



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster Weekly Newsletter - Sunday 3rd May 2026

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Verger: Anthony Jinks; **Parish Secretary:** Melissa Goes; **Safeguarding Officer:** Sasha Ofori.

Minster Abbey, Mo. Nikola & Sisters. 01843 821254 (Sunday Mass at 10.00am and daily Mass at 9.00am).

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

Dear parishioners,

This Sunday is **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2026**. In line with today's Gospel, we are called to protect, called to care, called to act. Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday or via the QR code.



Every parish has a **Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR)**. In our parish, the Safeguarding Representative is Sasha Ofori who offered this essential service to her parish following the retirement of Kate after many years in this role. Sasha can be contacted by email on ramsgatesg4safeguard@rcaos.org.uk or you can call the parish office, leave your number and Sasha will call you.

The role of the PSR, is to work with the Parish Priest, Parishioners and the central safeguarding team to co-ordinate the safeguarding effort of the Parish. This includes supporting volunteers through safer recruitment and DBS checks, ensuring volunteers have completed safeguarding training and to support the building of a safe environment for all, but particularly those that are most vulnerable. Sasha may also receive disclosures, concerns and allegations of abuse. These will always be forwarded to the central safeguarding team to manage as the Archdiocese has a team dedicated to managing safeguarding matters and are all professionals with extensive statutory agency experience.

It is important that all our parishioners understand that Sasha can't do this job on her own. Our Rep needs your cooperation and understanding to complete her role. This especially means responding to her requests for references and DBS checks from some volunteers from the age of eighteen. This is a statutory requirement, and so should not be regarded as some tedious task that can easily be deferred. Quite simply, without a DBS, you cannot volunteer for the Church in many roles. Sasha needs your continued support so we can all continue the development of safeguarding within our Parish.

Safeguarding is a central mission of the Catholic Church and today's Gospel reminds us of this. Jesus reassures his disciples not to be afraid, reminding them that they are cared for and that a place is prepared for them. In our parish, this calls for all to support creating spaces where everyone feels safe, valued and protected. We need to especially remember, that this does not just involve safeguarding the young, but also vulnerable adults and the elderly.

Safeguarding is not passive; it is about doing the right thing and ensuring others are not harmed. We must not ignore someone who has been harmed or who shares a disclosure with us, because we do not think it is our responsibility. Safeguarding is *everyone's* responsibility.

Finally, Jesus tells his followers they will continue his work. This is a challenge to us all. To take responsibility: to listen, to notice concerns and to speak up when needed. By doing so, we help build a community where everyone can feel safe, respected and supported.

We are all called to Protect

We are called to Care and

We are called to Act

We are called to be Ambassadors of Christ. Please pick up the **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY** leaflet on your way out of church.

God bless, Fr Jonathon

Rosary for Life. Archbishop John Wilson is calling on us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit www.rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife. **Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.**

First Holy Communion Rehearsal Reminder. There will be a rehearsal for all of our first holy communion children at 10am at St. Ethelbert's church on Saturday 9th May. Please speak to the catechists if you need more information.

Following requests for evening weekday Masses, we will try having a single **Mass** celebrated at St. Ethelbert's on **Fridays** at 6pm replacing the 9.30am morning Mass. This Mass is for all parishioners and readings & bidding prayers will be said in Polish but the Gospel and priest's prayers will be in English. Scripture readings will be available to read in both English & Polish. There'll also be half an hour of Adoration at 5pm and the rosary at 5.30pm. All are welcome.

The **Summer Celebration of St. Jude** will be on Saturday 30th May at the Carmelite Shrine of St. Jude in Faversham. The day will include devotions with anointing, open air Mass and a procession past the Shrine of St. Jude. Please see the poster at the back of church for more information. If there is enough interest, a parish coach can be arranged so please contact the parish office to register your interest.

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.

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.

Archbishop John will lead the **Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham** on the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Saturday 27 June). The programme for the day includes Private prayer in the Slipper Chapel (10.30am); Adoration & Confessions in the Basilica (11am); Mass with Archbishop John (12pm); Lunch in the gardens; Procession to the Abbey Grounds for Benediction (2.15pm); Departure (4.30pm). To register your interest, please contact the parish office.

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

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 Bowell, 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, Fr. Simon Heans, 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, 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)
Jan & Lucy

Congratulations to Alice & Jacob who got married on the
1st May at St. Ethelbert's.

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.

The Parish newsletter can now 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))

Parish Social Media

Twitter: @catholicramsmin **Facebook, Twitter & Instagram:** @AugustinePugin
YouTube: /staugustinesramsgate

Mass Intentions for the Week

		<i>St. Ethelbert's</i>	<i>St. Augustine's</i>
Saturday 2 nd May	<i>St. Athanasius, bishop & doctor</i>	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am	12 noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i> Barbara Bailey & loved one's PI
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter (A) (1962 Fourth Sunday after Easter)</i>		5.30pm Kallai Odo WB	
Sunday 3 rd May		10.00am Shirley Lacey WB	8.30am Lesley Vandross RIP
		12 noon Kata-Kyna & Kamil <i>(English & TG Polish)</i>	12.00am Tony Mulvihill & <i>(Sung Latin 1962)</i> loved one's PI
Monday 4 th May	<i>English Martyrs</i>	9.30am Julia Brzyska PI	12 noon All Legion of Mary Members living & dead TG
Tuesday 5 th May	<i>Feria of Easter (Day of prayer for survivors of sexual abuse)</i>	NO MASS TODAY	12 noon Richard Smith RIP
Wednesday 6 th May	<i>St. John Paine, priest & martyr (1962 Feria of Easter)</i>	9.30am People of the Parish <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	12 noon Fr. Ryzsard & loved one's PI
Thursday 7 th May	<i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.30am St. Ethelbert's Primary School Students & Staff TG	NO MASS TODAY
Friday 8 th May	<i>Feria of Easter (Polish-St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr; Patron of Poland)</i>	6.00pm Mariusz PI <i>(English & Polish)</i>	12 noon Angela Manning <i>(Ordinariate)</i> & loved one's PI
Saturday 9 th May	<i>Feria of Easter (1962 St. Gregory Nazianzen)</i>	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am	
<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)</i>		5.30pm Robert Edward Wyness RIP	12 noon Fleming Mass <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i> Trust RIP