



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Newsletter for Sunday, 16th November 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. **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).

Dear parishioners,

Following last week's celebration of the Feast of Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, let us recall the Words of St Paul in the Second Reading 'Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and the Spirit of God was living in you'. But there's a caveat: 'If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him'. It is human sin which destroys the temple of the human soul which only the purifying waters of baptism and God's mercy, can make a fit dwelling for his Holy Spirit. But there is one who was always the perfect temple of God, who is full of grace and from whom all graces of God come.

This week, on Friday we celebrate **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** in the Temple of Jerusalem by her mother St Anne and father St Joachim when Mary was a little girl. Yes, it was God's will that the Blessed Virgin Mary, living sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, should be presented today in the old temple of Jerusalem. Old and gone, that Jewish temple is no more, a single wall remaining as a reminder of what had been. With measurements given by God and built of stone by human hands, it was like all earthly things, no more than a tent, blown away by the wind, a passing thing easily destroyed by the rage of a pagan army. But those destroyers could not know how little they had destroyed, that the new temple is the baptized believer in Jesus Christ our Lord, yes, you and me. We, the church, still here today, are each one of us temples of God the Holy Spirit. The Temple still existing as us, the Church and those pagan armies had destroyed nothing more than mere bricks and stone. And not only would that temple continue in all believers, but in the Blessed Virgin Mary, presented in the old temple, that Temple of God became her, who is the model of all believers; *she* is the temple of the Lord as it moved from stone, to the temple of her Immaculate Heart, from an object of mere temporal beauty, to the beauty of unmeasurable holiness. She is the temple, no longer on this earth but assumed into heaven and crowned in glory for all eternity, beyond the reach of all unbelieving earthly powers but receptive to all who call upon her intercession. Because Blessed Mary, who Anne and Joachim presented to the earthly temple of Jerusalem and destroyed by human hands in 70 A.D. reigns for ever and ever as Queen of Heaven. From Mary who is full of Grace and through whom the Divine Man came and dwelt amongst us, all grace continues to flow to us. Mass will be celebrated at 9.30 and in Polish at 6.00 p.m. on Friday at St Ethelbert's and in the Ordinarate Usage at 12.00 noon at St Augustine's. 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, 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, Maggie Smith, Uta Nedd, Mary Northrop, Catherine Tocci, Julian Tranguille, Lisa Taylor, Pauline Gladman, Piotr Kapuśniak, Tim Howell, Julie Foreman, Guy Rowe, Brylle Buenaventura, Fr. Christopher Basden, Kevin Flynn, Derek Rydz, Jim Gallagher, Jeannette Riley, Gordon Lumpkin, Christine Layfield, Tai Jordan, Jenny Whitebread.

Please remember in your prayer all those who have died recently: Victoria Nicholas, Rosaleen Lennon (Funeral St. Augustine's, 18th November at 11.00am,) Bernice Rutkins (Funeral, St. Augustine's 20th November at 12.00noon), John Abra MBE (Funeral St. Augustine's on Friday, 28th November at 11.00am.) Ned Keenan, Alex Able, Ottavio & Jean Verracchia, Mary Lucas, Kathleen McDonald, Maureen Attwell, Simon Galt, Maria Rodrigues, Patrick O'Sullivan, Carys Pearshouse, Betty Gibbins, Peter Northrop, Ethel D ellaway, 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. (No Adoration on Tuesday 18th November).

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.

Please see Mass Schedule overleaf for any changes this week.

Confessions: *St Ethelbert's:* Saturday before 5.30pm. Mass. *St Augustine's:* Saturday 11.00am. after Mass and by arrangement.

St. Augustine's Visitor Centre and Shrine are open to visitors 7 days a week from 10.00am to 4.00pm

Prayer Candles - St. Ethelbert's: Sheila & Keith.

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
Saturday <i>St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Dr. of the Church</i> 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time (C) <i>World Day of the Poor</i> Feast of St. Gertrude	15 th Nov		<i>Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am</i> The Smalley Family	12.00noon (Latin 1962 Low Mass)	Mass for deceased Sisters of Faithful Companions of Jesus & Companions in Mission
	16 th Nov	10.00am 12.00noon (Polish)	Tom White RIP Anna, Piotry & Family PI	8.30am 12.00noon (Sung Latin – 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost)	People of the Parish Mary Bane RIP
Monday <i>St. Hilda, Religious</i>	17 th Nov	9.30am	Alex Dias RIP	12.00noon 4.00pm Reception	Maria & Ronald Norton RIP Rosaleen Lennon
Tuesday <i>Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles</i>	18 th Nov		<i>Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am</i>	11.00am	Funeral Rosaleen Lennon RIP
Wednesday <i>St. Elizabeth</i>	19 th Nov	9.30am (Latin 1962 Low Mass)	Peggie & Bernard Kenny RIP	12.00noon <i>Feria</i> 3.00pm Reception	Les Howlett RIP Bernice Rutkin RIP
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	20 th Nov		No School Mass	12.00noon	Funeral Bernice Rutkin RIP
Friday <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	21 st Nov	9.30am 6.00pm (Polish)	School Mass Ruby & Tudor Morgan RIP Krzysztof & Marzena - PI	12.00noon (Ordinariate)	Jonathan Carnell (SC)
Saturday <i>St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr</i> Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)	22 nd Nov	5.30pm (Vigil)	<i>Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am</i> Edward & Barbara Hardwick RIP	12.00noon (Latin 1962 Low Mass)	Jonathan Carnell (SC)

Cancelled - Saturday, 22nd November - Parish Wine and Wisdom, St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall, 7.00pm

Sunday, 23rd November – Feast of Christ The King – Parish Bereavement Service at St. Ethelbert's at 4.00pm.

Saturday, 29th November at 5.30pm Mass, Confirmation Ceremony with Bishop Paul, a sung Mass followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, 30th November at 4.30pm – Advent Carol Service – The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, at St. Augustine's Shrine.

Sunday, 7th December Parish Christmas Fayre at St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall, starting at 12.15pm. Joint English/Polish Mass at 11.00am and at St. Augustine's, Latin Mass at 10.30am this will enable all to attend the Fayre.

Saturday, 20th December – At St. Ethelbert's - All day Adoration, Confession 1.00 – 5.00pm. Followed by Benediction at 5.00pm.

Saturday, 20th December - Senior Parishioners Social Afternoon, Christmas Party 1.00 – 4.00pm.

Christmas Fayre – Please support the event by:

Purchasing the Raffle Tickets for the Christmas Draw available at the back of church. Donations please for the Grand Draw. Box at the back of church to put your ticket stubs and money in. **Items needed for the Christmas Fayre:** Craft stall if anyone would like to donate any craft items they have prepared this would be appreciated. Items: jewellery, toiletries, fancy goods, jigsaws, bottles, decorations, items for tombola. There will be **NO** bric-a-brac, toys, books or CD stalls, (please do not send these items in). We will be available in the Parish Hall on Fridays 21st & 28th November and Friday 5th December to collect items for the Fayre or they can be brought to the Parish Office.

Donations to Mary's Meals, every donation currently is being gift match, which doubled the donation. See notice at the back of Church.

Thank you to all who helped and those who supported the Coffee Morning and Sale, £116.20 was raised.

Please bring to the Church/Parish Office your Missio Red Boxes, to be counted asap.

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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