illis*. It is taken from St Luke's account of the Risen Lord's appearance to two of his disciples walking to Emmaus. St Luke says, 'he opened their minds (*aperuit illis*) to understand the Scriptures.' What did he open their minds to? The answer is how Scripture (what the Church calls the Old Testament) spoke of Him.

The Old Testament reading today is from the book of Jonah who, in the Sunday School version of the story, was swallowed by a whale and lived in its belly three days. But if we look carefully at the text, it doesn't say anything about a whale – the word used is 'fish' - nor does it say he stayed alive inside it. More likely, from a medical point of view (humans can't live inside marine creatures) is that Jonah died. But how did he come to life again? The answer is to be found in Our Lord's use of the story. He spoke about 'the sign of Jonah' as foreshadowing his own death, burial – *and resurrection*. Jonah was raised from the dead as a sign of Our Lord's resurrection.

St Augustine wrote: 'The OT is the NT concealed. The NT is the OT revealed. Happy Biblemass!

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

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>Ordinary Time (B)</b> <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 24	10.00am	Trevor Vandervord RIP & Noreen Boulder RIP – 1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.	8.30am	People of the Parish
		12.00noon <i>Polish</i>	Halina	12.00noon <i>Sung Latin</i>	Sonny Bellingham RIP
<b>Monday</b> <i>St. Vincent</i>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	9.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon	12.00noon	Brenda (SC)
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Feria</i>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	9.30am	Aaron Daniel Anderson RIP	12.00noon	George Edward Brooksbank
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>St. Francis de Sales</i>	24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am <i>Latin</i>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon	12.00noon	Joseph Bonnefin RIP
<b>Thursday</b> <i>Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</i>	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Queen Margrethe of Denmark, Health & Wellbeing	12.00noon	Jonny, Theresa & Family
<b>Friday</b> <i>SS. Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am 6.00pm <i>Polish</i>	Gudrun Ure– Health & Wellbeing Renata & Jacek (SC)	12.00noon <i>Ordinarie</i>	Stella Todd RIP
<b>Saturday</b> <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Janice Flore	12.00noon	<b>Funeral of Moyra Kozulko RIP</b>
		5.30pm	In Thanksgiving		
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>Ordinary Time (B)</b> <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 24	10.00am	Trevor Vandervord RIP	8.30am	John Thompson (IP)
		12.00noon <i>Polish</i>	Gosia English & Family(SC)	12.00noon <i>Sung Latin</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 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. **Next Saturday the 12.00noon Mass at St. Augustine's is a Funeral Mass for Moyra Kozulko RIP.**

**Prayer Candles:** *St. Ethelbert's*: Kathleen Gould RIP, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. *St. Augustine's*: K. W. Leung.

## 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, Roz & Vincent Lennon, Fr. Philip Seed, Canon Luke Smith, Maggie Smith, Uta Nedd, Connie, Mary & Bernadette O'Donaghue, 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

**Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** – for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice to support the work to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and wider society.

**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.

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

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