



# Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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## Newsletter for Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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Tel: 01843 594031. St. Augustine's Shrine email: [augustineshrine@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:augustineshrine@rcaos.org.uk), Tel: 01843 592071. **Shrine Chaplain:** Fr Simon Heans; **Polish Chaplain:** Fr. Ryszard Hanaczewski; **Deacon:** Rev'd Peter Brown; **Vergers:** Anthony Jinks **Visitor Centre Administrator:** Andrew Kelly; **Safeguarding Officer:** Sasha Ofori. **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,

A friend sent me a report from the Catholic News Agency this week: there are signs that the Good news of our Lord's Resurrection is breaking through the noise of our digital and fragmented modern world. This calls to mind a lovely French Easter melody 'Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth, many years has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat that springeth green'. This is a summary of the report:

*The news from the French bishops reveals the highest numbers of adult catechumens received into the church ever recorded since the survey began over 20 years ago. Even more striking is the demographic shift — young adults now constitute the largest segment of converts. The 18-25 age group, composed of students and young professionals, now represents 42% of adult catechumens, surpassing the 26-40 demographic that had historically dominated conversion statistics.*

*Additionally, adolescent baptisms have surged, with more than 7,400 teenagers between 11 and 17 years old preparing to receive the sacrament. Dioceses across France report a 33% increase in adolescent catechumens compared with last year. The trend mirrors similar developments seen elsewhere in Europe. The National Catholic Register also recently reported unprecedented attendance at Ash Wednesday Masses across France this year, with churches experiencing standing-room-only congregations and an influx of young people.*

Good news indeed! It should also be noted just how many of *our* young people this side of the English Channel are drawn to a recognisable and traditional Catholicism. It is not novelty that is drawing them in. It is has done no good over the last few decades trying to tempt people to church by watering down our teaching, worship and practice because what draws so many to our faith is its stability in a changing world and in a church built on the Rock of Peter and celebrated in the mass of ages. This can be seen clearly every Pentecost when over 20,000 young Catholics from many countries will walk the sixty miles from Paris to Chartres Cathedral, with the traditional Latin Mass celebrated *en route* and concluding with a Solemn Latin Mass at Chartres cathedral. You can see this yourselves too at Latin Masses in London and at our own St Augustine's in Ramsgate, with young people - many of the young women wearing the mantilla -coming from miles around to attend a sung Latin Mass, and young men giving up an evening to serve at the altar of God.

The church has been through a confusing time over the last few years, but however hard we feel things are, it's as nothing to the suffering of the church in Palestine, and all those in that land who have almost lost *everything*. Praying for them who cling on to their identity with Christ when their world has been destroyed around them, the one thing *we* must not lose is our faith when we have so much to thank God for. It is the trust of St John and the Blessed Virgin Mary who stayed with the Lord till the end, trusting that no matter how bad things get, we remember the words of that lovely Easter hymn 'When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, thy touch can call us back to life again, fields of our heart that dead and bare have been: love is come again like wheat that springeth green'.. We also continue to pray for Fr Christopher that he will come through his chemotherapy treatment, restored to full health. He says he relies on our prayers as he prays the prayer of abandonment himself, for 'in God's will is peace'. We look forward to him visiting us when he is well enough. He wishes you all a Happy Easter, as indeed do Fr Simon, Fr Ryszard and myself your parish priest, God bless, Fr Jonathon

**Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament:** *St Ethelbert's:* Monday - Friday: 8.30am. *St Augustine's:* **NO Adoration** on Tuesday.  
**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 Confession:** 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 Monday to Saturday – 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, Maggie Smith, Uta Nedd, Mary Northrop, Catherine Tocci, Julian Tranguille, Lisa Taylor, Pauline Gladman, Piotr Kapuśniak, Tim Bowell, Julie Foreman, Guy Rowe, Keith Andrews, Brylle Buenaventura,. Fr. Christopher Basden. Kevin Flvnn. Peter Northron. Derek Rvdz. Jim Gallaoher. Jeannette Rilev. Gordon Lumkin.

