



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Newsletter for Sunday, 2nd March 2025

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Polish Chaplain: Fr. Ryszard Hanaczewski; **Deacon:** Rev'd Peter Brown; **Verger:** Anthony Jinks **Visitor Centre Administrator:** Andrew Kelly; **Safeguarding Officer:** Sasha Boahin **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,

This Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday which leads us into Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent and a day of fasting and abstinence. The word 'shrove' comes from the old English word 'to shrive', meaning to absolve or forgive. On this final day before lent people also traditionally used up the rich food in the house to prepare for eating simple fare in Lent. In many ancient Christian traditions, no meat or animal products were consumed for all of lent, what we now call a vegan diet. Nowadays, we can still use Shrove Tuesday to prepare for lent and commit ourselves to how we are going to undertake the prayer, fasting and almsgiving of Lent.

A starting point is always to approach in God in the humility of our own sin, weaknesses and failures as God's children and to remember that our life is short, it is a gift from God and when we die soon, we face his judgement. Ash Wednesday speaks to all humanity, for on this day the prayers and the ashes remind us that we are all mortal, we are all dust and to dust we shall return. The only way for all of us to turn to God, who gives us true life, and the only way to do this is to repent and believe the gospel. We cannot save ourselves unless we do.

Ash Wednesday expresses a universal truth before God. Anybody can receive the ashes as a reminder of their mortality before God because all human beings are sinners and all of us will die. It is one of those days that as a parish we also need to come together at the one altar of God, in the one church, in the one parish to partake in the one bread of Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. In humility, this is one of the times we need to put aside differences of race, nationality, gender, language, culture, age, traditions, even those we normally celebrate, in order to bring our common shared humanity to God, expressed through the membership of this one church in this one parish. It is always joyful when we celebrate our communion and unity together in the parish at a single mass, but on Ash Wednesday we do so in the humility of our shared fallen nature before our One God.

When it comes to celebration, it was disappointing to see so few of you at your church last week to celebrate St Ethelbert's Day. A beautiful sung mass was prepared and some parishioners laid on food, not only on the feast day but on the Sunday before too, but the response to their efforts and to St Ethelbert, our holy patron, was complete indifference. I hope though that we will come together on Ash Wednesday to receive our Ashes, and remember that before God, we are all but dust, and to dust we shall return.

St Ethelbert pray for us! 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 1st Friday of the month, (7th March at 12.00noon) followed by **1st Friday Rosary** at 12.30pm. **1st Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed**

Lady: 1st Saturday of the month, (1st March) 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 Shrine are open to visitors Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri and Sat – 12.30pm – 3.30pm.

St. Augustine's - Stations of the Cross on Fridays, starting on Friday, 7th March at 11.15am, followed by Mass at 12.00noon and Lenten Lunches after Mass.

St. Ethelbert's - Parish Stations of the Cross on Friday evening starting Friday, 7th March at 7.00pm after the 6.00pm Polish Mass.

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, Jeannette Riley.

Prayer Candles: *St. Ethelbert's*: Edward Smalley, Marjorie Andrews RIP, Rita Andrews – Birthday.

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
Saturday <i>St. David, Bishop & Patron of Wales</i> 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) / Quinquagesima Sunday Day for the unemployed	1 st Mar	9.30am	Derek Rydz – Wellbeing	12.00 noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i> <i>Our Lady's Saturday</i>	John Paul Carnell (SC)
		5.30pm <i>(Vigil)</i>	Edward Smalley – Wellbeing		
Sunday	2 nd Mar	10.00am	Shirley Lacey – Wellbeing	8.30am	People of the Parish
		12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i>	Agata's Intentions	12.00 noon <i>(Sung Latin)</i>	Augustine Carnell
Monday <i>Feria</i>	3 rd Mar	9.30am	Carol Alderman RIP	12.00 noon	Joseph Carnell
Shrove Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	4 th Mar	9.30am	Mariel Pinto - Thanksgiving	12.00noon	Arnold Brans - Wellbeing
Ash Wednesday <i>Day of Fasting & Abstinence</i> <i>First Day of Lent</i>	5 th Mar	9.30am	Whole School Mass Carol Alderman RIP	12.00 noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
		7.00pm	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	7.00pm <i>(Sung Latin)</i>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
Thursday <i>Lent Feria</i>	6 th Mar	9.30am	Fr. Christopher Basden - Wellbeing	12.00 noon	Faustina Carnell
Friday <i>Lent Feria</i>	7 th Mar	9.30am	Donovan Caroot R IP	11.15am	Stations of The Cross
		6.00pm <i>(Polish)</i>	Jo Carnell	12.00 noon <i>(Ordinariate)</i>	Gareth, Dorothy, Owen Williams RIP
		7.00pm	Parish Stations of The Cross	After Mass	Lenten Lunches
Saturday <i>Lent Feria</i>	8 th Mar	9.30am	Saman Nanayakkara RIP	12.00 noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Private Intention
1st Sunday of Lent (C)		5.30pm <i>(Vigil)</i>	Patricia Smalley - Birthday		

Future Parish Events:

Sunday, 2nd March, Celebration for Feast of St. David, Coffee and biscuits after 10.00am Mass in the Parish Hall.

Saturday, 8th March, at 2.00pm Social Afternoon for Senion Parishioners resumes, at St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall. Bingo, raffle, tea and cakes.

Saturday, 15th March, at 7.00pm Wine & Wisdom Quiz at St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall, please sign the list at the back of the Church, to book a group table or to join a table.

Sunday, 16th March, celebration for the Feast of St. Patrick, in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass.

Sunday, 30th March, Mothering Sunday - celebration in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass.

Lent Evening Retreat for Catholic Men on Friday 14th March at St Michael's parish, Chatham see full detail on Poster on notice board.

Deanery Pilgrimage to Walsingham for the Jubilee Year, to take place on Saturday, 28th June 2025, this will join the Diocese Pilgrimage led by Archbishop John. Full details on the Poster at the back of church. It is planned, depending on the uptake, to travel from the Thanet parishes, or to pick up at Canterbury, Ashford, Herne Bay, Whitstable & Faversham. If a sufficient number booked the cost would be in the region of £50.00p.p. Pick up would be approximately 6.00am based on the schedule for the day and return time approximately 9.30pm. If you wish to join the Pilgrimage names and contact details to be with the Parish Office by 5th March 25.

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 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.

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

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