



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Newsletter for Sunday, 19th October 2025

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Tel: 01843 594031. St. Augustine's Shrine email: augustineshrine@rcaos.org.uk, Tel: 01843 592071. **Shrine Chaplain:** Fr Simon Heans; **Polish Chaplain:** Fr. Ryszard Hanaczewski; **Deacon:** Rev'd Peter Brown; **Vergers:** Anthony Jinks. **Safeguarding Officer:** Sasha Ofori. **Minster Abbey,** Mother Nikola & Sisters; (Sunday Mass at 10.00am and daily Mass at 9.00am. 01843 821254). **The Divine Retreat Centre:** Fr. Joseph Edattu & Fr. Paul Pallichamkudiyil. Weekday Mass 5.30pm. (01843 586904). **St. Ethelbert's School:** Headteacher, Mr. Simon Marshall - (01843 585555).

Dear parishioners, in all cultures, weddings are joyful celebrations and no more so in parish life. **Marriage** between a man and woman is one of the great vocations from God. It is in the natural order of things created by God for the continuation of the human race and the good ordering of human society: that includes civil marriage, but when a man and woman get married in church the union is consecrated by God and so that promise to one another is sanctified. The union of love between a man and woman in marriage symbolises the union of love between Jesus for his Church: this is why Marriage is one of the seven sacraments.

Of course, we celebrate the wedding day, but when through all the trials and temptations, the ups and downs, the sickness and health, the hard and the plentiful times, the better and the worse, a couple can celebrate 50 or 60 or more years of marriage, we must rejoice! It is a great witness to Jesus our Lord. Just as we celebrate a jubilee of a priest, so we should celebrate wedding anniversaries in the life of the Church, and I'm happy to say that on the Feast of Christ the King on 23rd November, in unity with Christ our King, we will have such a celebration for a husband and wife in our parish celebrating 60 years of holy matrimony.

On that same day, in the afternoon we will have our **Parish Bereavement Service** to conclude the month of Holy Souls. If you are a widow or widower, come to this service and give witness to the love you had for your late husband or wife and the life you shared together. Let our thanksgiving to God for the great sacrament of marriage be for our living and the dead. I will certainly be thanking God for the marriage of my mother and father as I pray for the soul of my late father. I can't pray for one without the other.

We've had five marriages in the parish this year. Not bad compared with many parishes nowadays, but let's pray for ten in 2026. I have received the notice below from the Diocese regarding our continued promotion of married life:

Seeking Married Couples: The Southwark Marriage and Family life (M&FL) Team are seeking married couples who are practising Catholics to join their growing team to present courses for Marriage Preparation, Building a Better Marriage and other initiatives in 2026. **Salary:** £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given. For full job description and further details, please contact liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk Closing date for applications: **October 31st 2025.**

Rooted in Love - an opportunity for married and engaged couples: *Want to grow closer as a couple while deepening your faith and meeting new people? All engaged and married couples are invited to a **monthly online meeting** where we share friendship, reflect on real-life topics, and pray together as we grow in love rooted in Christ. Gathering monthly on Zoom **Thursdays: 30 October at 8:30pm, 27 November at 8:30pm, 11 December at 8:30pm.** Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk to sign up or receive more information.* How wonderful! To all my beloved married parishioners, why not give it a try? God bless, Fr Jonathon.

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish.

Please remember in your prayer all those who have died recently: Ned Keenan, John Abra, Alex Able, Ottavio & Jean Verracchia, Mary Lucas, Kathleen McDonald, Maureen Attwell, Simon Galt, Maria Rodrigues, Patrick O'Sullivan, Carys Pearshouse, Betty Gibbins, Peter Northrop, Ethel Dellaway, Sylvia Quinn, Donald Marjoram, Bernard Hart, Jennifer Todd, Julian Whitebread, Lukasz Kwiatkowski, Mark Griffin, Anthony Hope, Richard Williamson, Eileen Chapman, Johanna Barrans, Philip McTemen,

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament: *St Ethelbert's:* Monday - Friday: 8.30am. *St Augustine's:* Tuesday 12.30 – 1.30pm.
Rosary: *St Ethelbert's:* Monday – Friday 9.00am, Sat 9.10am. **Mothers' Prayers:** St. Ethelbert's Parish Room, on 1st Friday of the month at 12.00noon followed by **1st Friday Rosary** at 12.30pm.
Please see Mass Schedule overleaf for any changes this week.
Confessions: *St Ethelbert's:* Saturday before 5.30pm. Mass. *St Augustine's:* Saturday 11.00am. after Mass and by arrangement.
St. Augustine's Visitor Centre and Shrine are open to visitors 7 days a week from 10.00am to 4.00pm

