



**Parish of Ramsgate & Minster**  
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**Newsletter for Sunday, 4<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,*

In the Gospel today and the prophecy we are confronted with the problem of Leprosy. Leprosy is a biblical sign of sin from which we all suffer. Our Blessed Lord calls us to repent and we have to do that every day. In the Old Testament, once the Leprosy was healed, they had to show themselves to a priest so as to be declared clean. Today after repentance we need to go to Confession for grave sins to be declared clean before Holy Communion. Whether we are in grave sin or not it is a very good practice to go to Confession regularly. It is like weeding a garden, it needs continual care. If we do not keep control of these weeds, the Leprosy of sin can overwhelm us and even lead to our destruction. That is why Our Blessed Lord is constantly warning us to repent and turn away from the ugly infectious Leprosy of sin. The good news is that there is a way out of this quagmire and that is the Grace of God which is the Holy Spirit of Love.

We congratulate our group of Confirmation Candidates who will receive the Sacrament from Bishop Paul Hendricks who is the Auxiliary to Our Archbishop and is especially responsible for the Parishes of Kent. We pray that each of the newly Confirmed will do something beautiful for God with their lives. We also congratulate Sr. Mildred Mary, at Minster, as she is making her Solemn Profession. She will renew her vows of poverty, chastity and obedience having received the ring and the black veil at her 1<sup>st</sup> Profession, five years ago. These are symbols of the nuptial quality of the whole Church. Our Blessed Lord is the bridegroom of our souls and Religious women (Nuns) demonstrate this explicitly by their habit and by their radical lives of witness.

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

| Day   | Date                       | St Ethelbert's                        |  | St Augustine's                 |                                       |
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| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (B)</b>                                  | 4 <sup>th</sup>            | 10.00am                               | Trevor & Family  | 8.30am                         | Mrs. Frances Orbell                   |
|   | Feb 24                     | 12.00noon<br><i>Polish</i>            | Ania & Leszek Woźniak –<br>Wedding Anniversary                             | 12.00noon<br><i>Sung Latin</i> | Gabriel Costello RIP                  |
| <b>Monday</b><br><i>St. Agatha</i>  | 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Feb     | 9.30am                                | People of the Parish   | 12.00noon                      | S. Carnell                            |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><i>SS. Paul Miki &amp; Companions</i>                         | 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Feb     | 9.30am                                | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon                                      | 12.00noon                      | Moyra Kozulko                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><i>Feria</i>  | 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Feb     | <b>8.00am</b>                         | Mass of Ages Team  | 12.00noon                      | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><i>Feria</i>   | 8 <sup>th</sup><br>Feb     | 9.30am                                | Canon Michael Cooley   | 12.00noon                      | Werner Koller RIP                     |
| <b>Friday</b><br><i>Feria</i>   | 9 <sup>th</sup><br>Feb     | 9.30am<br><br>6.00pm<br><i>Polish</i> | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon<br><br>For Baptism of Franek & Filip | 12.00noon<br><i>Ordinarate</i> | Thanksgiving for Virginia Nedd-Wells  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><i>St. Scholastica</i>                                       | 10 <sup>th</sup><br>Feb    | <b>12.00noon</b>                      | <b>Confirmations</b>   | <b>10.00am</b>                 | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon |
|   |                            | 5.30pm                                | Sister Mildred – Final Profession  |                                |                                       |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (B)</b><br><i>World Day for the Sick</i> | 11 <sup>th</sup><br>Feb 24 | 10.00am                               | Sister Mildred – Final Profession  | 8.30am                         | People of the Parish                  |
|   |                            | 12.00noon<br><i>Polish</i>            | Ania & Family (SC)   | 12.00noon<br><i>Sung Latin</i> |                                       |

**Prayer Candles: St. Ethelbert's:** For the sick 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. **Mass at St. Ethelbert's on Wednesday – 8.00am NO Adoration or Rosary. St. Ethelbert's NO 9.30am Mass or Confessions on Saturday. St. Augustine's on Saturday Mass at 10.00am NO 12.00noon Mass.**

## 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, 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, Gabriel Costello, Trevor Vandervord and Moyra Kozulko 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.

**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.

**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.

**Confirmation** – please remember in your prayers all our Confirmation candidates, families and sponsors, who will be Confirmed on Saturday. Our thanks to the Catechists for their preparation work.

**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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*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.**