



## Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

### Weekly Newsletter - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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Dear parishioners,

The Catholic Children's Society thanks us for the Donation of **£267.71** from our Crib Appeal. They say: *'your kindness will bring comfort and hope to families facing real hardship.*

*Recently, we helped five-year-old Olivia. Following a serious flood in their home, Olivia and her mum were rehoused in a cold and drafty flat. All their belongings had been destroyed and the family were left without bedding or warm clothing. Olivia and her mum slept huddled together beneath one sheet.*

*Thanks to your support, we were able to provide Olivia and her mum with warm duvets, thick blankets, jumpers and coats to get them through the cold winter months. Olivia's mum said, 'Thank you so much. Kindness like means so much to me and my daughter. We are now warm enough to sleep at night and my little girl has got her smile back'*

Kindness is an essential part of our faith. At Uta's Requiem on Wednesday I thanked God for the kindness she had showed by welcoming others into our Church family. It is the kindness of Christ shown by us that will draw people to the church. This comes before any hard doctrine. How many people are drawn to the church because they studied the doctrine of the Atonement or the Filioque? If people experience kindness through us, they WILL be drawn to church, I guarantee it. This, next to attendance at mass and friendship with Mary through the Holy Rosary is the beginning and end of evangelization... everything else is extra.

In this terrible time for so many people in the Middle East, we will soon be having to appeal for many families in an even worse situation than Olivia and her mum, people who receive no human kindness by the great powers of this world. As a result of the unjust and immoral bombing of thousands of people in Iran and Lebanon by America and Israel, many families will have lost their homes or have had to flee in fear of the terror raining down upon them. Many people have already lost their lives but the response of the U.S. president and his secretary of state for war is to mock and belittle those who care about peace and criticize those who question the killing of civilians as being soft and 'woke'. They even boast about even heavier bombing to come and talk like it is an action film, not as if this is a real tragedy for thousands of our fellow human beings, inflicted on the orders of the US president, with constantly fluctuating and various reasons given.

As Catholics, we can be sure, there is no just reason in accord with Catholic Teaching on Just War for this aggression. These bombings are a crime against God's Laws. Another thing we can also be sure of from modern history: not once has Israeli and American bombing of countries in the Middle East, military interventions or regime change resulted in more peace for anyone, but on each occasion, the consequence has been an escalation of death, human suffering and misery. May these world leaders hear in their stony hearts the Word of the Lord in Isaiah *'Woe to you, destroyer, who yourself have not been destroyed; you treacherous one, with whom none has dealt treacherously! When you have ceased to destroy, you will be destroyed; and when you have made an end of dealing treacherously, you will be dealt with treacherously'. (33:1)*

God bless,

And on this Mother's Day, may Mary, the Mother of God, pray for us and for the poor people of Iran and Lebanon and all who are suffering as a consequence of this latest American and Israeli aggression.

Fr Jonathon

Join SPUC at the demo against **Abortion Decriminalisation** demonstration and send a clear message to politicians and the media that the public does not support abortion up to birth. The demo will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> March at the Old Palace Yard in London (meet by the George V statue). Please visit the SPUC website for more details at <https://spuc.org.uk/about-spuc/events/>.

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

**Discernment Retreats** for single Catholic women aged 18-35 at Minster Abbey Benedictine Monastery for those who are open to discerning a monastic vocation. Please see the notice at the back of church for dates or contact Sister Walburga at [minstervocations@gmail.com](mailto:minstervocations@gmail.com)

The next **Senior's Social** including Bingo, raffle & light refreshments will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March in the parish hall. All are warmly welcome. See the poster at the back of church.

We are looking for volunteers to participate in the **Washing of Feet** during the **Mass of the Last Supper** which will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> April at both St. Ethelbert's & St. Augustine's at 7pm. Please put your name on the sheet at the back of church or contact the parish office if you are interested.

**Do you have an interest in gardening?** If so, we are looking for volunteers to help maintain our church garden. No experience necessary. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office or speak to Liz.

**Shrine of St. Augustine & National Pugin Centre Volunteers Wanted.** Do you have an interest in history or gothic architecture? If you do and can spare a few hours each month then please consider volunteering at our visitors centre. Please contact the parish office 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 12.00noon followed by **1<sup>st</sup> 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:* Sunday 12 noon (during Mass) or by arrangement.

**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 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>(1962 Lenten Feria)</i>	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am	12 noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Mary Cynthia Roche RIP
<b><i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)</i></b>		5.30pm Mrs Smalley TG on her birthday		
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>(1962 Lenten Feria)</i>	10am Fr. Stanislaw Zajko TG on his 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday	8.30am	Irene Singh TG
		12 noon <i>(Polish)</i>	12 noon <i>(Sung Latin 1962)</i>	Pat Lee RIP
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30am Alan Greenwood RIP	12 noon	Hogan Jackson RIP
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>St. Patrick, bishop &amp; patron of Ireland</i>	10.30am Funeral Requiem for Tony Webster RIP	11am	Interment of ashes of Kevin Flynn RIP
			12 noon	Sven Kohler PI
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>(St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop &amp; doctor collect)</i> <i>(1962 Lenten Feria)</i>	9.30am Jo Carnell PI <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	12 noon	Sven Kohler PI
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><i>ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BVM &amp; PATRON OF THE CHURCH, SOLEMNITY.</i></b>	9.30am Inez Ward RIP	NO 12 NOON MASS TODAY	
		6.00pm <i>(Polish)</i>	7.00pm <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Jean RIP
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Lenten Feria</i>	9am Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows	11.15am	Stations of the Cross
		9.30am Fleming Masses Trust		
		6pm <i>(Polish)</i>	12 noon <i>(Ordinariate)</i>	Sven Kohler PI
		7pm Stations of the Cross		
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>(1962 St. Benedict)</i>	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am	12 noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Martha Woodruff-Hart RIP
<b><i>Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)</i></b>		5.30pm Kevin Flynn RIP		