



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

**Newsletter for Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 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,*

Today is often called 'Low Sunday' or 'Quasimodo Sunday' (from the Introit Antiphon). In the last few years it has become popularly known as 'Divine Mercy Sunday' this is because Pope John Paul II, publicly unearthed the revelations of St. Faustina. The Chaplet and the devotions have spread rapidly all throughout the world. The Mercy of God is something so wonderful and of course it is tied to today's Gospel. After the Doubting Thomas makes his Profession of Faith, the Apostles receive the mandate to acknowledge the Mercy of God with the forgiveness of sins. We can take this mercy for granted or we can ignore it, both of which are tragic.

There is a huge orchestrated effort to legalise 'Mercy Killing' for the incurables and aged. This goes against the pre-Christian 'Hippocratic Oath' which all doctors have traditionally taken as they begin their healing service. The oath proclaims that they will never take life but instead try to save it. Obviously, some people are terminally ill and are incurable. The Catholic Church has always taught that 'Extraordinary Means' to keep someone alive are not obligatory. Nevertheless, 'Ordinary Means', honouring the dignity of the dying person are indeed morally obligatory. These include food, hygiene, hydration, which support human dignity. Because we are an aging society with a plunging birthrate there is huge financial pressure to legalise Euthanasia. Our Archbishop has published a Pastoral Message on the Question of Assisted Suicide (copies at the back). The way a society treats its elderly and infirm is a measure of the quality of its civilization. Please resist this movement by writing to your MP. Do not let exceptional circumstances influence our minds. Every death and passing is painful. However, the need for better hospice and palliative care is the answer to the problems of how to assist the terminally ill.

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

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)</b> <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Bill Shaw RIP - Anniversary	8.30am	Jeremy – Birthday & Wellbeing.
		12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i>	Ewelina & Luksz	12.00noon. <i>(Sung Latin)</i>	Thomas' Intentions.
		3.00pm	Divine Mercy Novena		
<b>Monday</b> <i>The Annunciation of The Lord</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Mum, Dad, Chris, Sally & John RIP	11.00am <i>(Latin)</i>	Priests Intention.
				12.00noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Feria</i>	9 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Edward Smalley - Wellbeing	12.00noon	Roz Lennon - Wellbeing
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Feria</i>	10 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00am <i>(English)</i>	Rena Gathercole - Birthday	12.00noon	Priests Intention
<b>Thursday</b> <i>St. Stanislaus</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Lynette Smith RIP	12.00noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon.
<b>Friday</b> <i>Feria</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon	12.00noon <i>(Ordinariate)</i>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montiligeon.
		6.00pm <i>(Polish Mass)</i>	Goshia & Family		
<b>Saturday</b> <i>St. Martin</i>	13 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Freddy Triggs RIP – Anniversary	12.00noon	Priests Intention
		5.30pm	Mary Cotton - Wellbeing		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Rena Gathercole – Birthday	8.30am	People of the Parish
		12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i>	Intentions of Isabelle	12.00noon <i>(Sung Latin)</i>	

**Prayer Candles: St. Ethelbert's:** William & Phyllis Rapley RIP.

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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.

**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'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, Tim Bowell, Julie Foreman, Guy Rowe.

**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: 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.

**Helena's Coffee Morning** to raise funds for the Parish on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am in the Parish Hall.

**Our Thanks to: Barbara & Jenny and team** for the Lenten Lunches which raised: £89.05 for the Parish.

**Laura and her team** for the Easter Raffle which raised: £78.00 for the Parish.

Talk brought to you by The Kolbe Centre/Family Life International on 'Evolution Fact or Fiction?' to be held at St. Augustine's Shrine on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.00pm.

**We need Mass Intentions** for both St. Ethelbert's & St. Augustine's. Polish Masses are booked up until July 2024. If you require a Mass for a special intention please book early. Mass Stipends are £10.00.

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

**Fr. Simon has some DVDs 'Love & Mercy: Faustina'** which tells the incredible true story of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska 'Apostle' of Divine Mercy please see Patricia Smalley, at the Repository.

**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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**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://Home - Shrine of St Augustine & The National Pugin Centre (augustine-pugin.org.uk)).

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