



# Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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## Newsletter for Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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Dear parishioners,

I'm sitting at my desk in my offices surrounded by the debris of Christmas. For a week, we have not had time to pause or reflect and too much has come off the shelves, out the drawers and cupboards without going back, too many draft sermons and orders of services piling up on the desk and so many cards, envelopes and packages pouring in and there's been no time to open them. And now the next newsletter must be completed and printed for tomorrow. But such is parish life, especially at this time of year. it doesn't stop, a roller coaster ride to rival Dreamland, even on Christmas Day we're thinking ahead to St Stephen's Day and the special mass for our Servers.

This year on St Stephen's Day Jacob, Dover, Joe and Theo were enrolled into the altar servers' Society of St Tarcisius and Douglas received his next ribbon as a mark of his progress in serving experience. Congratulations to our servers and I'm sure you all join me in thanking them for their service and contribution to the beautiful ceremony of the worship in our parish. We pay special tribute to our own dear Frank, who has been an altar server for eighty years. On St Stephen's Day, Frank processed with the youngest server who is 6 years old and serves at St Mary's, Chislehurst, only another 74 years to go for him to catch up. We hope to have a servers training day in Ramsgate in the summer, including another enrolment ceremony and progression awards.

All the Christmas masses here were beautiful. I was pleased so many of you responded to the Advent Call of Repentance and prepared for Christmas in the most essential way. by making your confessions. We shall have a similar afternoon of adoration and confessions in the Saturday of Passiontide, the day before Palm Sunday.

Our Christmas masses were beautiful, thanks to the hard work of some of you in preparing the music, the flowers, the serving, the communications, the repository, the children's choral group. It is the greatest gift to me, my first Christmas here as your new parish priest, to have such a good first impression: the beautiful, joyful and - to varying degrees - traditionally catholic celebrations of the Holy Mass is reward in itself enough for any priest, but nevertheless, with Fr Simon and Fr Ryszard, I of course thank you for your warm hospitality over this season and your generous gifts and cards. May God order and bless your new year and all your deeds in peace, grant your prayers in this parish or wherever you worship Him, and may He lead you happily to eternal life. Fr Jonathon

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
<b>Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b> <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph (C)</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Ron Francis RIP	12.00 noon (Latin 1962 Low Mass)	The Rebec Family
		5.30pm (Vigil)	The Smalley Family		
<b>Sunday</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Francis & Power Families	8.30am	People of the Parish
		12.00noon (Polish)	Faber & Krysta Family RIP	12.00 noon (Sung Latin)	All the Sick of our Parish
<b>Monday</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord</i>	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Fr. Daniel Weatherley	12.00 noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord</i>	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9.30am	Fr. Daniel Weatherley	12.00 noon	Joseph Bane RIP
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Mary, Holy Mother of God (Octave Day of the Nativity of The Lord)</i>	1st Jan	9.30am (Latin)	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	12.00 noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
		12.00noon (Polish)	People of the Parish		
<b>Thursday</b> <i>St. Basil</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	9.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	12.00 noon	Kevin Flynn – Wellbeing.
<b>Friday</b> <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	9.30am	Gosia – Birthday	12.00 noon (Ordinariate)	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
		6.00pm (Polish)	Gregory Dudek and Family		
<b>Saturday</b> <i>The Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese.</i> <b>Epiphany of the Lord (C)</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Julie Rydz Intentions	12.00 noon (Latin)	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
		5.30pm (Vigil)	Patricia & Edward Smalley's Intentions		

**Prayer Candles: St. Ethelbert's:** Smalley Family, Sisters of Minster, Monks of Chilworth.

**St. Augustine's:** Mo Leung x 2

**Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament:** *St Ethelbert's:* Monday - Friday: 8.30am. *St Augustine's:* on Tuesday 12.45 – 3.00pm. NOT Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> December & 7<sup>th</sup> January, resumes 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025. **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, (3<sup>rd</sup> January) 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, (4<sup>th</sup> January) with 15 minutes of prayer to Our Blessed Lady after 9.30am Mass. **Confessions:** *St Ethelbert's:* Saturday 10.30am & 4.30pm. *St Augustine's:* Saturday 11.00am and Sunday from 12.00noon. **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, 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, Alex Jordan, Doreen Browning, Eleanor McGinley, Tarlie Sansom, Mary Cotton, Diane Sinclair-St Claire, Roz Lennon, Canon Luke Smith, Maggie Smith, Uta Nedd., Mary Northrop, Anthony Hope, Catherine Tocci, Julian Tranguille, Dorothy Dilnot, Lisa Taylor, Pauline Gladman, Piotr Kapuśniak, Tim Howell, Julie Foreman, Guy Rowe, Keith Andrews, Fr. Brian Coyle, Jenny Shaw, Francis Bishop, Flora Gentleman, Brylle Buenaventura, Mark Griffin. Fr. Christopher Basden, Kevin Flynn.

**Please remember in your prayers** Eileen Chapman RIP who died recently.

**Baptismal Preparation for Polish and English Baptisms:** If you are planning a Baptism, please contact a priest on 01843 594031 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.

**If you are in hospital:** If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and requires a priest to visit, please contact your Parish and ask for a Priest to visit. Contact for Fr. Jonathon is on 01843 594031 or call your local Parish.

**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 594031.

**The Visitors Centre** will reopen on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis:** From today, every parishioner, as well as teachers and parents in our schools, has free and unlimited access to the workshops created by the world-renowned Catechetical Institute. From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone. For information on how to register your free account visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>

**Southwark Archdiocese Rosary Prayer Project:** Everyone is warmly invited to join this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their deanery. For details see the poster on the noticeboard, pick up an invitation leaflet at the back of church or email [southwarkrenewal@gmail.com](mailto:southwarkrenewal@gmail.com). God bless, **Dr Mark Nash, Director, Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis.**

**From CAFOD- The Year of the Jubilee 'Pilgrim of Hope'** – This special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, invites us to return to a relationship with 'God, one another, and all of creation'. CAFOD have many resources and opportunities to get involved on our jubilee webpage.

Introducing Jubilee online session – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025: 10.30am to 12.00noon. Join us for an introduction to the Jubilee Year with special guests Fr. Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission for the Catholic Bishop's Conference, Christine Allen, CAFO Director and Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Africa Programmes. Hear how we are celebrating Jubilee as a global Church and how we can be tangible signs of hope, building a better world together throughout this Holy Year.

**Catholic Youth Ministry Federation - Father Joseph Owusu-Ansah, Parish Priest at Birchington,** is organising for the youth (13 to 36 years) of our four Thanet parishes, to attend FLAME (Fan the Flame of Hope) together at Wembley Arena on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025. This is the largest UK's Catholic youth gathering. To register your interest please advise the priests or Parish Office and application forms will be sent out for completion. There is a deadline for applications of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

**Follow the parish on: St. Ethelbert's: or on Twitter:** @catholicramsmin

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**Website:** [www.augustine-pugin.org.uk](http://www.augustine-pugin.org.uk). Newsletters can now be accessed from the Shrine homepage:

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