



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

Weekly Newsletter - Sunday 22nd March 2026

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Dear parishioners,

"So they took up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple" (John 8:59)

From this Sunday, the fifth of Lent, traditionally called '**PASSION SUNDAY**', all images of the Lord and his saints are *hidden*. By the veiling of our crosses and images, we are drawn closer to the darkness of Good Friday. Veiling is a sign of the dimming of light, the approaching suffering and death of the Light of the World, which the sin of the world tried to extinguish by the Cross. Veiling suggests that in his agony, the beauty and divinity of the Lord was hidden or veiled by Sin as expressed in psalm 21:6, 'But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people' or as St Alphonsus puts it in the 'Sixth Station', "My beloved Jesus, your face was beautiful before you began this journey; but now, it no longer appears beautiful and is disfigured with wounds and blood'.

This 'dimming of The Light' is made visible in the veiling and our sacred liturgy draws us step by step closer to the Cross of Calvary.

We are reminded that the Church too, is the most perfect and beautiful bride of Christ, but our beauty too is veiled by the sin in each and every one of us. As individuals, we must prepare our souls for Good Friday by confessing our sins. Please note we have a whole **AFTERNOON OF RECONCILIATION with ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS** from 2.00 p.m. until 6.00 p.m. on Saturday 28th March at St Ethelbert's. Do try to make your confessions then. Please be considerate and do not ask to see a priest five minutes before mass or one of the Holy Week Services begins as he will be preparing himself for the liturgy.

Also, this Sunday, Passion Sunday (22nd March) we will have **An Hour with Our Lord and His Sorrowful Mother** at 4.00 p.m. at St Ethelbert's with Passiontide songs, the Seven Sorrows Rosary and Benediction.

Some thank-yous... firstly a message from **CAFOD** thanking us for our support and donations in the recent Lenten Appeal and for welcoming Elly to speak to us... she in turn was impressed by our altar servers. Indeed, they serve the Lord well at the altar and do our parish great credit. We also have a good offer from CAFOD, that if any young people in the parish would like training in public speaking, they can offer this. Please let me know, however, public speaking in St Ethelbert's is a challenge to anyone, young or old.

Also, following 'Peace Sunday' **PAX CHRISTI** thank us for the donation of £234.51. If you would like to know more about the work of PAX CHRISTI, visit the website at www.paxchristi.org.uk for a range of resources on peace and non-violence.

The Second Collection this weekend is for **poor parishes**. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

We also need twelve men at both our churches for **the washing of the feet**. Please contact the parish office if you will be at the Maundy Thursday service in either church.

God bless,
Fr Jonathon

Would you like to join a **Mary's Meals walking pilgrimage**? Details of all pilgrimages are at www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope You are very welcome to join for a single day, several days, or for a whole pilgrimage. Come on your own or as a group.

Easter Draw. Tickets will be available for our Easter draw next weekend and the draw will take place on Easter Sunday at the coffee morning after 10am Mass.

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

We are looking for volunteers to participate in the **Washing of Feet** during the **Mass of the Last Supper** which will be on 2nd 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.

St. Augustine's

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

St. Ethelbert's

Fridays during lent at 7pm followed by a showing of 'The Chosen' in the Parish Room.

Parish Stations of the Cross.

Good Friday at St. Ethelbert's

Children's Stations at 10am
Parish Stations at 7pm



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: 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

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently especially:

Miriam Mehlin, Anthony (Tony) Webster, Uta Nedd, Kevin Flynn & Doreen Browning.

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

Sr. Aelred, Rita Andrews, Fr. Christopher Basden, Tim Howell, Brylle Buenaventura, William Carbury, Mary Cotton, Eileen Crowley, Christopher Egan, A. Fell, Martin Flannery, Julie Foreman, Jim Gallagher, Pauline Gladman, Valerie & Michael Godden, A. Gosling, Joan Hall, Mark Harvey, Carlos Hernandez, Alex Jordan, Tai Jordan, Alena Joyette, Piotr Kapuśniak, Yan Kelly, Susanna King, Steve Lawlor, Kay Lovett, A. Lucas, Pauline Macdonnell, B. Mallon, M. Marjoam, Norma McAllister, Eileen & Jack McCaughan, Eleanor McGinley, Kevin Nicholas, Mary Northrop, Kevin Pender, Tom Phelan, Magdalena Prystupa, Jeannette Riley, Guy Rowe, H. Russell, Jane Ryan, Derek Rydz, Tarlie Sansom, Jef Silva, Di Sinclair-St Claire, Edward & Patricia Smalley, Maggie Smith, Lisa Taylor, Frank Tierney, Catherine Tocci, Julian Tranguille & Jenny Whitebread.