**Prayer Candles: St. Ethelbert's:** Steven Godden RIP, Monks of Chilworth, Sisters of Minster, Smalley Family, Kathleen Freeman, Fr. Jonathon, Fr. Christopher, Fr. Simon, Helena Taylor, Maggie Smith, Mary Cotton, Phyllis & William Rapley RIP, Norman Cotton RIP, Rita & Keith Andrews. **St. Augustine's:** Mo Leung.

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's	St Augustine's		
<b>Holy Saturday</b> Polish Confessions at St. Ethelbert's between the Blessing of the Foods  <b>Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.00am	7.00 p.m. ( <i>Sung Latin</i> 1962)	Patricia Smalley - Wellbeing	
		10.00am.			<i>Święconka</i> (Polish Blessing of food)
		11.00am.			<i>Święconka</i>
		3.00pm.			<i>Święconka</i>
		7.00pm. ( <i>Sung</i> )			Divine Mercy Novena. (Day 2)  Frank Vandervord – Thanksgiving 80 years of Service
<b>Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	8.30am  12.00noon ( <i>Sung Latin</i> 1962)	People of the Parish  Monks of Chilworth	
		12.00noon ( <i>Polish</i> )			Pat & Jim Lee RIP  Piecuch Family
		6.00pm			Divine Mercy Novena. (Day 3)
<b>Monday within the Octave of Easter</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	9.30am	12.00noon	Joseph Bonnefin	
		6.00pm			Patricia Smalley – Wellbeing  Divine Mercy Novena. (Day 4)
<b>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	9.30am ( <i>Polish</i> )	12.00noon	Fr. Christopher Basden	
		6.00pm			<b>Funeral Requiem Mass</b> Lukasz Kwiatkowski RIP  Divine Mercy Novena. (Day 5)
<b>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	9.30am ( <i>Latin 1962 Low Mass</i> )	12.00noon	Frederick George Glassborow RIP	
		6.00pm			Patricia Smalley – Wellbeing  Divine Mercy Novena. (Day 6)
<b>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.30am	12.00noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	
		6.00pm			St. Ethelbert's School  Divine Mercy Novena. (Day 7)
<b>Friday with the Octave of Easter</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.30am	12.00noon ( <i>Ordinariate</i> )	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	
		6.00pm. ( <i>Polish</i> )			Lennox Joyette RIP  Victor Nowicki
		7.00pm.			Divine Mercy Novena. (Day 8)
<b>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.30am	11.00am nuptial mass ( <i>Sung Latin</i> 1962)	Wedding of James Metcalfe and Fiona Galt	
		5.30pm			Patricia Smalley – Wellbeing  Sisters of Minster
		6.30pm			Divine Mercy Novena. (Day 9)

***Easter Lilies – in remembrance of loved ones:***



*Leyton Dyer, Honorata & Henryk Zalewski, Aniela & Tadeusz Faber, Maria & Józef Krysta, Maria & Adam Piecuch, Stefania & Waladysalaw Sufa, Ron Francis, Francis & Power Families, Freddie Triggs, Piotr B, Jadwiga R, Boleslaw R, Michalina R, Gabriela R, Irena B, Henryk B, Katarzyna A, Maciej B, Rafaela R, Rydz, Hardwick & Russell Families, Wyness, Mundy, Lake, Longman Families, Maria & Ron Norton, Morgan, Leonard, Turner Families, George Campbell, Phyllis McQuaid, Stanley & Marjorie Andrews, Frank and Dora Hodgson, Smalley Family, Cook Family, Edward Pietras, Zofia Spyrka, Agata Matyszkiewicz, Krystyna Jakumbiec, Kazimiera Wargiocka, Boleslaw Wargocki, Henryk Wargocki, Zbignien Wargocki, Mielzyslaw Wozniak, Jerzy Sopinski, Halina Sopinska, Dziadkowie Wargoccy, Dziadkowie Kowakzycy, Dziadkowie Wozniacy, Dziadkowie Rogala, Danusia Kwiatkowska.*

***May they Rest in Peace.***

**Please remember in your prayer all those who have died recently:** Julian Whitebread, Lukasz Kwiatkowski, Mark Griffin, Anthony Hope, Eileen Chapman, Johanna Barrans, Philip McTemen RIP.

**Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of St. George** in the Parish Hall after 10.00 Mass, if anyone would like to bring some 'English' food.

**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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