



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster Christmas Services & Confessions

Christmas in Ramsgate 2024

St. Ethelbert's: Christmas Season see details overleaf.

Boxing Day – No Mass at 9.30am. at St. Ethelbert's. (No Adoration or Rosary.)

Friday: Adoration 8.30am, followed by Rosary & Mass at 9.30am.

Saturday, Rosary at 9.10am & Mass at 9.30am. **Confessions** at 10.30 & 4.30pm.

St. Augustine's Shrine: Christmas Season see details overleaf.

Boxing Day – Mass at 10.00am. (Sung Latin).

Friday & Saturday, Mass at 12.00noon daily. **Confessions** at 11.00am on Saturday & from 12.00noon Sunday. No Adoration Tuesday, 24th Dec resumes on 14th January 25.

Minster Abbey: Christmas Season see details overleaf.

Boxing Day to Saturday, Mass at 9.00am.

Sunday, 29th December Mass at 10.00am.

Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st, Thursday, 2nd Jan & Friday, 3rd Jan, Mass at 9.00am.

Wednesday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, Mass at 10.00am.

The Visitor Centre will be closed from Monday, 23rd December, reopening on Monday, 6th January 2025.

Please remember in your prayers over this Season of Christmas, Eileen Chapman who passed away this week, her funeral will be at St. Augustine's after Christmas.

Crib Offerings to be donated to Catholic Children's Society.

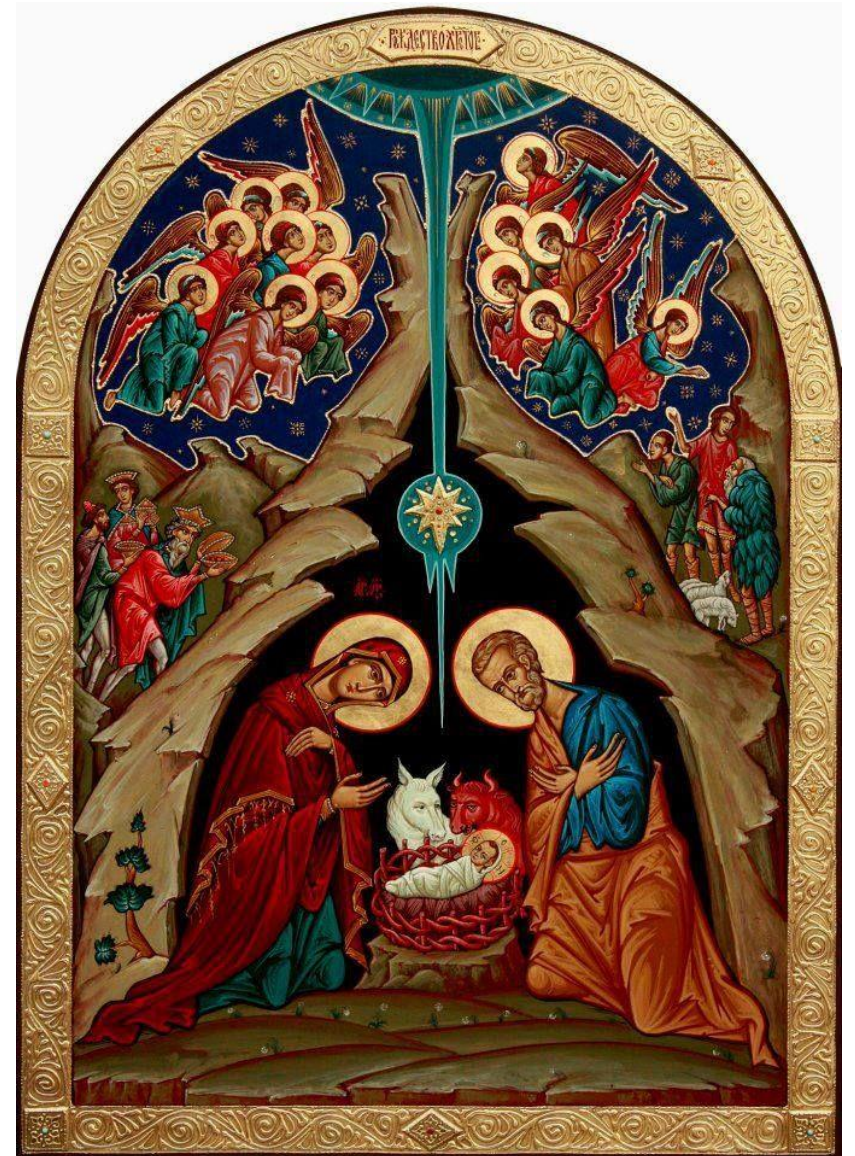
There is only 1 collection at Masses over Christmas, this is your gift to the priests of the parish. Envelopes available at the back of church.

Mary's Meals Charity - For those who wish to donate at Christmas to Mary's Meals instead of sending Christmas cards to parishioners.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS - WISHING YOU ALL THE JOYS AND BLESSINGS AT CHRISTMAS.

