



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Newsletter for Sunday, 20th July 2025

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Dear parishioners, I could write about the end of term, our leavers from school, the pilgrimage to St Augustine's this Sunday, the sink hole in King Street, the surge in demand for lacy mantillas and the holidays ahead but all that avoids the hell on earth being made in which our own government is complicit. John Stuart Mill wrote: "Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing.". Many in this country in the early 1930s were sympathetic to the Germans. As a nation, they are our cousins., in the early thirties, many Britons could not distinguish between the intentions of this new movement and the fact that the Germans were 'people like us' who had suffered under reparations and were trying to re-establish their place in the world. They did nothing when it was obvious to others that what was happening in Germany was much more sinister than simply a nation re-asserting its status in the world. Others, saw it clearly and when Winston Churchill became British prime minister, he vowed to lead our country in the fight against this evil to the end.

But what about Catholics in Germany? How many fearfully said and did nothing in response to the evil going on in their very own streets to their own neighbours? And what about us today as we witness the horror being inflicted upon the people of Gaza and the West Bank right now by a country some say is 'one of us' and to whom our government supplies arms? Only this week, an Israeli bomb hit the catholic church in Gaza, killing three, to add to the estimated 58,000 slain by the Israeli destruction of Gaza in addition to all those killed in the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria and Iran by Israel. I am not talking politics, any more than I was in a pro-life newsletter weeks ago but Christian Justice. Under the constant guise of 'victimisation of Israel' 'Hamas!' and 'antisemitism!' used in response to *any* criticism of the state of Israel, our government's 'friend' in the middle east is committing genocide and now talking about setting up a giant camp for over six hundred thousand people, while the people outside it are slaughtered. Sound familiar? Even a former Israeli prime minister made *that* comparison a week ago (Ehud Olmert: 'It's a concentration camp. I'm sorry' he said) Do we just look on and do nothing, choosing to remain deaf and blind to this atrocity because it is committed by a country you have believed in? At what point will our government say 'no more!'?

To quote Oxfam's website: What needs to happen now?

- A permanent ceasefire
- Unrestricted access to humanitarian aid
- The UK must stop all arms sales to Israel (weapons used on civilians): write to your MP: a pro-life letter for our Palestinian brothers and sisters.
- Full Accountability of Israel under international law
- A lasting and just peace.

If you wish to support aid to Palestinians go to the Oxfam website and find out more about what we can do, go to:

<https://www.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam-in-action/current-emergencies/whats-happening-in-gaza-and-israel/>

Also, directly, you can help Palestinian Christian families by supporting **The Bethlehem Nativity Group**, a missionary from Bethlehem in Palestine who are visiting us this Sunday to talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help support poor Christian families. God help the people of Gaza and the West Bank. God bless you. Fr Jonathon.

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish.

Please remember in your prayer all those who have died recently: Jenny Shaw's daughter – Carys Pearsharse, Betty Gibbins, Peter Northrop, Ethel Dellaway, Sylvia Quinn, Donald Marjoram, Bernard Hart, Jennifer Todd, Julian Whitebread, Lukasz Kwiatkowski, Mark Griffin, Anthony Hope, Richard Williamson, Eileen Chapman, Johanna Barrans, Philip McTemen, RIP.

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament: *St Ethelbert's:* Monday - Friday: 8.30am. *St Augustine's:* Tuesday 12.30 – 1.30pm.

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. **Please see Mass Schedule overleaf for any changes this week.**

Confessions: *St Ethelbert's:* Saturday 10.15am & 4.30pm. *St Augustine's:* Saturday 11.00am and Sunday from 12.00noon. **Polish Confession:** Sunday 11.30am & Friday 5.30pm.

St. Augustine's Visitor Centre and Shrine are open to visitors Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 12.30pm – 3.30pm.

Prayer Candles - St. Ethelbert's: Steven Godden RIP, Carys Pearsharse RIP.

St. Augustine's:

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
Saturday <i>The Blessed Virgin Ma</i> 16th Sunday Ordinary Time (C)	19 th July 2025	9.30am	Private Intention	12.00noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass) St. Vincent de Paul</i>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
	20 th July	10.00am 12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i>	Carys Pearsharse RIP Intentions of Anna & Leszek Woźniak	8.30am 12.00noon <i>(Low Mass) 6th Sunday after Pentecost.</i> About 7.00 p.m. Pilgrimage Sung Latin Mass (1962)	People of the Parish Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
Monday <i>St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	21 st July	9.30am	Carys Pearsharse RIP	12.00noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
Tuesday <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>	22 nd July	9.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	12.00noon	Carys Pearsharse RIP
Wednesday <i>St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr</i>	23 rd July	9.30am <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	12.00noon <i>St. Bridget, Patron of Europe</i>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	24 th July	9.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	12.00noon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
Friday <i>St. James, Apostle</i>	25 th July	9.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	12.00noon <i>(Ordinariate)</i>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
		6.00pm <i>(Polish)</i>	Ada & Brad (SC)		
Saturday <i>SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 17th Sunday Ordinary Time (C)	26 th July	9.30am	Carys Pearsharse RIP	12.00noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass) St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Laura Adsett RIP - Birthday
		5.30pm <i>(Vigil)</i>	Jeanette Franklin - Wellbeing		

Deanery/Diocesan Events - Please see posters at the back of church for full details:

'Summertime 2025' Altar Servers Summer Break, Wednesday 6th August – Saturday 9th August 2025. Forms at back of church.

Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 22nd to 29th August 25, places still available.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London a Celebration of St. Faustina's Birthday at Aylesford Priory, on Monday 25th August from 10.30am – 4.00pm.

Walk the Augustine Camino for Mary's Meals, Monday 1st September – Sunday 8th September 2025. Join for the whole pilgrimage or for a day.

Thank you to all who helped and to those who supported our Parish Summer Fayre. The Fayre raised £1,340.59. The Super Hamper was won by Jane Ryan, our congratulations to Jane. A list is on the board at the back of church with the breakdown of all the stalls. Well done!!

Parish Event: Wine & Wisdom – Saturday 23rd August at 7.00pm in St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall. See Poster at back of church for details.

Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately? The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course will commence on 18 October 2025 and the cost will be £400 per year. The full cost of the course, payable over 2 years is £800. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert> Note: For previous courses we have suggested a sharing of the total cost between participant and parish. Discuss with your Parish Priest.

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

Website: www.augustine-pugin.org.uk. Newsletters can now be accessed from the Shrine homepage:

[Home - Shrine of St Augustine & The National Pugin Centre \(augustine-pugin.org.uk\)](http://www.augustine-pugin.org.uk)