



**Parish of Ramsgate & Minster**  
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**Newsletter for Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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,*

This past Wednesday we inaugurated the 40 days of Lent by receiving the Blessed Ash. The Gospel tells us how (and how not) to pray, fast and give alms. These three areas should be components for all of us in Lent. As I said last week in the notices we are amazingly blessed as a parish to have **four regular weekday Masses (9.00am Minster, 9.30am St. Ethelbert's, 12.00noon St. Augustine's, 5.30pm Divine Retreat)**. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is not just a religious service. It is our entering into the eternal sacrifice of Our Blessed Lord Jesus to Our Father in the light and grace of the Holy Spirit. It is our encounter with the living God. It is a window into the life of grace. Even if we do not go to Holy Communion, St. Thomas teaches us, we can still receive the grace from making a Spiritual Communion. Holy Mass includes the Holy Word of God, prayers for the living and the dead, offering of our joys and sorrows and the real presence of Our Blessed Lord on the altar. St. John Vianney the Holy Curé of Ars said, 'If we only knew what the Mass was we would die of love.' Let us therefore make the most of these weekday Masses, so poorly attended and support them at least some of the days of the week.

We pray to Our Blessed Lady that she may obtain for each of us a deeper appreciation of the Holy Mass!

Congratulations to those made 1<sup>st</sup> Confession yesterday. Congratulations to those who were Confirmed last week. Congratulations to Sister Mildred Mary who made her Solemn Profession at Minster last Saturday.

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

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (B)</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Clergy Support Fund</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Helena Taylor - Wellbeing	8.30am	Bridget Davis RIP – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
	Feb 24	12.00noon	Gosia & Family	12.00noon	People of the Parish
		<i>Polish</i>		<i>Sung Latin</i>	
<b>Monday Feria</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am	Carlos Hernandez - Wellbeing	12.00noon	Mrs. June Nash RIP
<b>Tuesday Feria</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon	12.00noon	Charles Deane RIP
<b>Wednesday Feria</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon	12.00noon	Doug Kimber RIP
		<i>English</i>			
<b>Thursday The Chair of St. Peter</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	9.30am	Fr. Simon's – Health & Wellbeing	12.00noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon
<b>Friday Feria</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	9.30am	St. Ethelbert's School	11.15am	Stations of the Cross
		<b>School Mass</b>			
		6.00pm	Stations of the Cross (English)	12.00noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon
		6.30pm	Eva & Andrew – Wellbeing.	12.30pm	Lenten Lunches
		<i>Polish Mass</i>			
		7.30pm	Stations of the Cross (Polish)		
<b>Saturday Our Blessed Lady</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am	Fr. Ryszard – Health & Wellbeing	12.00noon	Moyra Kozulko RIP
		5.30pm	Edward Smalley - Birthday		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (B)</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for CAFOD Family Fast</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Barry Coppock RIP- Anniversary	8.30am	People of the Parish
		12.00noon	Mieczystawa Woiniaka	12.00noon	Cardinal Walter Brandmüller
	24	<i>Polish</i>		<i>Sung Latin</i>	

**Prayer Candles:** *St. Ethelbert's:* Rena Gathercole – Wellbeing. *St. Augustine's:* Mo Leung.

**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. **Stations of the Cross at St. Ethelbert's on Friday at 6.00pm (English) and (Polish) 7.30pm following the 6.30pm Mass. At St. Augustine's on Fridays at 11.15am and after 12.00noon Mass there will be Lenten Lunch served.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week is for the Clergy Support Fund. CAFOD Family Fast Day is held next Friday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next Sunday will be for CAFOD.**

**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, 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, Catherine Tocci, Julian Tranguille, Dorothy Dilnot, Lisa Taylor, Rena Gathercole.

**Feast of St. Ethelbert** will be celebrated next Sunday, after the 10.00am. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Pauline Leeming, Denis McClosky, Hilary Rhoades, Gabriel Costello, Trevor Vandervord and Moyra Kozulko, all who died recently

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

**A Message from Fr Simon:** Thank you everyone for your Masses and prayers for my recovery from my recent operation for a retinal detachment. I am very grateful and felt very supported by them during my convalescence. I have a gas bubble in the affected eye, but it is gradually sinking and leaving me with good vision above it. Thank you once again.

**The Monday catechesis group** meets again this week in the Parish Room at 4.30. We will be following a DVD course by Scott Hahn entitled Holy Is His Name. This takes us through Scripture and Tradition in a search for the meaning of holiness both in relation to God and in our own lives. All welcome.

**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.

**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.**

**Caritas Social Action Network (CSN)** – Support and information for their programme for individuals displaced by the war in Ukraine. Please see cards at the back of church for further details see Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

**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).

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