



# Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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## Newsletter for Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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Dear parishioners,

This coming Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March is **CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY.** (CAFOD is 'The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development')

In Lent 2025, as we reflect on the love Christ shows on the Cross, let us recommit ourselves to do all we can to help families experiencing poverty and exclusion. By Fasting, Almsgiving and Praying through Lent, we can act on the call this Jubilee Year to care for our brothers and sisters facing all kinds of hardship. By focusing on one particular Friday, CAFOD family fast day can help draw our attention to the spirit we need for all lent. Traditionally, Catholics give special attention to the demands of Lent on Fridays, the day of the Lord's Passion. Many also fast more on Wednesdays too, a reminder of Ash Wednesday and the penitential nature of this holy season. We keep a fast by eating less but also in abstaining from rich foods, certainly meat but many will also give up dairy products on these days too.

This Lent, CAFOD is sharing the story of Lokho from Marsabit, Kenya whose community CAFOD supported through the food crisis in East Africa. Her community survived 40 months of drought, by sharing what little they had, but they lost their livestock, their main source of food. With the support of CAFOD'S local partner, Waekera, and funding from parishes like ours, Lokho's women's group planted kitchen gardens protected from the harsh climate with innovative shade nets. These gardens can now nourish the whole community through the next drought.

Our parish collection for our Lent Appeal on Family Fast Day will help more people like Lokho, who through resilience and determination, offer tangible signs of hope to their communities. You can make your donations the old-fashioned way with cash in an envelope at the back of the church. Pick one up after mass and return it next week. Or you can use our contactless or go the CAFOD website and donate there.

Also, we are keeping the **Clergy Support Fund** open during Lent. This fund supports the increasing number of elderly retired clergy in the Archdiocese with their care. You can make a donation to this fund using your own envelope, marked 'Clergy Support Fund' or use the contactless device. I wish you all a joyful and life-giving Lent, 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.

**St. Augustine's Stations of the Cross,** Fridays, during Lent at 11.15am, followed by Mass at 12.00noon & Lenten Lunches after Mass.  
**St. Ethelbert's - Parish Stations of the Cross,** Friday evening 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:* Patricia Smalley, Kevin Flynn-Wellbeing, Kevin Pender-Wellbeing, June, Barry.  
*St. Augustine's:* S. Hastings, Gus.

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am	Saman & Suwarnais Nanayakkara RIP	12.00 noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Private Intention (SC)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)</b>		5.30pm <i>(Vigil)</i>	Patricia Smalley - Birthday		
<b>Sunday</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Patricia Smalley – Birthday	8.30am	People of the Parish
		12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i>	Kazimiere Wargocka RIP	12.00 noon <i>(Sung Latin)</i>	Fr. Charles Briggs RIP
<b>Monday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am	Johannah Barrans RIP	12.00 noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am	Jackie & Family	12.00noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Ember Wednesday of Lent</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Ivy Jessica Lillian Hulcoop RIP		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
Thursday <i>Lent Feria</i>	13 <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>	14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am	The Brzyscy Family	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Stations of The Cross</b>
<b>CAFOD Family Fast Day</b>		6.00pm <i>(Polish)</i>	John Carnell	12.00 noon <i>(Ordinarie)</i>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Parish Stations of The Cross</b>	<b>After Mass</b>	<b>Lenten Lunches</b>
		<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Showing of 'The Chosen'</b>		
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am	The sick of the Parish	12.00 noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Pat Cliffe - Wellbeing
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)</b>		5.30pm <i>(Vigil)</i>	Patricia Smalley	<i>Ember Saturday of Lent</i>	

#### Future Parish Events:

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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, 16<sup>th</sup> March, celebration for the Feast of St. Patrick**, in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass.

**Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**On Fridays in Lent** there will be a showing of 'The Chosen' after Parish Stations of the Cross at about 8.00am.

**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 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.

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**Website:** [www.augustine-pugin.org.uk](http://www.augustine-pugin.org.uk). Newsletters can now be accessed from the Shrine homepage:

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