



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

Weekly Newsletter - Sunday 18th January 2026

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Dear parishioners,

This Sunday we begin **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** concluding next Sunday, 25th January during which the Church observes eight days of prayer for Christian Unity. Many catholic parishioners in Ramsgate have come into the Catholic Church from other Christian communities, bringing with them so much good from the communities they have left behind. It really does seem like that: people bring with them what is good with them from their former traditions so that The Catholic Church expresses the fullness of the faith, the universal expression of Christian truth: for it is on the Rock of Peter, that Christ said he would build his church.

For so many who find their way into The Catholic Church, it is often not a great conversion, but the next step on their journey to Heaven. Conversion would be the right word if you were leaving paganism, another religion, atheism or a sinful life of secular values. But it is not a conversion when a baptised Christian is received into The Catholic Church, for they are already Christians and through baptism, are already our brothers and sisters in Christ and so when they are received into the Catholic Church, we cannot call them 'converts'. Some of our worship may already be familiar to them as many of our prayers and greatest hymns in the Church are shared with other Christians from our Common English Christian Tradition. Without such beautiful hymns, I dread to think how musically impoverished our modern English mass would be. Indeed, so many who are received into The Church say it is like they have finally come home: it's not like finding something new, but something you know you've been looking for. It's that peace you get when you know there is nowhere else to go and you accept it. For better, for worse, this is The Church. It is our Bark through life. There may be little boats out there, but this is the Bark of Peter, which is our home through this vale of tears, and in this Bark, we will travel to our final home in Heaven.

I am very pleased that we have several adults who are preparing to be received through the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have started our adult confirmation course on Tuesday evenings and we look forward, God willing, to welcoming them all on board The Bark of Peter at the Easter Vigil.

We also enjoy great fraternity and longed- for -unity with our fellow Christians in Ramsgate through **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN RAMSGATE.** The clergy of the different communities meet together regularly for tea, conversation and prayer. We also have prayer breakfasts from time to time and some larger services to which you are all invited. We are all neighbours and in our worship we can express through the praise of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all love and worship Jesus Christ who is Our Lord and God. We celebrate our unity as Christian neighbours in a secular England which has rejected God. *For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink* (1COR, 12:13)

To conclude the week of prayer for Christian unity, **Churches Together in Ramsgate** will come together for **Praise and Worship at the Royal Harbour Academy hall at 6.00 p.m. on Sunday 25th January** We will be forming a scratch choir led by the choir master of St Lawrence. If St Ethelbert/ St Augustine choir members would like to be part of this (or any of you who enjoy singing) please be at the Royal Harbour Academy for 4.30 p.m. for a practice. In unity, Fr Jonathon

Mary's Meals is looking for volunteers. Could you spare a few hours during the year to help? They are looking for Parish Reps, volunteer speakers (training and support provided) and for volunteers who can help at events. Please see notice at the back of church for further information. A total of £215.00 was raised from our Christmas Message Donations for Mary's Meals this year.

Southwark Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Travelling overnight by luxury coach from 9th to 14th February 2026. Travel, full board and programme cost £590.00. See poster at the back of Church for full details and how to book.

Social Events: Social Afternoon for Senior Members of the Parish on Saturday, 24th January at 2.00pm.

SPUC White Flower Appeal: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) White Flower Appeal is dedicated to protecting unborn children and promoting the right to life in society. The appeal is inspired by the courage of the White Rose Movement during World War II, which opposed the tyranny of the Nazi regime when so many lives were lost. Today, we need similar courage to stand for the vulnerable among us who are also losing their lives. Your support can change that. Please make the right to life one of your concerns by donating this weekend.

Easy Fundraising: We have joined a new scheme with Easy Fundraising which allows the parish to receive additional donations from your shopping at no additional cost to you. It is free to sign up and you can get more information by contacting the parish office or check the poster at the back of church.