From: *Fr. Jonathon Routh, Alex & Tai Jordan, Shirley Lacey, Rena Gathercole, Kate & Terry Morgan, Ruth & Terry Leonard, Claire & John Turner, Laura & Sid Wyness, Gesina Triggs, Peter Hulcoop, Rita & Keith Andrews, Julie Rydz, Eileen, Jack & Paul McCaughan, Julie Foreman, Jane Ryan, Terry Campbell, Patricia & Edward Smalley, Caroline Sansom, Natalie Ratcliff & Maureen Francis.*

Prayer Candles - St. Ethelbert's: William & Phyllis Rapley RIP, Steven Godden RIP, Smalley Family, Sisters of Minster, Monks of Chilworth, Mary Cotton, Rena Gathercole, Kay Roberts, Maggie & Brian Smith, Fr. Christopher Basden. **St. Augustine's:** Mo Leung x 2.



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Saturday 21st December 24	9.30 am Lourdes Fernandes -Wellbeing 12.00 noon (<i>Latin1962 Low Mass</i>) Clark & Royce Family	St. E St. A
4th Sunday of Advent (C) Vigil Mass	2.00 pm – 5.00pm Confessions & Adoration 5.30 pm Steven Godden RIP	St. E St. E
Sunday, 22nd December 24	8.30 am Jim McGarry RIP 10.00am Kazimiez Zajko RIP - Anniversary 10.00am - 12.00 noon (<i>Polish</i>) Intentions of Members of Koła Koronkowego 12.00 noon (<i>Sung Latin 1962</i>) People of the Parish	St. A St. E Minster St. E St. A
Monday, 23rd December 24 Feria	9.00 am - 9.30 am Fr. Daniel Weatherley 12.00 noon Mrs J.S. Menezes RIP	Minster St. E St. A
Tuesday, 24th December 24 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD The Vigil Mass	5.00 pm Carols 5.30 pm (<i>Sung</i>) Angelina & Pat RIP	St. E St. E
The Mass during the Night	9.30 pm Carols 10.00 pm (<i>Sung</i>) People of the Parish	St. E St. E
The Mass during the Night	11.30 pm Carols 12.00 midnight (<i>Sung Latin 1962</i>) Mary Bane RIP 12.00 midnight -	St. A St. A Minster
Wednesday, 25th December 24 The Mass at Dawn The Mass at Dawn	8.30 am (<i>Said</i>) Milan Rebec RIP 10.00 (<i>Sung</i>) William & Phyllis Rapley RIP 10.00 am -	St. A St. E Minster
The Mass during the Day The Mass during the Day	12.00 noon (<i>Latin1962 Low Mass</i>) Kevin Flynn 12.00 noon (<i>Polish</i>) People of the Parish	St. A St. E
Thursday, 26th December 24 Feast St. Stephen	9.00 am – NO Adoration, Rosary or 9.30am Mass today. 10.00 am (<i>Sung Latin 1962</i>) Joseph Bonnefin RIP 12.00 noon (<i>Polish</i>) W intencji Panu Bogu Wiadomej	Minster St. E St. A St. E
Friday, 27th December 24 St. John the Apostle & Evangelist	9.00 am - 9.30 am Sisters of Minster 12.00 noon (<i>Ordinariate</i>) Monks of Chilworth 6.00 pm (<i>Polish</i>) Special Intention	Minster St. E St. A St. E
Saturday, 28th December 24 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	9.00 am - 9.30 am Ron Francis RIP 12.00 noon (<i>Latin 1962 Low Mass</i>) The Rebec Family	Minster St. E St. A
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (C) Vigil Mass	5.30pm The Smalley Family	St. E



Dear parishioners,

This Christmas, let us turn to Mary who gave birth to Our Saviour, and learn from her how we might let God into our lives as Jesus her son came into hers. Mary is the model of faith, and the first disciple. She gave birth to the son of God, nurtured him, loved him, and then finally presented him to the world. He lived in obedience to her as child but she too had listened to the Word of God from her childhood, dwelling in her immaculate heart. Through her silent listening and nurturing of Christ in her life, through the word of God in scripture and the word made flesh in her womb, she would also grow in wisdom with him and could say at the epiphany of the Wedding of Cana, one of the first manifestations of Christ's divinity: 'Do as HE says'.

How do we prove to anyone who doesn't believe that God exists? We don't.

The object of our faith and worship will win few converts by discussion, explanation or argument. God has to be nurtured into the world, starting with our own relationship with God through listening to scripture, through silent prayer, through receiving the sacraments, and our good works and sacrifices, and most importantly of all, by the beauty of our tradition in celebrating mass of the Roman Rite. Where the Church has nurtured what is true to her and manifested it to the world in our worship and lives, we continually draw people to God, as water draws the thirsty to the well. It is so often through the passing on of our Sacred Catholic Tradition, that young people have heard the calling to serve the Lord as priests and religious. If we take care of what is sacred in our lives in these ways as Mary took care of Jesus, we will be living in imitation of her who brought God to the world at Christmas and we may help bring the world back to him today. God bless you and on behalf of Fr Simon and Fr Ryszard, I wish you all a happy Christmas.

Fr Jonathon.