



**Parish of Ramsgate & Minster**  
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**St Augustine's Road, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 9NY**

**Newsletter for Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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,*

I always joke that we Christians are supposed to live the 'Good News' and yet very often we hear nothing but the bad! When I watch the news and see the devastation in Gaza and the Ukraine I am punctured. When I hear about the corruption of our political leaders and our shepherds in the Vatican I am dis-edified and shocked. Very often because of the relentless pressures of ordinary life and all the evil we see around the world we can be overwhelmed with pessimism! However, Our Blessed Lord came into this world not to explain to us, (with any mathematical simplicity) but rather to take on and enter into, in His own person, the mystery of Evil. This we have observed and shared during Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Today, however, Evil has been conquered by goodness; 'Captivity has been captured!' How ironic that those first Disciples and women failed to believe and yet the authorities were terrified that the Resurrection might indeed happen (as a result they put guards at the tomb). The Gospels of today and all during Eastertide are very sober and realistic. They demonstrate that these first Christians were caught unawares and were 'bewildered with joy'. Those inadequate and pathetic men and those desolate women were so turned around by encountering the Risen Christ that the Church exists to this day. As far East as India, as far West as Rome, as far North as Armenia and as far South as Egypt, the Apostles went to their deaths unafraid and bursting with joy. You and I have inherited this hope which has always been the impetus behind the dynamism of Christian civilization. You and I have been baptised into this hope. The hope that we share in the ongoing victory of Christ over all injustice, sin and even death itself. We cannot fully explain the mystery but we never surrender, despite heavy crosses, to persevere and triumph throughout our lives. ALLELUIA! *Fr Christopher on behalf of Fr Simon and Fr Ryszard*

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	10.00am 12.00noon (Polish) 6.00pm	Rita & Keith Andrews Isa & Peter Divine Mercy Novena	8.30am 12.00noon. (Sung Latin)	People of the Parish Lorraine Mulvihill RIP – 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
<i>Monday in the Octave of Easter Feria</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> April	9.30am 6.00pm 6.30pm (Polish Mass)	Sisters of Minster Divine Mercy Novena Special Intention	12.00noon	Mandi Hammond RIP & David Pettit RIP
<i>Tuesday in the Octave of Easter Feria</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.30am 6.00pm	Mother Nikola Divine Mercy Novena	12.00noon	Monks of Chilworth.
<i>Wednesday in the Octave of Easter Feria</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30am (English) 6.00pm	Sister Mildred Mary Divine Mercy Novena	12.00noon (Latin)	Caroline for Health & Wellbeing.
<i>Thursday in the Octave of Easter</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am 6.00pm	Fr. Mark Higgins Divine Mercy Novena	12.00noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon.
<i>Friday in the Octave of Easter</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Friday</i>	5 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am 6.00pm 6.30pm (Polish Mass)	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon Divine Mercy Novena Evelina & Family	12.00noon (Ordinariate)	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon.
<i>Saturday in the Octave of Easter</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday</i>	6 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am 5.30pm 6.30pm	Smalley Family William & Phyllis Rapley RIP Divine Mercy Novena	12.00noon	People of the Parish.
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)</i> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	7 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am 12.00noon 3.00pm	Bill Shaw RIP - Anniversary Ewelina & Luksz Divine Mercy Novena	8.30am 12.00noon	Jeremy – Birthday & Wellbeing. Thomas' Intentions.

**Prayer Candles:** *St. Ethelberts:* Steven Godden RIP, Sue, Pat, Chris & Frank, Sisters at Minster, Monks of Chilworth, Smalley Family, David Power, Mary Cotton, Rena Gathercole, Helena Taylor, Maggie & Brian Smith & Family. *St. Augustine's:* Annie & Robert Rose,

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**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.

**Wednesday: 9.30am Mass is English, St. Augustine's Mass at 11.15am is Latin.**

**1 Collection today, your gift to the Priests of the Parish – envelopes available at the back of church.**

**Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish:** M. Marjoam, A. Fell, Edward Smalley, .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, 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'Donoghue, Luke Kelly, Mary Northrop, Anthony Hope, Brylle Buenaventura, Catherine Tocci, Julian Tranguille, Dorothy Dilnot, Lisa Taylor, Rena Gathercole, Liliana Banas, Pauline Gladman, Piotr Kapuśniak, Tim Bowell, Julie Foreman.

**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.

**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 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 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.

**Future Events: Wine & Wisdom Evening** on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April in St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall starting at 7.00pm.

**Polish '80's' Evening,** 13<sup>th</sup> April, in the Parish Hall from 6.00pm for Polish and English Communities, all welcome. Cost will be £10.00 per person, DJ & Food provided, any donations of food and drink welcomed. Please dress in '80's' fashion.

**Social Afternoon** for Senior Members of the Parish to be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm.

**Volunteers Required,** who can made a firm commitment to help with the Sunday (after Mass) - Tea/Coffee Rota.

**Donations for Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones:** Julie Rydz – For deceased family and friends. Maureen Francis – For deceased family and friends. Rita & Keith Andrews for Stanley & Marjorie Andrew's & Frank & Dora Hodgson RIP. P. Davis – In memorial of Bridget Davis RIP. Peter Hulcoop: In memory of Ivy Jessica Lillian Hulcoop RIP. Patricia Smalley – Deceased family members. All Living Ones of Samee, Louisa Bromfield-Manley-Saunders RIP, William Manley RIP, George Saunders RIP. Laura & Sid Wyness for Wyness, Longman, Gamble & Lake Families.

**Parish of The Holy Family, Birchington** – 'Easter Family Feaster', Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March from 12.00 – 3.00pm.

**Parish of Our Lady Immaculate, Whitstable** – 'Building a Better Marriage' Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30am – 4.30pm in Parish Hall. Please see full details on the posters 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 advise you are in hospital/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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