



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

Weekly Newsletter - Sunday 15th February 2026

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Dear parishioners,

For all of you who knew Kevin Flynn, a beloved parishioner who was dedicated to this parish in his prayers and good works, the parish will be offering a sung Requiem Mass at 12.00 noon on Saturday 21st February at St Augustine's. We will pray for the repose of Kevin's soul and give thanks for his life and service to our Church and his friendship to many people in the church and wider community. We pray for all his family and friends who mourn him.

Wednesday this week is **ASH WEDNESDAY** and begins the **Season of Lent**. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. Lent is whole *season* of penance expressed through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Some reminders about how we might go about this:

- Having a penitential spirit: we should use this time to examine our lives and our priorities. Do I put the Lord my God above all earthly things or I have I made passing earthly attractions of this life into my 'gods'? This is a time to invite the Light of Christ to illuminate the darkness in the hidden corners of our souls and seek his mercy and turn away from all that keeps us from imitating Christ. Repent and believe the Gospel! We are called to come to Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance during Lent and turn around and begin again. The Church asks us to make our confession at least twice a year: before Christmas and before Easter. Now is the time. We will have an afternoon of Adoration and Confessions on Saturday 28th March (the day before Palm Sunday) from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 pm. at St Ethelbert's. Please put this in your diary.
- Prayer: We will be saying the **Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows** on Friday mornings in Lent and there will be the **Stations of the Cross** on Lenten Fridays at 7.00 p.m. at St Ethelbert's, to which you are all welcome. Do try to attend at least once during the Lenten Season and give time to God each day in prayer.
- We can also deepen our spiritual lives through spiritual reading and so the Diocese is offering **Bible Studies on the Lenten Sunday Gospels**. See the following page for more details. Or you might consider joining our parish **Monday Group** and explore the treasures of Catholic Spirituality with Fr Simon and other parishioners. (Mondays, 4.30 p.m. in St Ethelbert's meeting room, resuming after a short break, on Monday 2nd March.
- Fasting: This is the time to live more simply and fast from rich foods. Perhaps consider giving up meat and dairy products, even for two days a week on Wednesdays and Fridays. Not being satiated with the riches of this life, reminds us that our lives are empty without the love of God and that we must eat of the bread of life, Jesus Christ, for our lives to have point or purpose. Our Lord says to us: *'Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'* (Mtt 4: 4)

Almsgiving: Support our Lenten Charity Appeals. In the parish we will be launching the **CAFOD Lent Appeal** on the Second Sunday of Lent and so through the ministry of the Church, help some hungry and thirsty people in the world. For the Lord Jesus says, *'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'*.

God bless,
Fr Jonathon

Mary's Meals: Please do continue to pray for the children and for the work of Mary's Meals worldwide. If you would like more information, please go to www.marysmeals.org.uk or contact Roy Peachey at roy.peachey@marysmeals.org. May God bless you all.

Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows. Every Friday at 9am before Mass at St. Ethelbert's.

Ash Wednesday. Please see the last page for Mass times. Fr. Joseph from Birchington will be saying Ash Wednesday Mass at QEQM Hospital at 11.30am in the chapel (near the main, Ramsgate Road, entrance by A&E) and will be distributing ashes after mass until 1.30pm.

Pray the Romero Rosary at St George's Cathedral. Join Archbishop John Wilson and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary every Friday at 5pm throughout Lent. This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer. Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion at the National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) on Ash Wednesday (18th February) at 5pm, and again on Friday 6th and Friday 27th March. On all other Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead the rosary, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6pm. Let the rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season. Find out more at: rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary

Bible Studies on the Lenten Sunday Gospels. Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Lenten Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching & stimulating questions. Every Tuesday live on YouTube starting on 17th February at 7pm. This is Free of Charge and you can register at www.comeandsee.org/lent26. Please see the poster in the porch for more information.

Stations of the Cross. Every Friday during Lent.

St. Ethelbert's

7pm followed by a showing of 'The Chosen' in the Parish Room.

St. Augustine's

11.15am followed by Mass at noon then a Lenten Lunch in the Visitors Centre



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 11am & Sunday 12 noon (during Mass) or by arrangement after Mass.

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

		<i>St. Ethelbert's</i>	<i>St. Augustine's</i>
Saturday 14 th February <i>St. Cyril, monk & St. Methodius, bishop, patrons of Europe (1962 Our Lady on Saturday with com. Of St. Valentine)</i> Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) (Quinquagesima)		Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am 5.30pm Valerie & Michael Godden TG on their 66 th Wedding Anniversary	12 noon Jim Lee RIP <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>
Sunday 15 th February		10am People of the Parish 12 noon Basia PI	8.30am Tomasz Egernan PI 12 noon Leah Shortland WB <i>(Sung Latin 1962)</i>
Monday 16 th February	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am Irene Singh TG	12 noon Gavin Bailey RIP
Tuesday 17 th February	<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	NO MASS TODAY	12 noon Veronica Carnell PI
Wednesday 18 th February	Ash Wednesday	9.30am Fr. Christopher Basden PI 6pm Anna Sclar WB <i>(Polish)</i>	12 noon Michael Pritchard WB 7pm Fr. Simon WB <i>(Latin Mass 1962)</i>
Thursday 19 th February	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am Bridget Davis RIP	NO MASS TODAY
Friday 20 th February	<i>Feria</i>	9am Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows 9.30am Gosia TG 6pm Ada, Brad & Children PI <i>(Polish)</i> 7pm Stations of the Cross	11.15am Stations of the Cross 12 noon Veronica Carnell PI
Saturday 21 st February First Sunday of Lent (A)	<i>Feria</i>	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am 5.30pm Smalley Family PI	12 noon Sung Requiem <i>(NB no Latin mass today)</i> Mass for Kevin Flynn R.I.P.