Prayer Candles - St. Ethelbert's: Theresa & Rita

We're registered with **Easyfundraising**, which means that over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you shop with them at no extra cost to yourself! It's easy & completely FREE! Sign up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> & select the Catholic Parish of Ramsgate & Minster. Contact the parish secretary for help setting this up and see the poster at the back of the church.

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 Mondays 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 the Parish Office on 01843 594031.

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.

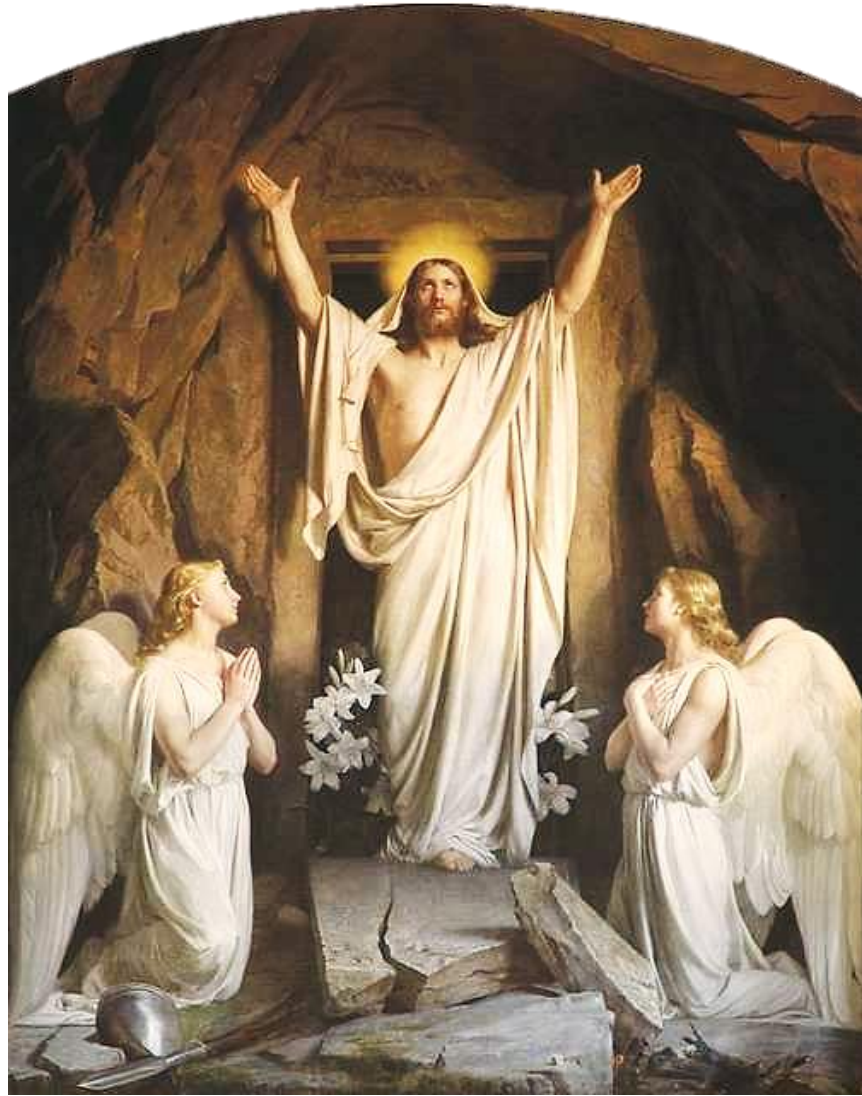
Newsletter can now be accessed from the Shrine homepage:

