



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Newsletter for Sunday, 7th 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,

I am sure that most of you are blissfully unaware of the political maneuvering which goes on in the Vatican. Some of the world's press reported before Christmas that the Catholic Church has changed its teaching on sexuality. Our teaching, based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and sacred tradition, does not change. 'We love the sinner but hate the sin.' The EU and no doubt the UN with their obsession of population control are trying to impose 'Reproductive Rights' Laws on all nations. This is to make abortion compulsory along with contraceptive availability and legalized gay marriage etc. The last bulwark against these notions (apart from the Islamic world) is the Catholic Church. In accordance with these pressures the Vatican released a verbose and contradictory statement allowing for the Blessing of same sex couples. To 'Bless' has always meant to call down God's approval and Grace upon a situation that is naturally good. Now the convoluted document is trying to redefine the meaning of a Blessing. Only two years ago the Vatican decreed that we could not Bless same sex couples and now there is an utter reversal. The National Confraternity of Priests (UK) along with Bishops Conferences throughout the world have stood up against the illogicality of the latest Vatican directive. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (No. 2357-9) speaks compassionately regarding deep seated homosexual tendencies. 'They do not choose their homosexual condition; for most of them it is a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided homosexual persons are called to chastity.' This Directive has caused a break in the unity of the Church and is felt to be a betrayal of the legacy of Pope John Paul's teaching on sexuality as well as to all of us who struggle to live charity and chastity! As Cardinal Basil Hume said, 'The Catholic Church has the highest of ideals and the greatest of compassion to those who fail to attain them.' Our Lady Conqueror of Heresies pray for us.

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

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
Sunday, 7th Jan 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
	24	12.00noon (Polish)	Henryka Wargockiego RIP	12.00noon	(Sung Latin) People of the Parish
Monday <i>The Baptism of The Lord</i>	8 th Jan	9.30am	Maureen Francis	12.00noon	Jonny, Theresa & Family
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9 th Jan	9.30am	Michael Roberts RIP	12.00noon	Roz & Vincent Lennon
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	10 th Jan	9.30am	Herbert Koller RIP SCHOOL MASS	12.00noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	11 th Jan	9.30am	Trevor Vandervord RIP	12.00noon	John Paul Carnell
Friday <i>St. Aelred</i>	12 th Jan	9.30am 6.00pm (Polish)	Trevor Vandervord RIP Jadweiga Staszczak-Carnell	12.00noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon
Saturday <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	13 th Jan	9.30am	Jim Hamilton RIP	12.00noon	Augustine Carnell
		5.30pm	Violet Solley		
2nd Sunday (B) <i>Peace Day</i> <i>2nd Collection for Pax Christi</i>	14 th Jan	10.00am	Trevor Vandervord	8.30am	People of the Parish
		12.00noon (Polish)	Jadweiga Staszczak-Carnell	12.00noon	(Sung Latin) Marian Zbignew

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 at 12.00noon followed by **1st Friday Rosary** at 12.30pm. **1st Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed Lady:** 1st 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.

Prayer Candles: *St. Ethelbert's*: Private Intention. *St. Augustine's*: Mo Leung, All children in the world who are suffering.

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 RIP and Moyra Kozulko RIP - (Funeral *St. Augustine's*, Saturday, 27th 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 1st Holy Communion Preparation: Contact – Catechist Mrs Julie Rydz.

Confirmation & Pre 1st Holy Communion Faith Club: Contact - Catechist Mrs Patricia Smalley.

White Flower Appeal - The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) – 2024 (2nd Collection this weekend 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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[Home - Shrine of St Augustine & The National Pugin Centre \(augustine-pugin.org.uk\)](http://www.augustine-pugin.org.uk).

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