



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Newsletter for Sunday, 7th September 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).

The Month of the Sorrowful Mother. Part II.

As mentioned last week, **The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary** is a very old devotion which originated in the thirteenth century, when seven men from Florence withdrew from the world to pray and serve the Lord, leading a life of penance, prayer and service to Mary. Because of so many visitors, they retreated again to the hills where they formed the Servite Order. They devoted their prayer to the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

These recall the Sorrows the Virgin Mother of God endured in union with the suffering and death of her Divine Son. The Seven Sorrows are taken from events in Scripture. These are: 1. The Prophecy of Simeon, 2. The Flight into Egypt, 3. The Loss of the child Jesus in the Temple, 4. The Meeting of Mary and Jesus on the Way to Calvary, 5. Standing at the Foot of the Cross, 6. The Descent of Jesus from the Cross, and 7. The Burial of Jesus.

Members of the Servite Order actively promoted the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows during the time of the Black Death (1347-1351) in which millions suffered and died, assuring people that the Mother of God stood with them. Today, we join Mary as she stood at the foot of the Cross where her Son was crucified as we pray for the forsaken people of Palestine who have lost nearly everything that makes life worth living except their faith. Reported in the Times, Pope Leo has condemned Israel's plans to evacuate Gaza by force as priests and nuns caring for the sick are refusing to leave their home and church. One said 'if we leave we die, if we stay we die'. This is the unimaginable cry of people in Gaza as this ancient city is reduced to a pile of rubble and dead bodies by Israel in what looks like a violation of international law. (as said Antonio Guterres the UN Secretary General, Times 29/8).

Like Jesus forsaken on the cross, the people of Palestine have been forsaken by the great powers of this dark world, but Our Sorrowful Mother stands with the suffering people there and the priests and sisters of the Catholic Church in Gaza who will not abandon them. The Church in Palestine is bearing witness *with* the Sorrowful Mother today to faith in Jesus. May they hear his words from the cross to St John that Mary his mother is with them and that through their faithful witness, they may be with Him in Paradise when their time comes. Or as the parish priest of Gaza, Fr Gabriel Romanelli says in faith, *'We are in the hands of God'*. May Our Lady of Sorrows pray for them and us. 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, 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, Di 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, Brylle Buenaventura, Fr. Christopher Basden, Kevin Flynn, Derek Rydz, Jim Gallagher, Jeannette Riley, Gordon Lumpkin, Christine Layfield, Tai Jordan.

Please remember in your prayer all those who have died recently: Alex Able, Ottavio Verrecchia, Mary Lucas, Kathleen McDonald, Maureen Attwell, Simon Galt, Maria Rodrigues, Patrick O'Sullivan, Carys Pearshouse, 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,

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. (No Polish Confession until further notice).

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: William & Phyllis Rapley RIP, Uta Nedd - Wellbeing, Alex Able RIP. **St. Augustine's:** -

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
Saturday <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time (C)	6 th Sept 2025	No 9.30am mass today 5.30pm (Vigil)	William & Phyllis Rapley RIP	12.00noon (Latin 1962 Low Mass) <i>Our Lady</i>	Fr. Ryszard - Wellbeing
	7 th Sept	10.00am 12.00noon (English)	Gerry Grehan PI Fr. Ryszard - Wellbeing	8.30am 12.00noon (Sung Latin 1962) <i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Gordon & Bridget Davis RIP People of the Parish
Monday <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8 th Sept	9.30am	Grace Peters RIP	12.00noon	Jack McCaughan PI
Tuesday <i>St. Peter Calver, Priest</i>	9 th Sept	NO 9.30am Mass		12.00noon	Alex Able RIP
Wednesday <i>St. Nicolas of Tolentino</i>	10 th Sept	9.30am (Latin 1962 Low Mass)	Grace Peters RIP	12.00noon <i>Feria</i>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
Thursday <i>St. Ambrose Barlow, Priest & Martyr</i>	11 th Sept	9.30am	St. Ethelbert's School	No 12.00noon Mass	
Friday <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	12 th Sept	9.30am NO 6.00pm POLISH MASS TODAY	Kay Roberts -TG - Birthday	12.00noon (Ordinariate)	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
Saturday <i>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> The Exaltation of The Holy Cross <i>Education Day - 2nd Collection</i> <i>Catholic Education Service</i>	13 th Sept	NO 9.30am Mass	(Mass at Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am)	12.00noon (Latin 1962 Low Mass) <i>Our Lady</i>	Marie Claire Calvet PI
		5.30pm (Vigil)	Fr. Ryszard - Wellbeing		

Parish Events: Thank you to all who organised & supported the Nearly New Coffee Morning last Saturday - £90.00 was raised.
Sunday 14th Sept –Feast of the Holy Cross, At St. Ethelbert's at 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 – At 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.
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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage, 21st – 25th October 25, organised by Fr. Stephen Boyle, Parish of Dartford, spaces available see poster at back of church for full details and contact 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 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
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