



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Newsletter for Sunday, 31st August 2025

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Tel: 01843 594031. St. Augustine's Shrine email: 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. **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).

Our Lady of Sorrows: An ancient devotion for our time. Part 1.

Fr Chad Ripperger writes in his book 'Deliverance Prayers', 'we cannot recommend the constant petition and perfect confidence in Our Lady enough. For she can protect us from any diabolic attack of any kind. If we remain under her mantle, no demon will dare to approach us. But this only comes when we never offend her Son and we have perfect confidence in Her'

In our spiritual combat, we ought also to petition Her under the title of **Our Lady of Sorrows**. Firstly, because when St Joseph and Mary took Jesus to the Temple to St Simeon, he said Our Lady that Her Heart would be pierced so that the thoughts of many would be revealed. Our Lady, by undergoing the Passion with Christ, would merit an intimacy with God that no other creature had and so God reveals hidden things to her that no one else could know. And so, she in turn can reveal our own hidden defects in our own spiritual combat. If we pray to Our Lady of Sorrows, she will reveal to us the nature of our temptations, our weaknesses and self-deceptions and the demons we are doing combat with. Mary is our weapon against the world, the flesh and the devil.

Secondly, Our Lady of Sorrows promised St Bridgit of Sweden 'I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives'

In September, **The Month of the Sorrowful Mother** the parish is reviving the ancient 'Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows' which consists of seven sets of seven beads on which the Hail Mary is said. Between each set we meditate on a sorrow of Our Lady. This rosary was promoted by the Servite Order in medieval times and since **the apparition of Our Lady of Sorrows in 1981 at Kibeho** in Rwanda, this great prayer has helped many faithful Catholics again. In his letter officially recognizing the authenticity of the apparitions, Bishop Augustin Misago stated that Mary appeared at Kibeho to *stir up the neglected consciences of Christians to remind them of their duties as children of God, to encourage spiritual renewal in believers of the way to salvation and to let Christians know of Mary's presence with them every day.*

To assist us in our individual prayers to Our Lady of Sorrows your parish will be having three events:

1. The Mass at 9.30 at St Ethelbert's and 12.00 noon at St Augustine's on Monday 15th September, feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows.
2. The Rosary of Seven Sorrows, sometimes called 'The Servite Rosary', will be said after the 9.30 at St Ethelbert's on Monday 15th.
3. There will be the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows at St Ethelbert's followed by Adoration and Benediction on Sunday 28th September at 4.00 p.m.

For the Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows, you will need special beads of seven sets of seven. You can purchase a simple one for £10.00 from the parish repository, but there are not many available. Why not go online and order a special one from Amazon or any other supplier? Just type in Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary.

God bless, Fr Jonathon

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish and all those who have died recently.

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 (5th September) 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: Fr. Ryszard – Wellbeing.

St. Augustine's:

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
Saturday SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time (C)	30 th Aug 2025	No 9.30am mass today 5.30pm (Vigil)	Fr. Gus Kinnane PI	12.00noon (Latin 1962 Low Mass) St. Rose Of Lima.	Jennifer Royce RIP
	31 st Aug	10.00am 12.00noon (English)	Kinga & Lena – Thanksgiving for Mum & Baby Fr. Ryszard - Wellbeing	8.30am 12.00noon (Sung Latin 1962) 12 th Sunday after Pentecost	People of the Parish Simon Galt RIP
Monday St. Edmund Arrowsmith, Priest & Martyr	1 st Sept	9.30am	Funeral of Mary Fay Lucas RIP	12.00noon	Patrick, Kathleen & Brian Pender RIP
Tuesday Feria	2 nd Sept	No 9.30 mass today		12.00noon	Mr. & Mrs. Spong RIP
Wednesday St. Pius X, Pope	3 rd Sept	9.30am (Latin 1962 Low Mass)	Sam Barlow – TG - 50 th Birthday	12.00noon St. Gregory the Great, Pope	Joseph Bonnefin RIP
Thursday St. Cuthbert, Bishop	4 th Sept	9.30am	Noah Barlow – TG Birthday	No 12.00noon Mass today	
Friday Feria	5 th Sept	9.30am NO 6.00pm POLISH MASS TODAY	Maureen Francis PI	12.00noon (Ordinariate)	Fr. Ryszard - Wellbeing
Saturday The Blessed Virgin Mary 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time (C)	6 th Sept	No 9.30 mass today		12.00noon (Latin 1962 Low Mass) Our Lady	Fr. Ryszard - Wellbeing
		5.30pm (Vigil)	William & Phyllis Rapley RIP		

Wine & Wisdom, thank you to all who helped, supported and donated to the event. The total raised was £310.00 for Parish funds. A special thank you to Tesco's at Manston Road for their donation of raffle prizes and snacks for the event.

Parish Event:

Sunday 14th September – St. Ethelbert's Feast of the Holy Cross, 4.00pm Veneration, Stations of the Cross and Blessing with the Relic.

Sunday 14th September - MIND Cake sale, held by Nathan & Francesca Dyas in the Parish Hall after 10.00am Mass.

Monday 15th September – St. Ethelbert's Feast of the Sorrowful Mother. Adoration 8.30 to 9.20am followed by Mass and after Mass, Rosary of the Sorrowful Mother.

Pugin Week – Wednesday 10th - 14th September – Please see Poster at back of church for full details all events are free.

Parish Social for Senior Parishioner – Saturday 13th September 2025 – 2.00pm in St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall.

Saturday, 27th September, Jenny McKeeverne is organising an 'Italian Night' at St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall, which will consist of a 3-course meal, raffle, people to bring their own drinks. See poster for full details and a list to sign up if you will be attending.

Diocesan Day for Catechists – Saturday 20th September 2025 – Catechists are invited to attend Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral. See poster for full details of the day and for registering.

Ride & Stride (Friends of Kent Churches) Saturday, 13th September from 10.00am – 6.00pm. St. Ethelbert's will be open during these hours if you are able to help by being here for 1 hour to help with the event, list is at the back of church to enter your time available.

The Guild of St. Clare repairs & creates new fabrics to support traditional Catholic Liturgy. If you are able to help see poster for details.

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 Rvdz.

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. Newsletter can now be accessed from the Shrine homepage:

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