



# Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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## Newsletter for Sunday, 23<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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Dear parishioners,

What do we need to live? I asked Year2 children at water at mass today. Food, air water. They replied. And what happens if we have no water? We die, they said. Like a tree planted in dry land, we are doomed. ([see Jer17:5-10, Ps1, Lk16:19-31](#))

We need water. The prophet Jeremiah says anyone who trusts in God is like a tree planted by a river. If you plant a tree near to water, it will grow strong. If we plant a tree on dry land, it will struggle, then wither and die.

Jeremiah is saying that people are like that too. Jesus said he is the Living Water and anyone who drinks his water will flourish. We need to be like a tree next to the river, but the river for us is Jesus our Lord and God. For if we are baptized in the waters of baptism in Jesus' name and follow Him, we have a sure way to life, eternal life in Heaven. And like a tree, Jesus will refresh our soul for the journey, especially through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in which he gives us himself, his body and blood. But what if we don't follow him? Is that OK? Do we all end up in Heaven anyway? Jesus is very clear about this in the parable he tells of the rich man who goes to Hell for never having shown love for others in life. He is an example of someone who never drew upon the true living water of faith in Jesus Christ in this life and so ends up in a dry place or as Jeremiah prophesied, *'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of the flesh whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like a dry scrub in the wastelands, if good comes, he has no eye for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited'*. Jesus died and rose from the dead and he calls all to the water of life, but not all hear today, as not all have heard through history. As Abraham says to the rich man who ends up in Hell in the Lord's parable *'If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead'*. This is the Gospel of the Lord. We give praise to Our Lord Jesus Christ because like the poor man in this gospel who knows his need of God, God has called us to the Waters of Life in Holy Baptism. We thank God because Jesus gives His Body and Blood to all who come to Holy Mass in spiritual hunger and thirst for Him. This is the  *blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord'*, as Jeremiah says.

Following Jesus and being like a tree next to the water is indeed the best thing for a full life. He, the Lord of Life, is the only One who can quench our thirst for Life, for Meaning, for Love, that can only be found when the soul seeks God. And we have a friend in Mary, the mother of Jesus who points all who spiritually thirst to that living water by directing us to *'do as Jesus says'*. Mary wants us to share in this full life too so that like the water that Jesus turned to wine, our lives will be filled with Divine love like hers.

*'For the Lord guards the way of the just, but the way of the wicked leads to doom'* (psalm 1). Unlike that rich man, let us listen to the psalms and the prophets, and through Mary's example, trust in Jesus her son, and we too will be like that tree planted beside the flowing waters and our lives will flourish in his Love. God bless Fr Jonathon.

**Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament:** *St Ethelbert's:* Monday - Friday: 8.30am. *St Augustine's:* 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. **See weekly schedule overleaf for any changes this week.**  
**St. Augustine's Visitor Centre and Shrine** 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 Howell, 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, Jeannette Riley.

**Please remember in your prayer all those who have died recently:** Eileen Chapman, Johanna Barrans, Philip McTemen RIP.

**Prayer Candles:** *St. Ethelbert's:* Derek Rydz - Safe Operation, Laura, Alex. *St. Augustine's:* Gus & Steve.

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Poor Parishes</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	9.30am  5.30pm ( <i>Vigil</i> )	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon  Edward Smalley - Birthday	12.00 noon ( <i>Latin 1962 Low Mass</i> )	Olivia Griffiths RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	10.00am  12.00noon ( <i>Polish</i> )	Julie Rydz – Birthday  Henry Wargocki - RIP	8.30am  12.00 noon ( <i>Sung Latin 1962</i> )	Juliela Maria Olivia Ferrao RIP  People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am	Stanislav Knappek - Wellbeing	12.00 noon	Santaras – To return to Sacraments – For healing.
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>The Annunciation of The Lord, Solemnity</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am	Derek Rydz – Safe Operation	12.00noon  7.00pm ( <i>Latin 1962</i> )	Sean Holland RIP  Simon Gault, Wellbeing
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am ( <i>Latin 1962 Low Mass</i> )	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	12.00noon	Sean Holland RIP
Thursday <i>Lent Feria</i>	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	12.00 noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
<b>Friday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am  6.00pm ( <i>Polish</i> )  <b>7.00pm</b> <b>8.00pm</b>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon  Jan Stepien RIP  <b>Parish Stations of The Cross</b> <b>Showing of 'The Chosen'</b>	<b>11.15am</b>  12.00 noon ( <i>Ordinariate</i> )  <b>After Mass</b>	<b>Stations of The Cross</b>  Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon  <b>Lenten Lunches</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am  5.30pm ( <i>Vigil</i> )	Lorraine Mulvihill RIP – 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary  Edward Smalley – Birthday.	<b>12.00noon</b> (No Latin Mass today)	<b>Wedding &amp; Nuptial Mass</b> John Cornish & Georgina Reynolds

**Future Parish Events:**

**Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, Mothering Sunday** – Distribution of flowers at all Masses, celebration in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass.

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, - Senior Parishioners Social Afternoon**, in the Parish Hall at 2.00pm.

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, Helena's Coffee Morning**, in the Parish Hall 11.30am to 12.30pm.

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, from, 2.00pm – 5.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions.**

**Rise Up Youth Ministry – Birchington, Thanet** - Rise Up is a ministry of the Holy Family Roman Catholic Parish, Birchington, that creates a safe, comfortable and friendly space for young people aged 13 to 17 to be together and engaged in such a way that they seek to explore deeper questions of life and faith. Through this, the priest and adult leaders seek to facilitate in them an encounter with Jesus Christ. It involves fun, friendship, food (free pizza among others) and faith. Weekly meetings are on Fridays from 5pm to 6:30pm in the parish hall, 44 Minnis Road, Birchington, CT7 9SF. Please encourage your children and grandchildren who fall in this age bracket to come along if even they don't attend to church regularly. They can also bring their friends.

**Thank you** to all who helped and those who supported the Wine & Wisdom Evening, £327.80 was raised for the Parish.

**Fire Warden Training, on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 25** at St. Ethelbert's at 4.00pm and at St. Augustine's at 6.00pm.

**Jenny's Plant Sale to be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May after the 6.00pm Mass and on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May after the 10.00am Mass.** Jenny would welcome any plants donated and any tools that could be sold to help raise funds.

**Baptismal Preparation:** 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 Rvdz.

**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.

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