Crib Offerings: The crib will remain on display in the lady chapel until Candlemas on the 2nd February. Crib offerings will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society who support disadvantaged and vulnerable children in the South East of England, London & Hertfordshire to overcome the challenges they face so they can achieve their full potential and have hope of a brighter future

A BIG THANK YOU to Claire Thorpe at **SILKROAD** in Addington Street, for soft furnishings and furniture restoration. Claire had made and donated our perfectly matching new red kneeler for our central communion rail at St Ethelbert's. This was a very generous donation which has improved both the appearance and the comfort of distributing Holy Communion the traditional way. See: <https://www.silkroaddesign.co.uk/>

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament:

St Ethelbert's: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8.30am.

St Augustine's: Tuesday from 12.30 – 1.30pm.

Rosary: St Ethelbert's: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9.00am.

Mothers' Prayers: St. Ethelbert's Parish Room, 1st Friday of the month at 12.00noon followed by **1st Friday Rosary** at 12.30pm.

Please see the Mass Schedule at the back for any changes this week.

Confessions: ***St Ethelbert's:*** Saturday before 5.30pm. Mass.

St Augustine's: Saturday 11.00am. and after Mass or by arrangement.

St. Augustine's Visitor Centre and Shrine is open to visitors 7 days a week from 10am to 4pm

Please remember in your prayer all those who have died recently.

Please remember in your prayer all those who are sick, especially:

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 Bowell, Julie Foreman, Guy Rowe, Brylle Buenaventura, Fr. Christopher Basden, Kevin Flynn, Derek Rydz, Jim Gallagher, Jeannette Riley, Christine Layfield, Tai Jordan, Jenny Whitebread, Magdalena Prystupa.

MISSIO Red Boxes: For those who sent in their Missio Boxes to be emptied, they are now ready for collection from the Parish Office if you haven't already collected yours.

Monday Group: Do you want to know more about Catholic Spirituality? Come along to the Monday Group at 4.30pm in St. Ethelbert's meeting room on Monday's and explore the treasure of the Faith.

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 any sick or bereaved parishioners who may like a home visit, or their name placed on the sick list, please obtain their permission and forward details to Parish Office on 01843 594031.

Prayer Candles - St. Ethelbert's: People of the Parish

Parish Social Media

St. Ethelbert's: on Twitter: @catholicramsmin

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:

[Home - Shrine of St Augustine & The National Pugin Centre \(augustine-pugin.org.uk\)](http://www.augustine-pugin.org.uk)

Mass Intentions for the Week

		<i>St. Ethelbert's</i>		<i>St. Augustine's</i>	
Saturday 17 th January	<i>St. Anthony of Egypt, abbot.</i>	No Mass in Broadstairs today		12 noon (Latin 1962 Low Mass)	Stephen Carnell PI
	<i>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) (1962 Second Sunday after Epiphany)</i>	5.30pm	Ellen Goodman PI		
Sunday 18 th January		10am	Deacon Peter PI	8.30am	People of the Parish
		12 noon	Joe & Veronica Carnell PI	12 noon (Sung Latin)	Fr. Bernard PI
Monday 19 th January	<i>St Wulstan, bishop</i>	9.30am	William Carbury PI	12 noon	November Holy Soul's List RIP
Tuesday 20 th January	<i>St. Fabian, Pope & martyr and St. Sebastian, martyr</i>	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am		12 noon	Jack, Joan & David Cliffe RIP
Wednesday 21 st January	<i>St. Agnes, virgin & martyr (1962 St Agnes, virgin & martyr)</i>	9.30am (Latin 1962 Low Mass)	Maureen Francis TG	12 noon	Semyon Gorbachev RIP
Thursday 22 nd January	<i>St. Vincent, deacon & martyr</i>	9.30am	Julie Forman TG		
Friday 23 rd January	<i>Votive mass for the Unity of Christians</i>	9.30am	Gosia PI	12 noon (Ordinariate)	Stephen Carnell PI
		6pm (Polish)	Jadzia TG		
Saturday 24 th January	<i>St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor (1962 St Timothy, bishop & martyr)</i>	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am		12 noon (Latin 1962 Low Mass)	Stephen Carnell PI
		5.30pm	Clare Triggs TG on her birthday		