



## Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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### Newsletter for Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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**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,

*'And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand'.* These words from the popular Catholic hymn, draw upon psalm 90 in which the psalmist gives assurance to the dying, *'He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge'.* The prophet Isaiah also tells us that for all who hope in the Lord, our strength will be renewed and we will soar on eagle's wings -not flapping about like pigeons -but soaring as high as an eagle, to reach the heights of heaven, our promised home. Just like the dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit and Peace with ancient roots in the Old Testament, so eagles have always been a Catholic symbol. In particular, eagles are used as ornamentation for Catholic lecterns from which to proclaim the Word of God and can be seen on pulpits in Italy from the Roman period and later in medieval Catholic Christendom, as in Siena Cathedral built in the thirteenth century and Pistoia in the fourteenth. Carvings of eagles on lecterns were also common in old Catholic England. Because a bird does not depict an image of a saint which might be venerated, such eagle lecterns in old England survived the iconoclasm of protestantism and can still be seen in English church buildings that were once Catholic. In addition to being carved in wood, Eagle lecterns are often made in brass and you can see a gleaming example of a brass Eagle Lectern in St Patrick's Catholic Church, Soho Square, London, from which the Word of God is proclaimed at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass today.

But why is the Eagle used for catholic lecterns in particular? In olden times, people thought that because Eagles could fly higher than other birds, they could stare into the sun, as we, in our encounter with Our Lord Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament can gaze upon God in Him. Likewise, because the Eagle can soar above mountains closest to Heaven, so it symbolises the carrying of the Word of God by the church to the four corners of the world. But perhaps the most potent symbol of all, the Eagle is the universally recognised symbol of St John the Evangelist, who in the fourth Gospel contemplates the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus. In this symbol of St John, the Lord's beloved disciple, the Eagle Lectern represents the greatest proclamation of Good News ever to all mankind that *'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us'.*

We are blessed in our parish of Ramsgate and Minster to have such a potent catholic symbol of our faith and hope in the Word of Our Lord Jesus Christ as our Eagle Lectern. We can thank a previous parish priest here for his vision in obtaining it for our parish a few years ago and a dear parishioner who in appreciation of its symbolic worth, has recently cared for it with the finest beeswax polish. *'Blessed are your eyes, for they see and your ears for they hear'* (Mtt 13:16). May the word of God proclaimed from our beautiful eagle lectern bring the Light and Truth of Christ to the hearts and minds of all who see it and hear it. Amen.

God bless, Fr Jonathon

**Prayer Candles:** *St. Ethelbert's:* Sharon, John, Joanna Brans – Wellbeing. *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.  
**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, 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.  
St Augustine's Visitor Centre and Church are open to visitors Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri and Sat – 12.30pm – 3.30pm.

**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, 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 Bowell, Julie Foreman, Guy Rowe, Keith Andrews, Fr. Brian Coyle, Jenny Shaw, Francis Bishop, Flora Gentleman, Brylle Buenaventura, Mark Griffin. Fr. Christopher Basden, Kevin Flynn, Peter Northrop, Derek Rydz.

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
<b>Saturday</b> <i>The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</i> <b>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am  5.30pm ( <i>Vigil</i> )	Conversion of the Rydz Family  Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	12.00 noon ( <i>Latin 1962 Low Mass</i> )	Frederick Augustus Attenborough RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00am  12.00noon ( <i>Polish</i> )	Leighton Dyer RIP  Peter Wozniak - Birthday	8.30am  12.00 noon ( <i>Sung Latin</i> )	People of the Parish  Denis McClosky RIP
<b>Monday</b> <i>St. Angela Merici, Virgin</i>	27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	12.00 noon	Joseph Bonnefin RIP
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest &amp; Doctor</i>	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	12.00 noon	John Beale RIP
<b>Wednesday</b> ( <i>Latin 1962 Low Mass</i> ) <i>St. Francis de Sale, Bishop</i>	29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Fr. Jonathon - Wellbeing	12.00 noon <i>Feria</i>	Eileen Chapman RIP
<b>Thursday</b> <i>Feria</i>	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Margaret Walter - Birthday	12.00 noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
<b>Friday</b> <i>St. John Bosco, Priest, Memorial</i>	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9.30am  6.00pm ( <i>Polish</i> )	Joanna Brans - Wellbeing  Gosia Staszczak & Family (SC)	12.00 noon ( <i>Ordinariate</i> )	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
<b>Saturday</b> <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <b>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9.30am  5.30pm ( <i>Vigil</i> )	Francis, Power & Ing Families  Denis McClosky RIP	12.00 noon ( <i>Latin 1962 Low Mass</i> ) <i>St. Ignatius, Bishop, Martyr</i>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon

**Our thanks to the Clergy of the Parish** for their contributions to pay for the new beautiful 'Book of The Gospels'.

**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.

**Fr. Simon's Monday Group** on Mondays, at 4.30pm in the Parish Room. The subject this Term is 'The Bible & The Church Fathers'.

**Meeting of the Social Committee to be held on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 25, at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.** If you wish to join the Social Committee and help to support the Parish with social events and liturgical events, please come along.

**Diocesan News:**

**Disability Jubilee Pilgrimage** to Rome on 26<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025. Mass daily, visiting the Holy Door and meeting with the Holy Father in St. Peter's Square. For more details contact: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxj7s99>.

**Archdiocesan Jubilee celebration on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025** at Aylesford Priory this event also marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Southwark. More details to follow.

**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** lead by Archbishop John, on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025. For more details contact: [norwoodupper@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:norwoodupper@rcaos.org.uk).

**Building a Better Marriage (BABM) – Jubilee 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope'**

To celebrate Jubilee 2025 several one day Building a Better Marriage events will be held during 2025. The day starts at 9.30am and finishes at 4.30pm and is free to attend. Please see poster at the back of church with full details.

FFI go to: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life/building-a-better-marriage/>

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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)