



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Newsletter for Sunday, 14th September 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; **Verger:** 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,

Feast of the Holy Cross Sunday 14th September

Perhaps we have advanced so much that we think 'they' – scientists, governments, tech giants will sort things out and everything will be OK. That is, until disaster or maybe global disaster hits us. The difference is for us Catholics? We face reality with the Holy Cross. When there's no going forward or backwards, when nobody's going to pull us out of a difficulty we're in, when there's no getting away from it, we have the Cross.

The Cross is the sign that Catholics do not run from reality. No one would choose such a horrible instrument of torture and death as the symbol of hope in God. It is the symbol that God is with us in the most difficult realities of existing in a fallen, sinful world and that if we hold on to this, we will come through. But we have to be in the reality and not pretend everything is OK. No don't be fooled: I'm *not* OK and you're *not* OK, whatever the world tells us. Let us not dream on. The world is not OK. That's why God sent Jesus to us and He died to save us.

Holy Cross is our sign of who we are. We may try to turn away or distract ourselves, but the Cross is a constant presence in our lives. And there are times when our suffering is so great that no words are enough to explain what we're going through except the reality of the Cross.

Like Jesus, nailed to the cross, abandoned by his friends and the world went dark. But that's just it, Jesus has been there. Those moments of total darkness, when there seems nowhere to turn and no *one* to turn to, there is no escape and no distraction: this is reality. This is the cross for many of us, and it is then that we hold on to it. That's why many in the hospital bed will have a special cross to hold in the palm of their hand. We know that when we hold on to the Cross, we are close to Jesus, that God, eternal love is with us, that reality is bearable with our hope in Him.

O faithful cross, you stand unmoved, while ages run their course; foundation of the universe, creation's binding force. Give glory to the risen Christ and to his Cross give praise, the sign of God's unfathomed love, the hope of all our days.
In love of the Holy Cross, come and join us as we join Our Lady of Sorrows in special devotions to the Cross of Jesus this Sunday afternoon at 4.00 p.m. God bless, Fr Jonathon

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish: M. Marjoam, A. Fell, Edward Smalley, T. Webster, H. Russell, Joan Hall, B. Mallon, A. Gosling, Frank Tierney, A. Lucas, Vicky & Kevin Nicholas, Susanna King, Sr. Aelred, Mark Harvey, Valerie & Michael Godden, Eileen & Jack McCaughan, Jef Silva, Steve Lawlor, Eileen Crowley, Yan Kelly, Norma McAllister, Patricia Smalley, Jane Ryan, Edmond Glean, William Carbury, Carlos Hernandez, Christopher Egan, Tom Phelan, Martin Flannery, Kay Lovett, Kevin Pender, Alex Jordan, Eleanor McGinley, Tarlie Sansom, Mary Cotton, Di Sinclair-St Claire, Roz Lennon, Maggie Smith, Uta Nedd, Mary Northrop, Catherine Tocci, Julian Tranguille, Lisa Taylor, Pauline Gladman, Piotr Kapuśniak, Tim Howell, Julie Foreman, Guy Rowe, Brylle Buenaventura, Fr. Christopher Basden, Kevin Flynn, Derek Rydz, Jim Gallagher, Jeannette Riley, Gordon Lumpkin, Christine Layfield, Tai Jordan.

Please remember in your prayer all those who have died recently: 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. **1st Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed Lady:** 1st Saturday of the month, (with 15 minutes of Prayer to Our Blessed Lady after 9.30am Mass).
Please see Mass Schedule overleaf for any changes this week.
Confessions: *St Ethelbert's:* Saturday 10.15am & 4.30pm. *St Augustine's:* Saturday 11.00am and Sunday from 12.00noon. **Polish Confession:** Sunday 11.30am & Friday 5.30pm. (No Polish Confession until further notice).
St. Augustine's Visitor Centre and Shrine are open to visitors Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 12.30pm – 3.30pm.

Prayer Candles - St. Ethelbert's: Fr. Jonathon - TG. **St. Augustine's:** -

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's	St Augustine's
Saturday <i>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> The Exaltation of The Holy Cross <i>Education Day - 2nd Collection</i> <i>Catholic Education Service</i>	13 th Sept 2025	NO 9.30am Mass 5.30pm <i>(Vigil)</i>	(Mass at Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am) Fr. Ryszard - Wellbeing
	14 th Sept	10.00am 12.00noon <i>(English)</i> 4.00pm	Sadie Marlow RIP - Birthday Ana & Leszek PI Stations of the Cross, Veneration of the Cross & Benediction
Monday <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	15 th Sept	9.30am	Fr. Jonathon PI Adoration 8.30 – 9.20am Rosary of the Seven Sorrows after Mass
Tuesday <i>St. Cornelius, Pope & St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	16 th Sept	NO 9.30am Mass today	12.00noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>
Wednesday <i>St. Edith of Kemsing</i>	17 th Sept	9.30am <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Holly Triggs –TG - Birthday 12.00noon <i>St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>
Thursday <i>St. Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop</i>	18 th Sept	10.30am	Requiem Mass for Jean & Ottavio Verracchia R.I.P. No 12.00noon Mass today
Friday <i>St. Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop</i>	19 th Sept	9.30am NO 6.00pm POLISH MASS TODAY	Eileen McCaughan - Wellbeing 12.00noon <i>(Ordinariate)</i>
Saturday <i>St. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest & Paul Chõng Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs</i> 25th Sunday Ordinary Time (C) 2nd Collection Catholic Agency for Support of Evangelisation	20 th Sept	NO 9.30am Mass today 5.30pm <i>(Vigil)</i>	Fr. Jonathon – TG - Birthday NO 12.00 noon Mass today <i>(Latin 1962 Mass at 12.00 noon at Snave Church)</i>

Parish Events:

Sunday 14th Sept – Feast of the Holy Cross, At St. Ethelbert's at 4.00pm. Veneration, Stations of the Cross and Blessing with the Relic.

Sunday 14th September - MIND Cake sale, held by Nathan & Francesca Dyas in the Parish Hall after 10.00am Mass.

Monday 15th September – At St. Ethelbert's, Feast of the Sorrowful Mother. Adoration 8.30 to 9.20am followed by Mass and after Mass, Rosary of the Sorrowful Mother.

Saturday, 27th September, Jenny McKeverne is organising an 'Italian Night' at St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall, which will consist of a 3-course meal, raffle, people to bring their own drinks. Tickets at £20.00 are available after Mass for those who have put their name on the list, places still available.

Sunday, 26th September Coffee Morning after the 10.00am Mass money raised to be sent to Macmillan charity.

Sunday 5th October, Rosary Sunday at 4.00pm, Rosary with short reflection, Adoration & Benediction.

Saturday 18th October – Social Afternoon for senior parishioners. in Parish Hall. 2.00 – 4.00pm

Day of Celebration and Thanksgiving for Jubilee Blessings on Saturday 4th October 2025. Archbishop John Wilson will be presiding and preaching at Mass at 11.15am. Please see leaflet at the back of church for full details.

An invitation from the Sisters of Minster Abbey to Parkminster for their Autumn Picnic on Saturday, 27th September 1.00 – 3.00pm. See the poster at the back of church for full details.

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 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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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:

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