



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

Weekly Newsletter - Sunday 31st May 2026

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St. Ethelbert's School: Headteacher, Mr. Simon Marshall - (01843 585555).

Dear parishioners,

This Sunday is **TRINITY SUNDAY**. Here are three ways we can begin to enter the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity:

1. Use the heart in contemplation of Almighty God who created us, who became one with us and continues at one with us in the Mass. Start with words then enter silence. For the true mystery of God is beyond human understanding. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is our best attempt to describe God using the limitations of human words, but silent contemplation of him in love, might get you closer. However, because you can't put such contemplation into words, this is your spiritual communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and is God's gift to you, from the Sacred Heart of Jesus to yours.
2. Use the brain and exercise the mind and its God-given reasoning faculties by asking questions about your existence and the nature of God. Keep asking questions about your faith so that the knowledge of your faith continues to grow in life: when it comes to God, even the greatest teacher is still a learner. The church did not arrive at the doctrine of the Holy Trinity by *not* asking questions about life and God.
3. Use heart, brain, speech and body in good works by living in a communion of love with God and your neighbour. For the Holy Trinity is communion of love, and by living in love with our neighbour through our good works, we may participate in the communion of God's love in our short lives on earth.

The doctrine of the Most Holy Trinity is the High Point of Christian theology. All God's revelation of his Being to us his creatures, all our contemplation of Him, all the life of Holy Church flows *from- and- to* this doctrine, which is the most rational, but equally the most joyful expression possible using human words to describe the eternal infinite nature of God, who revealed himself to us in Jesus Christ and whose Holy Spirit is sent to us. What do we mean by God who is in Heaven, who made us, to whom we shall go, who nurtures us throughout our lives in this life on earth and gives us strength and support, bringing people together and healing us? God is the Most Holy Trinity, God is three and God is One. No other doctrine, no other religion has come closer to a definition of God. In the end, we can but kneel in awe: *'Adoration aye be given, with and through the angelic host, to the God of Earth and Heaven, Father, Son and Holy Ghost'*. (St John Henry Newman *'Firmly I believe and truly'*)

God Bless
Fr Jonathon

Corpus Christi Procession. There will be a procession on Sunday 7th June after the noon Mass at St. Augustine's with this year's First Holy Communion children. All are welcome to join us for Mass, procession & lunch afterwards at the Divine Retreat Centre.

Our parish **June Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** will be at 4pm on Sunday the 14th June at St. Ethelbert's and will include Exposition, Adoration, Litany of the Sacred Heart, scripture readings and hymns. All are welcome.

We are looking for **Fresh and/or dried Flower Petals** to be brought to St. Ethelbert's church on Friday 5th or Saturday 6th June please to help celebrate Corpus Christi next week. Please speak to the parish secretary for more information.

Gift Aid Envelopes. Please collect your new gift aid envelopes from the back of the church. If you would like to register for gift aid, have any questions or would like more information, please email our gift aid coordinator at ramsgategac@rcaos.org.uk.

Following the fall of the **Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill**, fresh bids to introduce an assisted dying law in England & Wales are anticipated. See the poster at the back of the church to help protect healthcare workers & hospices by signing the online petition.

Shrine of St. Augustine & National Pugin Centre Volunteers Needed. Do you have an interest in history or gothic architecture? If you do & can spare a few hours each month then please consider volunteering at our visitors centre and contact the parish office.

Gardening Volunteers. We are still looking for volunteers to help look after the garden at St. Ethelbert's. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office. No experience necessary.

A Choral Meditation. The Caritas Chamber Choir will be performing A Choral Meditation concert on the 20th June at St. Augustine's from 7pm. Tickets are available at £15 per person and can be purchased using the QR code or on the door. Please see the poster at the back of church for more information.



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: By arrangement.

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

Weekday (Mon-Sat) Mass – 9am

Lauds – Mon-Sat 8.30am, Sunday 9am

Vespers – Mon-Sun 6pm

Sunday Mass – Sunday 10am only

Vigils – Mon-Sat 5.30am & Sun 6am

Midday Office – Mon-Sun 12.20pm

Compline – Mon-Sun 7.45pm

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently especially: Clive King, Jean Regan, Gillian Gilbert, 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, 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, Rita Lemesheva, Kay Lovett, A. Lucas, Pauline Macdonnell, B. Mallon, M. Marjoam, Norma McAllister, Eileen & Jack McCaughan, Eleanor McGinley, Kevin Nicholas, Mary Northrop, Viktor Nowicki, Kevin Pender, Tom Phelan, Magdalena Prystupa, Jeannette Riley, Guy Rowe, H. Russell, Jane Ryan, Derek Rydz, Tarlie Sansom, Jenny Shaw, Jef Silva, Di Sinclair-St Claire, Edward & Patricia Smalley, Maggie Smith, Violet Solley, Lisa Taylor, Frank Tierney, Catherine Tocci, Julian Tranguille & Jenny Whitebread.

Prayer Candles (St. Ethelbert's) – Pat Wood & Patricia Smalley WB

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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 the details to the Parish Office.

The Parish newsletter can be accessed from the Shrine homepage at
[Home - Shrine of St Augustine & The National Pugin Centre \(augustine-pugin.org.uk\)](http://Home - Shrine of St Augustine & The National Pugin Centre (augustine-pugin.org.uk))

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Mass Intentions for the Week

		<i>St. Ethelbert's</i>	<i>St. Augustine's</i>
Saturday 30 th May	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary (1962 Whit Saturday/Ember Day)</i>	Mass at Minster Abbey at 9am & Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am 3.00pm Blessing of the Sea at Ramsgate Harbour. 5.30pm People of the Parish	12 noon Maggie & Brian Smith PI <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>
<i>The Most Holy Trinity (A)</i>			
Sunday 31 st May		10.00am Kallai Odo WB 12 noon Joseph Carnell PI <i>(English & Polish)</i>	8.30am Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP 12.00am Jenny Shaw WB <i>(Sung Latin 1962)</i>
Monday 1 st June	<i>St. Justin, martyr</i>	9.30am Francis Pettit WB	12 noon Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 2 nd June	<i>Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs</i>	NO 9.30AM MASS TODAY	12 noon Fr. David Fox, O.Carm RIP
Wednesday 3 rd June	<i>St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs (1962 Feria)</i>	9.30am Violet Solley WB <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	12.00 noon Betty Gibbins RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Thursday 4 th June (Solemnity of Corpus Christ transferred to Sunday)	<i>VOTIVE MASS OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST</i>	9.30am St. Ethelbert's Primary School Students & Staff TG <i>(School Mass with eucharistic procession & benediction)</i>	NO 12.00 NOON MASS TODAY
Friday 5 th June	<i>St. Boniface, bishop & martyr</i>	6.00pm Teresa-Marie Carnell PI <i>(English & Polish)</i>	12 noon Sylvia Quinn RIP <i>(Ordinariate)</i> (1 st Anniversary)
Saturday 6 th June	<i>St. Norbert, bishop (1962 St. Norbert)</i>	Mass at Minster Abbey at 9am & Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am 5.30pm Rhoda & Bob Milne RIP (1 st Anniversary)	12 noon Danny O'Brien RIP <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>
	<i>THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST / Corpus Christi (A)</i>		