



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster
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Newsletter for Sunday, 10th March 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)

Dear Parishioners

The very meaning of the word 'Lent' is Spring; literally the 'lengthening' of the days. To arrive at the beauty and joy of Spring one has to go through the stripping of all during Winter. Therefore, Lent calls on us to stand up to the devil and his demons and to push up the temperature of the civilization of the love of God. We do not realise how complicit and weak we are at the onslaught of the cold winds of evil. We have surrendered to the spirit of the world. We have become addicted to our own comfort and we no longer think that we are sinners. St. Paul warns us that we must 'Work out our salvation in fear and trembling.' Today we just presume that the only thing that we need to do to get to heaven is to die! We have fallen asleep and have become blinded by our comfortable life so that we are inert and not sensitive to the healing graces of God. Lent is a wake-up call. Life is short and we waste so much time. Therefore, let us get back on to the programme of Lent, fasting, doing some extra prayer and giving our time or money with extra generosity. The four daily Masses (with so few in attendance) are here for you. People in different parts of the world would envy us for the amount of priests and Masses we have in this parish. At 9.00am Minster, 9.30am St. Ethelbert's, 12.00noon St. Augustine's and 5.30pm Divine Retreat. Also, every Friday we have three scheduled Stations of the Cross and yet so few come.

Wake up, today is the first day of the rest of your life. Are you going to surrender to the spirit of the world and the prince of this world? Free yourself from those chains and REPENT. Make a good Confession and begin again the wonderful adventure of becoming a child of God, learning every day of His tender compassion. May Our Lady hold us by the hand and help us on our way.

Fr Christopher on behalf of Fr Simon and Fr Ryszard

| Day | Date | St Ethelbert's | | St Augustine's | |
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| 4th Sunday of Lent (B) Laetare Sunday Mothering Sunday | 10 th March 2024 | 10.00am | Walter & Sudha Evans | 8.30am | People of the Parish |
| | | 12.00noon | Fr. Marian Jusziuyk | 12.00noon | John Mehlin RIP - Anniversary |
| | | <i>Polish</i> | | <i>Sung Latin</i> | |
| Monday Feria | 11 th March | 9.30am | Alice Campbell RIP | 12.00noon | Fr. Simon - Wellbeing |
| Tuesday Feria | 12 th March | 9.30am | John Branch RIP | 12.00noon | Maria Walsh RIP |
| Wednesday Feria | 13 th March | 9.30am <i>(Latin)</i> | Mass of Ages Team | 12.00noon | Veronica Spong Intentions |
| Thursday Feria | 14 th March | 9.30am | Geraldine Colleuy - Healing | 12.00noon | Special Intention |
| Friday Feria | 15 th March | 9.30am | June Williams RIP | 11.15am | Stations of the Cross |
| | | 6.00pm | Stations of the Cross (English) | 12.00noon | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon |
| | | 6.30pm <i>Polish Mass</i> | Steven & Jadwiga | | |
| | | 7.30pm | Stations of the Cross (Polish) | 12.30pm | Lenten Lunches |
| Saturday Our Blessed Lady | 16 th March | 9.30am | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon | 10.00am | Private Intention |
| | | 5.30pm | Pauline Leeming RIP | | |
| 5th Sunday of Lent (B) Feast of St. Patrick | 17 th March | 10.00am | Frank Vandervord's Intentions | 8.30am | People of the Parish |
| | | 12.00noon <i>Polish</i> | Deceased parents – Christina & Czeskawa RIP | 12.00noon <i>Sung Latin</i> | Fr. Simon & Fr. Ryszard - Wellbeing |

Prayer Candles: **St. Ethelbert's:** Patricia Smalley, Alexei RIP. **St. Augustine's:** Private Intentions x 2.

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.

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.

Saturday 16th March at St. Augustine's there will be no 12.00noon Mass, Mass will be at 10.00am.

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, Liliana Banas, Pauline Gladman, Piotr Kapuśniak.

Please remember in your prayers: Bridge Sharpin, Alexei, Denise Packer, Philip Mehlin, Michael McPartland, Dixon Graterol, 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.

Easter Lily: If you wish to give a donation for an Easter lily, in memorial of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope with the person's name and leave in the Parish Office by the 22nd March.

There will be a collection for Flowers for Easter after each Mass on Palm Sunday weekend.

If you have any Ruscus greenery to decorate the Easter garden and church please bring the week leading up to Easter.

Catholic couple from the parish of Ramsgate, with four little children, are looking for a babysitter for 3 mornings a week (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays). The hourly rate to be discussed. The job will be with 3 little children, for about 2 – 3 hours in the mornings, the oldest is 3 years old. A Polish speaking person without any English is welcome, as the mother is Polish and speaks both Polish & English.

Also, the family require a lift home, from St. Ethelbert's School, for their son on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to the St. Augustine's area of Ramsgate.

More info please call 07565676749 if you can help with either babysitting or helping with transport.

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.

Future Events:

Saturday Social Afternoons for Senior Parishioners start again on 23rd March at 2.00pm in St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall.

Wine & Wisdom Evening on Saturday, 6th April in St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall starting at 7.00pm.

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.

Youth & Young Adult Events in the Archdiocese, please see the posters and information at the back of church.

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Website: 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.