[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 21 st March	<i>Lenten Feria (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
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)</i> Sunday 22 nd March		5.30pm Kevin Flynn RIP		8.30am Bridie, Sarah, Maura & Parail Joyce PI 12 noon Margaret Dunne RIP <i>(Sung Latin 1962)</i>	
		10am Maureen Francis PI			
		12 noon Krystian Stawoski RIP <i>(Polish)</i> 4pm An hour with our Lord & his Sorrowful Mother.			
Monday 23 rd March	<i>Lenten Feria (St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop, collect)</i>	9.30am Doreen Browning RIP	12 noon Melvyn Barrett RIP		
Tuesday 24 th March	<i>Lenten Feria</i>	NO MASS TODAY		12 noon Liz Rankin & Fr. Simon Dond PI	
Wednesday 25 th March	<i>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</i> <i>(1962 The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)</i>	9.30am Sven Kohler PI	12 noon The whole Poltridge Family PI		
Thursday 26 th March		6pm Lukasz Kwiatkowski <i>(Polish)</i> RIP		7pm The People of the Parish <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	
		9.30am Kevin Flynn RIP		NO MASS TODAY	
Friday 27 th March	<i>Lenten Feria</i>	9am Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows 9.30am Uta Nedd RIP 6pm Fr. Ryszard PI <i>(Polish)</i> 7pm Stations of the Cross	11.15am Stations of the Cross 12 noon Steve Carnell <i>(Ordinariate)</i> PI		
Saturday 28 th March	<i>Lenten Feria (1962 Lenten Feria)</i>	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am 2pm Afternoon of Adoration with Confessions 5.30pm Lukasz Kwiatowski RIP		12 noon Valentina Tereshkova PI <i>(Sung Latin 1962)</i>	
<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)</i>					

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026



AT THE PARISH OF RAMSGATE & MINSTER

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

<i>St. Augustine's</i>		<i>St. Ethelbert's</i>		<i>Minster Abbey</i>	
<u>Saturday 28th March</u>					
12:00 noon	Latin Low Mass (1962)	2:00 p.m.	Reconciliation Service: Adoration & Confessions		
		5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass of Sunday		
<u>Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday</u>					
8:30am	Mass	10:00am	Mass with Blessing & Procession of Palms	10:00am	Mass
11:00 a.m.	Sung Latin Mass (1962) with Blessing & Procession of Palms	12:00 noon	Polish Mass		
<u>Monday 30th March – Holy Monday</u>					
12:00 noon	Mass	9:30 a.m.	Mass	9:00 a.m.	Mass
<u>Tuesday 31st March – Holy Tuesday</u>					
12:00 noon	Mass	No Mass Today		9:00 a.m.	Mass
<u>Wednesday 1st April – Holy Wednesday</u>					
12:00 noon	Mass	<i>No 9.30am Mass (1962) today. Chrism Mass at St. George's Cathedral at 11:30am</i>		9:00 a.m.	Mass

Thursday 2nd April - Mass of the Last Supper (Maundy Thursday)

7:00 p.m.	Sung Latin Mass (1962) followed by an hour watching with the Lord.	7:00 p.m.	Mass followed by an hour watching with the Lord.	7:30 p.m.	Mass followed by an hour watching with the Lord.
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Friday 3rd April - Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

11:00 a.m.	Divine Retreat Stations of the Cross	10:00 a.m.	Children's Stations of the Cross		
		12:00 noon	Polish Adoration of the Cross		
3:00 p.m.	The Passion of the Lord with Veneration of the Cross	3:00 p.m.	The Passion of the Lord with Veneration of the Cross	3:00 p.m.	The Passion of the Lord with Veneration of the Cross
		6:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena (Day 1)		
		7:00 p.m.	Parish Stations of the Cross		

Saturday 4th April - Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil in the Holy Night)

		9:00 a.m.	Święconka (Polish Blessing of Food) followed by confessions	9:00 p.m.	Mass with Blessing of the New Paschal Candle & Renewal of Baptismal Vows
		10:00 a.m.			
		11:00 a.m.			
		3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena (Day 2)		
		7:00 p.m.	Sung Latin Mass (1962) with Blessing of the New Paschal Candle & Renewal of Baptismal Vows	7:00 p.m.	Mass with Blessing of the New Paschal Candle, Confirmations & Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30am	Mass	10:00am	Mass	10:00am	Mass
12:00 noon	Sung Latin Mass (1962)	12:00 noon	Polish Mass		
		6:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena (Day 3)		



The Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday after the Passion of the Lord at 6.30pm continuing on Holy Saturday at 3.00pm, Easter Sunday & Monday to Thursday at 6.00pm, Friday at 5.30pm and Saturday evening at 6.30pm after the Sunday Vigil Mass concluding with the final prayers on Low Sunday afternoon, 3.00pm with the Chaplet & Benediction.

Message from Polish Chaplaincy:

Spowiedź św. pomiędzy Błogosławieństwem Pokarmów Wielkanocnych. (Bardzo proszę nie odkładać spowiedzi na ten czas. Zostawmy go dla Tych, którzy z ważnych powodów nie mogą przystąpić wcześniej oraz dla Tych, którzy być może przyjadą spoza Ramsgate na Święcenie Pokarmów)