



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Newsletter for Sunday, 3rd 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; **Verger:** 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.

'Dear parishioners, The land of a rich man produced abundant harvests, and he thought to himself: *'What am I to do? I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones.'*

This rich man's barns were full and flowing over, but he was not satisfied. The more he accumulated, the more dissatisfied he got. Year by year he increased his wealth, always adding new crops to the old but *still*, he was not satisfied. Having enough could not bring him satisfaction, but neither could *more* than enough. In the end, he could find no way forwards and no way back: greed and attachment would not permit him to part with anything he possessed, and yet because he had so much there was no place to store his latest harvest.

"What am I to do?" The rich man in today's gospel could have turned to God for the answer: "I will feed the hungry, I will open my barns and call in all the poor. I will imitate Joseph in proclaiming my good will toward everyone. I will issue the generous invitation: 'Let anyone who is hungry come to me. You shall share, each according to need, in the good things God has given me, just as though you were drawing from a common well'.

In this, the rich man would have known the highest kind of freedom, but any of us here, we may not be rich or have wealth to give away, but when faced with big decisions in life, by listening to Jesus and letting go of all the things that bind us, we may free ourselves to hear the Holy Spirit and take the next step forwards on life's journey to Heaven. That's not just the accumulation of material possessions and money because we also need to let go of the ideas that bind us to earthly powers which crush the lives of the poor. Perhaps many of you were brought up believing that the Zionist vision of establishing a State of Israel on the Palestinian's land was right and just and would create a haven of justice and democracy. But listen to its minister of National Security on July 8th on Gaza: *'They should be crushed to pieces, starved to death, and not resuscitated with humanitarian aid that gives them oxygen'*. We cannot be deafened and blinded by our former beliefs in an Israeli state to the reality of evil that the people in Palestine now face in Gaza and the West Bank. Following Christ, calls us to stand with those who have had *everything* destroyed or taken from them and we need to do all we can to support and pray for food and justice for them. Supporting a two- state solution now is no more than supporting the building of a fire escape after the building has burned down. It is a red herring, the throwing of a dead cat into the room to distract us from the reality that what our government really needs to do is stop supplying arms to a state which is ethnically cleansing the Palestinian people from their land: *then* it can talk about justice. As for us who have enough, we need reminding that we are not of this world and that no riches, no earthly food will satisfy the soul, but for those who are being deprived of the basics for human life in order to facilitate the establishment of a greater Israel, the food of this life and justice now would be manna enough from Heaven. God bless, Fr Jonathon.

Please remember in your prayers the sick and the elderly of our Parish.

Please remember in your prayer all those who have died recently: Patrick O'Sullivan, 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: Hazel, Malcolm, Lewis.

St. Augustine's:

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
Saturday <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 18th Sunday Ordinary Time (C)	2 nd Aug 2025	9.30am	Bonifas Sriyani RIP	12.00noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass) St. Vincent de Paul</i>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
	3 rd Aug	5.30pm <i>(Vigil)</i>	Sylvia Quinn RIP		
		10.00am 12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i>	Carys Pearsharse RIP Msgr. Stanistław Zajko - WB	8.30am 12.00noon <i>(Sung Latin 1962) 8th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	People of the Parish Maureen Francis Wellbeing
Monday <i>St. John Vianney, Priest</i>	4 th Aug	9.30am	Peter Hulcoop – TG Birthday	12.00noon	Jo Carnell (SC)
Tuesday The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major	5 th Aug	9.30am	Joseph D'Sa - PI	12.00noon	John Carnell (SC)
Wednesday <i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	6 th Aug	9.30am <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Peter Alfred Green RIP	12.00noon	Veronica Carnell (SC)
Thursday <i>St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs</i>	7 th Aug	9.30am	Conversion of Rydz family PI	12.00noon	Maureen Francis Wellbeing
Friday <i>St. Dominic, Priest</i>	8 th Aug	9.30am	Michael Carey	12.00noon <i>(Ordinariate)</i>	Souls of the faithful departed (Sturry Nuns)
		6.00pm <i>(Polish)</i>	Jac & Brian (SC)		
Saturday <i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr – Patron of Europe</i> 19th Sunday Ordinary Time (C)	9 th Aug	9.30am	Mark & Deborah (SC)	12.00noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass) Our Lady</i>	Souls of the faithful departed (Sturry Nuns)
		5.30pm <i>(Vigil)</i>	Łukasz Kwiałkowski - TG Birthday		

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

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

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding 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.

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

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

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

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:

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