Prayer Candles - St. Ethelbert's: Norman Cotton RIP

| Day | Date | St Ethelbert's | | St Augustine's | |
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| Saturday <i>St. Luke, Evangelist</i> | 18 th Oct | | (Mass at Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am) | 12.00noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i> | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon |
| 29th Sunday Ordinary Time (C) | | 5.30pm <i>(Vigil)</i> | Fr. Joe & Birchington Parish | | |
| World Mission Day - 2nd Collection for Missio | 19 th Oct | 10.00am | Becky Ing – PI | 8.30am | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon |
| | | 12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i> | Emmanuel (SC) PI | 12.00noon <i>(Sung Latin 1962) 19th Sunday after Pentecost</i> | People of Parish |
| Monday <i>Feria</i> | 20 th Oct | 9.30am | Marlene RIP | 12.00noon | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon |
| Tuesday <i>St. Margaret Clitherow, Martyr</i> | 21 st Oct | No 9.30 am Mass | | 12.00noon | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon |
| Wednesday <i>Requiem</i> | 22 nd Oct | 9.30am <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i> | Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Sr Ancilla Dent OSB, Minster Abbey. | 12.00noon <i>St. John Paul II, Pope</i> | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon |
| Thursday <i>St. John Capistrano, Priest</i> | 23 rd Oct | 9.30am | Lourdes Fernandes - Thanksgiving | No 12.00noon Mass | |
| Friday <i>St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i> | 24 th Oct | 9.30am | Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon | 12.00noon <i>(Ordinariate)</i> | Fr. Ryszard – Wellbeing |
| | | 6.00pm <i>(Polish)</i> | Joseph PI (SC) | | |
| Saturday <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 25 th Oct | | (Mass at Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am) | 12.00noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i> | Laura Le Van - Wellbeing |
| 30th Sunday Ordinary Time (C) | | 5.30pm <i>(Vigil)</i> | Norman Cotton RIP | | |

Parish Events:

Wednesday, 5th November – St. Ethelbert's - Latin Requiem Mass at 9.30am. followed by Blessing of the Graves at St. Ethelbert's, Garden of Remembrance and afterwards Blessing of the Graves at Ramsgate Cemetery.

Saturday 8th November – From 10.30am Coffee Morning and Table sale in Parish Hall, followed by Social Afternoon with stalls available before 5.30pm Mass to visit. Stalls available on Sunday at Coffee morning after 10.00am Mass and Polish Coffee Morning. Help required.

Sunday, 9th November – Remembrance Sunday: Act of Remembrance before 10.00 a.m. mass at St Ethelbert's. Solemn Requiem Mass 12.00noon at St. Augustine's followed by Blessing of the Graves.

Sunday, 16th November Feast of St. Gertrude, celebration after the 10.00am Mass at St. Ethelbert's at the coffee morning.

Saturday, 22nd November Parish Wine and Wisdom, St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Please put your name on the list at the back of church to book.

Sunday, 23rd November – Feast of Christ The King – Parish Bereavement Service at St. Ethelbert's at 4.00pm.

Saturday, 29th November at 5.30pm Mass, Confirmation Ceremony with Bishop Paul, a sung Mass followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, 7th December Parish Christmas Fayre at St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall, starting at 12.00noon. Joint English/Polish Mass at 11.00am and at St. Augustine's, Latin Mass at 10.30am this will enable all to attend the Fayre.

Saturday, 20th December – Senior Parishioners Social Afternoon, Christmas Party 1.00 – 4.00pm.

Envelopes for Masses for the November List of Holy Souls are available at the back of church. Gift Aiders please add their GA number.

At the Christmas Fayre we will be having a craft stall if anyone would like to donate any craft items they have prepared this would be appreciated. There will be the following stalls: refreshments, tea/coffee, raffle, cakes, repository, knitting, jigsaws, fancy goods, tombola, bottle stall, decorations, guess the cost of a basket of produce, toiletries, jewellery. There will be **NO** bric-a-brac, toys, books or CD stalls, **(please do not send these items in)**. We will be available in the Parish Hall on Fridays 21st & 28th November and Friday 5th December to collect items for the Fayre or they can be brought to the Parish Office when attending Mass. Raffle tickets will be distributed at the beginning of November. Please help support this important fund-raising event.

For 1st Holy Communion Preparation: Contact – Catechist Mrs Julie Rydz.

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.

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 sick or bereaved parishioners who may like a home visit, please obtain their permission and forward details to Parish Office on 01843 594031.

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