



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Newsletter for Sunday, 30th 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,

The response to the **Called to Bear Fruit** consultation in which many of you took part earlier this year has been published. The Diocese thanks the thousands of people who took part in it and say 'We are grateful to you all for sharing so openly your hopes for the life of the Church in our Archdiocese. The consultation response, which includes 15 actions points for renewal, is available at rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit and hardcopies will be sent to every parish. The consultation revealed a burning desire within our parishes to be missionary and evangelising disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, who work together to help people encounter His love. So, as we move forward on the next steps together, let's build up the Body of Christ in Southwark with faith and confidence, becoming ever more a community of missionary disciples filled with joy and hope for the future. As an Archdiocese, we will continue to discern the process of renewal, and further updates will be provided in due course.'

This Sunday marks the beginning of the Church's year and at the 5.30 Vigil Mass **we welcome back Bishop Paul** for the new Christian year's very first mass. Bishop Paul will bless our new Verger's Staff (called 'a verge'), the advent wreath and light the first advent candle and give the Sacrament of Confirmation to our parishioners who have been preparing for this great day. Please pray for them and you will find their names listed below. The last time Bishop Paul came, it was also a new beginning, being my induction at my first mass in the parish in August 2024. This visit for our new Christian Year is a reminder that by the Mercy of God, even after a year here but feeling twenty years older, always we begin again.

To start the new year in joyful song, join with Christians from all ecclesial communities of Ramsgate at our **Advent Lessons and Carols** at St Augustine's on Sunday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. This service comes from the Ordinariate Tradition. As our beloved Pope Benedict welcomed our Anglican brethren into The Church, so let us welcome our fellow Christians into our Church in Ramsgate and rejoice with them at the Coming of Christ. Hills of the north... Rejoice!

And finally, **Archbishop John's Advent 2025 reflection**. This Advent, Archbishop John is calling us on to reflect on the "astonishing truth" that the "Lord Jesus is, and always will be, Emmanuel: God with us, God beside us, God within us". In a [video reflection](#), Archbishop John said that: "to say God is with us is not poetry but power. It means that the Lord Jesus stepped into our humanity so that we might step into his divinity. It means that God is no distant deity, but one who draws near; who shares our joys and carries our sorrows; who opens heaven to earth, and earth to heaven". You can watch his full reflection at rcaos.org.uk/advent2025. God bless, Fr Jonathon.

Prayer Candles - St. Ethelbert's: Mark & Peter.

Please see Mass Schedule overleaf for any changes this week to Mass times.

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

Rosary: *St Ethelbert's:* Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.00am. **Mothers' Prayers:** St. Ethelbert's Parish Room, on 1st Friday of the month at 12.00noon followed by **1st Friday Rosary** at 12.30pm.

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

Please pray for our Candidates who were Confirmed by Bishop Paul on Saturday: Louise Alloatti, Amelia Bielak, Amelia English, Thomas Hart, Alicja Jamrozik, Judah Johny, Hugh Kelly, Olivier Kmiec, Zuzanna Kupris, Anastasia Larionova, Bethel Ojiaku, Kacper Ordon, Jakub Piecuch, Theodore Serpell, Daniel Sojczyński, Gabriel Sojczyński, Christian Sowa, Tobiasz Szczurek, Margareth Vembo, Ruedy Zimmermann-Bigby, Radomir Andres, Tina Nash, Lucja Patula.

Mary's Meals Charity - *The Charity helps support children throughout the world who are starving* - For those who wish to donate at Christmas to Mary's Meals instead of sending Christmas cards to parishioners. If you wish to add your name to the list, which will be published in the newsletter, please pass your name and donation to the office. Currently some charities are doubling the donations.

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
Saturday <i>SS Cuthbert Mayne & Companions, Martyrs</i> 1st Sunday of Advent (A)	29 th Nov		<i>Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am</i>	12.00noon <i>(Latin 1962, Low Mass) Our Lady</i>	John, Veronica, Jo & Matt (SC) PI
		5.30pm <i>(Vigil) SUNG</i>	For Confirmation Candidates – Bishop Paul		
	30 th Nov	10.00am SAID	People of the Parish	8.30am	Holy Souls – November List
		12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i>	Eduta, Radek & Family PI	12.00noon <i>(Sung Latin)</i> <i>Advent Sunday</i> 4.30pm	Ros Lennon RIP The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, Lessons & Carols for Advent Sunday
Monday <i>St. Edmund Campion, Priest & Martyr</i>	1 st Dec	9.30am	Holy Souls – November List	12.00noon	Holy Souls – November List
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	2 nd Dec		<i>Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am</i>	11.00am	Funeral of Victoria Nicholas RIP
Wednesday <i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i> Day of Prayer for Migrants	3 rd Dec	9.30am <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Holy Souls – November List	12.00noon	Holy Souls – November List
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	4 th Dec	9.30am	Holy Souls – November List		
Friday <i>St. John Almond, Priest & Martyr</i>	5 th Dec	9.30am	Calvet Family PI	12.00noon <i>(Ordinariate)</i>	John, Veronica, Jo & Matt (SC) PI
		6.00pm <i>(Polish)</i>	Eduta, Radek & Family PI		
Saturday <i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i> 2nd Sunday of Advent (A)	6 th Dec		<i>Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am</i>	12.00noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Eduta, Radek & Family PI
		5.30pm <i>(Vigil)</i>	Calvet Family PI		

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.

Friday, 26th December – St. Stephan's Feast Day, Patron of Altar Servers, 12.00noon Sung Latin Mass at St. Augustine's Shrine & refreshments after.

Christmas Fayre – Please support the event by: Purchasing the Raffle Tickets for the Christmas Draw available at the back of church and a box at the back of church to put your ticket stubs and money in. **Donations please for the Grand Draw. 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 5th December from 2.00 – 4.00pm. to collect items for Fayre or they can be brought to the Parish Office on Sundays & Weekdays. The Hall will be open Saturday, 6th December for stall holders to prepare their stalls from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

Fresh greenery appeal – healthy sprigs from Eucalyptus, Conifer, Holly & Ivy are needed to decorate St. Ethelbert's Church. Refreshing will be required throughout Advent for the wreath & Altar area. Additional greenery can be delivered to church on Saturday mornings. .

Kate & Terry Morgan would like to thank Fr. Jonathan for his beautiful words and Blessing on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary and to all the parishioners for their cards and words of congratulations. It is an occasion they will cherish.

Please remember in your prayers all our parishioners who are sick and those who have died recently.

For 1st Holy Communion Preparation: Contact – Catechist Mrs Julie Rydz.

Confirmation & Pre 1st Holy Communion Faith Club: Contact - Catechist Mrs Patricia Smalley.

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.

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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