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Newsletter for Sunday, 9th 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).

Jubilee 2025: New Year's Resolutions and Resources: Here are some suggestions for how we can make this jubilee year a time of spiritual renewal in the Catholic Church.

Jubilee 2025 began on Christmas Eve 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's in Rome, and will conclude on Jan. 6, 2026, when that door of the Vatican basilica is closed. The theme of this holy year is *Peregrinantes in Spem* ("Pilgrims in Hope"), and, like every other such celebration since Pope Boniface VIII inaugurated the practice of holy years in 1300, Jubilee 2025 is intended to intensify our experience of God's grace — the divine life — at work within and around us. How might we cooperate with that ever-present grace so that each of us helps make this jubilee year a time of spiritual renewal in the Church?

Deepen your understanding of Christian hope. Hope, "never disappoints" because hope is based on "God's love [which] has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). I recommend reading Pope Benedict XVI's wonderful encyclical on Hope, '*Spe Salvi*'. The words of our beloved late pope can still give us hope in dark times.

Frame each day with the Church's official daily prayer. The Liturgy of the Hours is the classic means by which the Catholic Church sanctifies every day throughout the day. Millions of Catholics have been introduced to a simplified form of this daily itinerary of prayer through the great work done by the editors of *Magnificat*, the monthly subscription prayer book now available in nine languages. This also contains the mass readings for every day.

Immerse yourself in the Bible. One of you mentioned forming a 'Word of Life' group to share your experience of the Word of God in your life with others. How about it? And you could start by getting yourself the new 'Ignatius Study Bible' or the new 'Word on Fire' Bible.

Get in touch with the saints. Bert Ghezzi's *Voices of the Saints: A 365-Day Journey* offers its readers a daily companion along this year's pilgrimage of hope, while Gary Jansen's *Saints, Angels & Demons: An A-Z Guide to the Holy and the Damned* is an even more comprehensive atlas of the supernatural world: the really real world that surrounds and penetrates what cynics are pleased to call "the real world."

Dig into the Nicene Creed. Jubilee 2025 will include a celebration of the 1,700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, which gave us the Creed we recite to this day — the Creed that is the bedrock of Christian orthodoxy. Get to know the catholic faith better by spending some time this jubilee year with Bishop Athanasius Schneider's '*Credo*', a great new catechism of the Church, and good preparation for his visit here or Bishop Robert Barron's '*Light from Light: A theological Reflection on the Nicene Creed*'.

Make a regular Holy Hour. Monthly, or even weekly, spend some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament in silent prayer and spiritual reading. Lynda Rozell's *Return to Me: Visits to the Tabernacle* will be a welcome companion — or a gentle prod. Remember, we have adoration at St Ethelbert's from Monday to Friday at 8.30 a.m.

Make a pilgrimage to a designated Jubilee 2025 Shrine: you don't have to go far as our very own St Augustine's Diocesan Shrine is one of them. If you haven't experienced the Traditional Latin Mass, why not come along to St Augustine's on a Saturday or Sunday at 12.00 noon? If you have friends or family visiting, take them to see a historical and spiritual treasure in your own town. (Taken and adapted from George Weigel Commentaries January 2, 2025 in the NATIONAL CATHOLIC REGISTER, with thanks.)

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 Rydz, Shirley Lacey, Jim Gallagher.

Prayer Candles: *St. Ethelbert's:* Jim Gallagher *St. Augustine's:*

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's	St Augustine's
Saturday <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Day for Victims of Trafficking The 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) 5th Sunday after Epiphany	8 th Feb	9.30am 5.30pm (<i>Vigil</i>)	Victims of Trafficking Barry Coppock RIP - Anniversary
Sunday	9 th Feb	10.00am 12.00noon (<i>Polish</i>)	Beatrix Barlow – Birthday Lukasz - Birthday
Monday <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i>	10 th Feb	9.30am	Theresa Boahin - 82 nd Birthday
Tuesday <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	11 th Feb	8.30am	Shirley Lacey - Wellbeing
Wednesday The 7 Holy Founders of the Order of the BVM Immaculate	12 th Feb	9.30am (<i>Latin 1962 Low Mass</i>)	Bernard Harte – Thanksgiving and Wellbeing on his 96 th Birthday
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	13 th Feb	9.30am	Jim Gallagher
Friday <i>SS. Cyril (Monk) & Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe</i>	14 th Feb	9.30am 6.00pm (<i>Polish</i>)	Jim Gallagher Teresa Staszczak & Family (SC)
Saturday The Blessed Virgin Mary 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) Racial Justice Day	15 th Feb	9.30am 5.30pm (<i>Vigil</i>)	Hannah, Jodey & Faye Russell Valerie & Michael Godden – 65 th Wedding Anniversary.

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 Rydz.

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.

See Survey at the back of church for future event, let us know which you prefer; afternoon or evening Quiz?

A Day with Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 1 March 2025 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

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/>

Jubilee Year – Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co. Mayo see details on the poster on the notice board at the back of church.

Tune into Radio Maria England on Wednesday, 12th February at 10.00am for an inspiring broadcast with Fr. Ed Tomlinson, a Catholic priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Listen online at www.RadioMariaEngland.uk or on the Radio Maria Play App. Or ask smart speaker to “Play Radio Maria England”. Be encouraged by his story and join us for this uplifting conversation.

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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