



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster
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Newsletter for Sunday, 11th February 2024

Parish Priest: Fr Christopher Basden; **Shrine Chaplain:** Fr Simon Heans; **Polish Chaplain:** Fr. Ryszard Hanaczewski;
Deacon: Rev'd Peter Brown; **Visitor Centre Administrator:** Andrew Kelly; **Safeguarding Officer:** Kate Morgan.
Minster Abbey, (Mother Nikola & Sisters; Sunday Mass at 10.00am and daily Mass at 9.00am.) (01843 821254)
The Divine Retreat Centre: Fr. Joseph Edattu & Fr. Paul Pallichamkudiyil. Weekday Mass 5.30pm. (01843 586904)
St. Ethelbert's School: Headteacher, Mr. Simon Marshall - (01843 585555)

My Dear People,

Congratulations to all of you who were Confirmed yesterday! Many thanks to Bishop Paul for coming and for the hard work done by Mrs Patricia Smalley and Mrs Julie Rydz. Thanks also to the lovely efforts of the choir and the altar servers. May each of these candidates do something beautiful with their lives for God and in service of our poor old world! We also congratulate Sister Mildred Mary who was Solemnly Professed yesterday at Minster.

This coming Ash Wednesday is the beginning of LENT. Now is the time to think about the areas we will focus on. The Liturgy of the Day maps out three ways forward: PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING. Therefore, during Lent we should think about some sort of EXTRA prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We should not be overly ambitious and we should keep it relatively simple. Almsgiving is not just the giving of money but also our time. I think a good way to observe Lent is make the most of the weekday Masses. We are amazingly blessed to have FOUR Masses every day in our parish. St. Ethelbert's 9.30am, St. Augustine's 12.00noon, Minster Priory 9.00am and Divine Retreat 5.30pm. Please make the most of these wonderful occasions of Grace!

Something else that happens in our parish on a regular basis is Eucharistic Adoration. At St. Ethelbert's every weekday morning this happens at 8.30am and at St. Augustine's every Tuesday from 12.30 – 3.00pm. Our Nuns and The Divine Retreat Centre also have Adoration and this is a most powerful prayer.

We are so blessed, indeed spoilt with plentiful food etc. that we often have lost the ability to say 'no' to ourselves. It is important to teach the children to observe Lent and when they return from Half Term I will suggest they do a 'plus and a minus'. In other words, doing something extra and giving something up. The word 'Lent' is Anglo Saxon referring to the lengthening of days, in other words Spring. We all perceive Spring as something positive. We pray that we can regard Lent with the same positivity and ask Our Lady's Intercession.

Fr Christopher on behalf of Fr Simon and Fr Ryszard

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
6th Sunday Ordinary Time (B) <i>World Day for the Sick</i>	11 th Feb	10.00am	Sister Mildred Mary – Final Professions	8.30am	People of the Parish
	24	12.00noon <i>Polish</i>	Ania & Family (SC)	12.00noon <i>Sung Latin</i>	Fr. Simon Heans - Wellbeing
Monday <i>Feria</i>	12 th Feb	9.30am	Dawn Whitney	12.00noon	Margot Knight – Wellbeing
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	13 th Feb	9.30am	Denis McClosky RIP	11.00am	Funeral of Denis McClosky RIP
Wednesday Ash Wednesday <i>(Fasting & Abstinence)</i>	14 th Feb	9.30am	Fr. Simon – Wellbeing	12.00noon	Moyra Kozulko RIP
		7.00pm (Polish)	For Special Intention	7.30pm (Latin)	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	15 th Feb	9.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon	12.00noon	Tony (SC)
Friday <i>Feria</i>	15 th Feb	10.00am	Funeral of Hilary Rhoads RIP	11.15am	Stations of the Cross
		6.00pm	Stations of the Cross (English)	12.00noon	Moyra Kozulko RIP
		6.30pm 7.30pm	Polish Mass for the Holy Souls Stations of the Cross (Polish)	Ordinarie 12.30pm	Lenten Lunches
Saturday <i>Our Blessed Lady</i>	17 th Feb	9.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon	12.00noon	Roslyn & Vince Lennon - Wellbeing
		5.30pm	Fr. Simon - Wellbeing		
1st Sunday of Lent (B) 2nd Collection - Clergy Support Fund	18 th Feb	10.00am	Helena Taylor - Wellbeing	8.30am	Bridget Davis RIP – 1 st Anniversary
		24	12.00noon <i>Polish</i>	Gosia & Family	12.00noon <i>Sung Latin</i>

Prayer Candles: St. Ethelbert's: Sister Mildred Mary – Final Professions, Fr. Simon Heans – Wellbeing.

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. **Wednesday, Ash Wednesday a day of fasting and abstinence. English Mass at 9.30am, Polish Mass at 7.00pm & additional 7.30pm Latin at St. Augustine's. Tuesday: St. Augustine's Mass at 11.00am Funeral of Denis McClosky RIP. Friday at St. Ethelbert's: Funeral Mass at 10.00am for Hilary Rhoads RIP. Stations of the Cross weekly in English at 6.00pm and Polish after 6.30 Mass.**

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, 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, Anthony Hope, Brylle Buenaventura.

Please remember in your prayers: Denis McClosky (Funeral at St. Augustine's on Tuesday, 13th February at 11.00am), Hilary Rhoades (15th February at St. Ethelbert's at 10.00am), Gabriel Costello, Trevor Vandervord and Moyra Kozulko who died recently

Our thanks to the Polish Community for their collect at their two parties raised £229.79 for the Parish. Our prayers and congratulations to Ania & Leszek Woźniak, on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary.

Visitor Centre: St Augustine Visitor Centre and Church are open to visitors Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri and Sat – 12.30pm – 3.30pm.

St. Augustine's Shrine – Tea/coffee is served after the 8.30am Mass every Sunday. Tea/coffee is served after the 12.00noon Mass on Sunday once a month, please check for the next date at the Shrine.

Fr. Daniel, Parish Priest at Our Lady Star of The Sea, Broadstairs, is looking to recruit a part time Parish secretary to assist in the administration of the parish. Please see the poster on the notice board in the porch for full details.

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.

Food Donations for those in need – St. Austin & Gregory's Parish, Margate - urgently require food donation for their food bank and donations of money to support their work. Please place food in the pink tub at the back of church.

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.

The Magnificat Daily Mass/Prayer Book – this is being promoted in order that you might think about making a subscription. There are free copies, for the month of February, available at the back of church for you to take. All details/form are in the book for you to complete a subscription.

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[Home - Shrine of St Augustine & The National Pugin Centre \(augustine-pugin.org.uk\)](http://www.augustine-pugin.org.uk).

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH WHEN YOU ARE WRITING YOUR WILL.