



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Newsletter for Sunday, 2nd February 2025

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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, I hope all's going well with your discussions based on the 'Called to Bear Fruit' project and book given to us from the Archbishop.

One thing that has come back to me already is that some of you have noticed questions regarding our co operation with other parishes. Is there an agenda here to amalgamate us with other parishes, share priests etc? Who knows? but we need to take seriously the statistics at the beginning of the book. Fruit may grow on trees, but priests do not, and we are disappearing. How would you manage a parish without a full- time priest?

Regardless, working with other parishes is a very good thing. In many ways we are experienced at this because already our parish is a working together of the old parishes of St Ethelbert's (not forgetting dear St Gertrude), St Benedict's Newington, St Augustine's on the West Cliff and St Mildred's, Minster. It's a work in progress for us too, because the remnants of these separate communities, in addition to our Polish and Latin Mass communities all need to identify themselves as Ramsgate parishioners, and support the parish for the good of all, regardless of our particular interest group or historical relationship with the parish.

It is also good to work with other parishes. If the parish priest of Broadstairs is away, then his people can come here for mass. If we cannot provide a mass in one of our churches on a particular day, then parishioners should be willing to go to Broadstairs, Margate or Birchington. Thanet itself is a small deanery and it can only be good for us all to work together.

Our neighbour in Birchington, Fr Joseph, who many of you know, has some great initiatives for the young people of our deanery. We should work with him and benefit from the gifts he brings to our local church with this particular ministry.

To this end, he is organising to take the youth from our four parishes in Thanet to **FLAME** at Wembley Arena, which on Saturday, 15th February. There is a great programme of events: check it out: <https://cymfed.org.uk/>

If you are interested, and of the right age, please pick up a booking form and parental consent form (for those under 18). The deadline for them to return it to you is 9th February, and if you could also pass them to me by Tuesday, 11th February. This is quite tight so if you get them to Fr Joe by Tuesday, 18th February and no later to help us with planning.

Also, for those interested in youth ministry, there is a training happening in Birchington parish on Saturday, 8th February (9am -4pm) by a Catholic expert in the area. If you work in this area or are interested and think you might benefit, think about going. It is free and free lunch will be provided.

I said earlier priests don't grow on trees because priests are the fruit of *your* faith. I always say: it's mums and dads who make priests, not priests. Do encourage your children to join Fr Joe at **Flame** in Wembley... and maybe the fruit this will bear will be priests for the future. God bless, Fr Jonathon.

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 1st Friday of the month, (7th Feb) at 12.00noon followed by **1st Friday Rosary** at 12.30pm. **1st Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed Lady:** 1st Saturday of the month, (8th Feb) 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, Brylle Buenaventura, Mark Griffin. Fr. Christopher Basden, Kevin Flynn, Peter Northrop, Derek Ryzd, Shirley Lacey.

Prayer Candles: *St. Ethelbert's*: Shirley Lacey, Beatrix Barlow. *St. Augustine's*: Kevin Pender, Angela Manning, Mo Leung x 2

| Day | Date | St Ethelbert's | | St Augustine's | |
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| Saturday <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i> The Presentation of The Lord/ Purification of Our Lady/ CANDLEMAS | 1 st Feb | 9.30am | Francis, Power & Ing Families | 12.00 noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i> <i>St. Ignatius, Bishop, Martyr</i> | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon |
| | | 5.30pm (<i>Vigil</i>) | Denis McClosky RIP | | |
| Sunday | 2 nd Feb | 10.00am | Mary Cotton - Birthday | 8.30am | Angela Manning |
| | | 12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i> | Luidmyly, Solomi, Igoza, Fr. Michael, Bishop Igoza - Wellbeing | 12.00 noon <i>(Sung Latin)</i> | People of the Parish |
| Monday <i>St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr – Blessing of Throats</i> | 3 rd Feb | 9.30am | Able & Fraser Families | 12.00 noon | Rita, Mike, Robert Lamb RIP |
| Tuesday <i>St. Henry Morse, Priest & Martyr</i> | 4 th Feb | 9.30am | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon | 12.00 noon | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon |
| Wednesday <i>St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i> | 5 th Feb | 9.30am <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i> | James Walter George Hulcoop RIP | 12.00 noon <i>Feria</i> | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon |
| Thursday <i>SS. Paul Miki & Companions Martyrs</i> | 6 th Feb | 9.30am | David Cliffe RIP | 12.00 noon | Veronica Carnell |
| Friday <i>Feria</i> | 7 th Feb | 9.30am | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon | 12.00 noon <i>(Ordinariate)</i> | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon |
| | | 6.00pm <i>(Polish)</i> | W intencji Anny i Leszka Woźniaków w 37 rocznicę ślubu | | |
| Saturday <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Day for Victims of Trafficking The 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) | 8 th Feb | 9.30am | For Victims of Trafficking | 12.00 noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i> <i>St. John of Matha</i> | Matt Carnell |
| | | 5.30pm <i>(Vigil)</i> | Barry Coppock RIP | | |

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 1st Holy Communion Preparation: Contact – Catechist Mrs Julie Rvdz.

Confirmation & Pre 1st 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.

Meeting of the Social Committee to be held on Wednesday, 5th 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.

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/>

Assisted Suicide: what you need to know, and what you can do

All parishioners are invited to a special talk on Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm at St Michael's parish hall, Chatham. The speaker is Dr. Cajetan Skowronski, a specialist geriatric and palliative care doctor in the NHS, and national media commentator. He will discuss the serious dangers of the assisted suicide bill, healthcare realities, and what we can do. Educational literature available. Refreshments served. Car park on site. Chatham train station 30 seconds away.

Donations would be greatly appreciated for the repository shop - pictures, statues, rosaries, catholic books. No missals thank you.

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St Augustine's: Facebook, Twitter & Instagram: @AugustinePugin or on YouTube:/staugustinesramsgate

Website: www.augustine-pugin.org.uk. Newsletters can now be accessed from the Shrine homepage:

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