



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Newsletter for Sunday, 6th April 2025

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Dear parishioners,

In the Traditional Latin Mass on Wednesday morning, the Gospel reading was from St John concerning the Blind Man who waited by the pool of Siloam for healing. 'Siloam' in Hebrew meant 'sent' and the Lord was sent to him as he was sent to all of us when the Word Became Flesh and dwelt among us. He came among us to lead us from the darkness of sin, which that blind man experienced physically. The restoration of his sight by the Lord is like a sacramental sign to all of us, that just as the Lord restored the sight of that blind man, so he restores us by his forgiveness to the light and true life we received at baptism. To represent this even more to us, after being healed, the blind man enters the waters and is washed of all physical impurities, as baptism washes away the impurity of original sin.

Jesus was sent from Heaven to save and through Holy Baptism and the continued forgiveness of our sins to all who repent, his Divine Mercy is still sent to us through the sacraments. His mercy is sent to us when we confess our sins in the sacrament of penance and He feeds our souls on our journey through this life to Heaven by sending us bread from Heaven, but not any bread, not the 'manna our ancestors ate of old' but the bread which is his very self, the body of Christ, given for our salvation by his death on the Cross. The word mass, also means 'sent' from the Latin 'missa'. He is sent to us, but also we are sent out from that Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, to do good in the world by our good works.

Our initial approach to God is always one of repentance: a contrite and humble heart he will never turn away. So even if you have neglected God for many years, the door is always open to you to return to God's house, through the sacrament of penance. But what is our response to God's Mercy to us? St John gives us the answer: *'Jesus said to Him (the man given his sight by Jesus) do you believe in the Son of God? He answered and said, who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him? And Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he that you are talking to'. And the man said, I believe, Lord: and falling down he adored Jesus'.* (John 9:39)

As we enter Passiontide, we have opportunity to both approach the Lord in repentance and adore Him for his mercy upon us. On Friday we had the School Benediction and this Sunday at 6.00 p.m. we have our special '**Hour with the Lord for the Sanctity of Human Life**' with the music of the *Stabat Mater* by Pergolesi. Then next Saturday, the day before Palm Sunday, we have a three-hour adoration with confessions to prepare us for Holy Week.

This Sunday, also listen carefully to the letter from the Archbishop on the Sanctity of Human Life. God is merciful to us fallen creatures so let us give thanks to the Lord through our adoration of Him in the Blessed Sacrament and our mercy to one another. God bless, Fr Jonathon

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, Diane Sinclair-St Claire, Roz Lennon, Canon Luke Smith, Maggie Smith, Uta Nedd, Mary Northrop, 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.

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 at 12.00noon followed by **1st Friday Rosary** at 12.30pm. **1st Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed Lady:** 1st 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 prayer all those who have died recently: Anthony Hope, Eileen Chapman, Johanna Barrans, Philip McTemen RIP.

Prayer Candles: *St. Ethelbert's:* William & Phyllis Rapley RIP, Jenny, Shirley.

Easter Lilies – donation in memory of loved one, to donate for a lily in memory of a loved one, please enter name and donation in envelope and pass to Parish Office, for entry in - Easter Newsletter.

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
Saturday <i>Lent Feria</i>	5 th Apr	9.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	12.00noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
5th Sunday of Lent (C) Passion Sunday		5.30pm <i>(Vigil)</i>	William & Phyllis Rapley RIP		
	6 th Apr	10.00am 12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i> 6.00pm	Rena Gathercole – Birthday Wellbeing of Fr. Ryszard Adoration - An Hour with The Lord for the Sanctity of Human Life	8.30am 12.00 noon <i>(Sung Latin 1962)</i>	Lorraine Mulvihill RIP People of the Parish
Monday <i>Lent Feria</i>	7 th Apr	9.30am	Eileen McCaughan	12.00 noon	Mandi Hammond RIP & David Pettit RIP
Tuesday <i>Lent Feria</i>	8 th Apr	8.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	NO Mass	
Wednesday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9 th Apr	9.30am <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	The sick of the Parish	12.00noon	The sick of the Parish
Thursday <i>Lent Feria</i>	10 th Apr	9.30am	For those suffering in Myanmar	12.00 noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
Friday <i>Lent Feria</i>	11 th Apr	9.30am 6.00pm <i>(Polish)</i> 7.00pm 8.00pm	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon Kevin Pender - Wellbeing Parish Stations of The Cross Showing of 'The Chosen'	11.15am 12.00 noon <i>(Ordinariate)</i> After Mass	Stations of The Cross Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon Lenten Lunches
Saturday <i>Lent Feria</i>	12 th Apr	9.30am 2.00 – 5.00pm 5.30pm <i>(Vigil)</i>	For those suffering in Myanmar. Adoration the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions Rita Andrews Intentions	12.00noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon

Future Parish Events:

Sunday, 6th April at 6.00pm. Adoration - An Hour with The Lord for the Sanctity of Human Life

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

Saturday, 12th April, from, 2.00pm – 5.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions.

Easter Sunday, 20th April after 10.00am Mass, Parish Easter Raffle – tickets to be sold in April after Masses.

Saturday 10th May after the 6.00pm Mass and on Sunday 11th May after the 10.00am Mass - Jenny's Plant Sale in the Parish Hall.

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, July 12th 2025, at St George's Cathedral.

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**, providing the following details: **your names** in the format John and Mary Smith, **your home address**, your **parish**, and the **anniversary you are celebrating**, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact Carole at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk. As the **title of your email**, please write your **parish location** e.g. Maidstone, Dover.

Leaflets with the Holy Week and Easter 2025 are available in Church today.

For 1st Holy Communion Preparation: Contact – Catechist Mrs Julie Rvdz.

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.

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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