



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

### Newsletter for Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 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).

A novena is a prayer or prayers said over a period of nine days. The word is originally from the Latin meaning 'in a group of nine'. The first novena, and the model for all the rest, is the nine days between Christ's Ascension and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, when, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles, 'all these (Apostles) joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus.' In this time, the Church asks us to follow their holy example and to pray with a particular intensity for the Holy Spirit to renew our lives in Christ.

The Holy Spirit is notoriously difficult to define but one way of understanding the Spirit is to focus on His activity, what St Paul, in Galatians 5. 22-23. calls His 'Fruits', viz., 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.' The fruits differ from the 'Gifts of the Holy Spirit' in that they show evidence of our response to the gifts. They are the result of our own efforts working with the Spirit in us. You will notice that the Fruits are nine in number so they fit neatly into the structure of a novena. Of course, reading this on Sunday you will have already missed the first two days, but one could easily incorporate prayers for the first two Fruits into the prayers for the next two, today and tomorrow. A simple suggestion for doing this Novena is to invoke the Spirit saying each day, 'Come Holy Spirit and fill my heart kindling in it the fire of your love' or 'joy' or 'peace' etc., depending on the day. And don't forget to ask Our Lady to pray for you as she did for those Christians at the first Pentecost.

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

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - World Communications Day</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	10.00am	Liz & John O'Riordan	8.30am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	13 <sup>th</sup> May	12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i>	Jadwiga Kowalska – Health & Wellbeing.	12.00noon <i>(Sung Latin)</i>	Fred Gobel RIP
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i>	14 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	Ron Francis RIP – 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	12.00noon	John Lumley - Wellbeing
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>St. John Stone</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	Keith Andrews - Wellbeing	12.00noon	Fr. Marian Juszczuk – 65 years Anniversary of Priesthood.
<b>Thursday</b> <i>St. Simon Stock</i>	16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Funeral of Beryl Poole RIP</b>	12.00noon	For the soul of Michelle Carvalho
<b>Friday</b> <i>Feria</i>	17 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	Anniversary of Maggie Smith's Mother RIP	12.00noon	Rima & Augustine (SC)
<b>Saturday</b> <i>St. John L</i>	18 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	St. Ethelbert's School	12.00noon <i>(Ordinariate)</i>	Memorial Mass for Kate Aldous RIP
<b>Pentecost Sunday (B)</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00pm <i>(Polish)</i>	Jadwiga (SC)		
		9.30am	Kathleen Hogan	12.00noon	Matt Carnell (SC)
		5.30pm	David Michael Peters- Wellbeing		
		10.00am	Helena Taylor's Intentions	8.30am	People of the Parish
		12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i>	Jadwiga Kowalska – Health & Wellbeing	12.00noon <i>(Sung Latin)</i>	Paul Robinson G.E.

**Prayer Candles:** *St. Ethelbert's:* Barbara, Jenny, Derek. *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, 15 minutes of prayer to Our Blessed Lady after Mass. **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.

**St. Ethelbert's Wednesday: Funeral Mass for Beryl Pool RIP at 10.00am NO Adoration, Rosary or 9.30am Mass.**

**Sundays:** Tea & Coffee served after the 8.30am Mass in the Visitors Centre & after the 10.00am Mass in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**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, Cecil Atkins.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Beryl Poole (Funeral at St. Ethelbert's on 15<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am), Eileen Olive Cranny, Bridget 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.

**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.

**Parish 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion** will take place on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm for all those children who have completed their Sacramental Preparation and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Confirmation & Pre 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Faith Club: Contact** - Catechist Mrs Patricia Smalley.

**Future Events:**

**Social Afternoon for Senior Members of the Parish**, Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, at 2.00pm in the Parish Hall.

**Parish Wine & Wisdom, Fun Quiz Night** on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 4.00pm in the Parish Hall. See poster for full details.

**Parish BBQ on 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Joint Polish & English event, with just one Mass at 11.00am for Polish and English families - BBQ to follow.

**Fr. Simon's Monday Group** continues at 4.30pm in the Parish Room. We are now on Holiness in the New Testament, a 30-minute video followed by discussions.

**Feast of St. Augustine & St. Augustine's Week:**

**Blessing of the Sea by Bishop Paul Hendricks** – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30pm. followed by reception at The Divine Retreat Centre.

**Organ Recital** on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May by David Newsholme, Director of Music at Canterbury Cathedral, at 7.00pm.

**Talk by Fr. Marcus** on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm. followed by Benediction.

**Fr. Christopher** is having a break with his sister and will be returning in a few days.

**Celebration of St. Jude**, at the Shrine of Saint Jude in Faversham on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June – please see poster in the porch for full details.

**Catholic couple from the parish of Ramsgate**, with four little children, are looking for any volunteer to help with the children any hours during the day, any days of the week, it would be with 2 little children (2 years and 3 years old) or after 3.00pm to help with any of the 4 children e.g. taking one or two for a walk. Also required, transport to St. Ethelbert's School to arrive before 9.00am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, please call 07565676749 if you can help.

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, July 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 at St. George's Cathedral.** If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + Wedding Anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible (no later than 31<sup>st</sup> May 24). Please provide the following details: your name, (in the format John & Mary Smith), your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive and invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Email: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) For the title of your email please write your parish location e.g. Maidstone St Francis.

**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://www.augustine-pugin.org.uk).