



# Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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## Newsletter for Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Parish Priest & Rector:** Fr Jonathon Routh email: [jonathonrouth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:jonathonrouth@rcaos.org.uk) Parish Office email: [ramsgate@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:ramsgate@rcaos.org.uk) Tel: 01843 594031. St. Augustine's Shrine email: [augustineshrine@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:augustineshrine@rcaos.org.uk), Tel: 01843 592071.

**Shrine Chaplain:** Fr Simon Heans; **Polish Chaplain:** Fr. Ryszard Hanaczewski; **Deacon:** Rev'd Peter Brown;

**Pastoral Assistant:** Maureen Francis. **Verger:** Anthony Jinks. **Parish Secretary:** Melissa Goes. **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,

This Sunday the Christmas-Epiphany season concludes with **THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** The epiphany is the revelation to the world that Jesus Christ is God. At the Baptism of the Lord we have the Revelation in the Voice from Heaven: *'Behold, my son, my beloved, on whom my favour rests'*. In this, the Man Jesus is Revealed as the Son of God, Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity.

Do you believe that Jesus is God? How we answer this question from the beginning has tested whether a person is truly Christian...or not. But how do we reconcile that Jesus our Lord was a man, born of the Virgin Mary, our brother in the flesh and also The Son of God the Father, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity? I recommend the new online course offered by Archbishop John, **AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST: A CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS RESOURCE**. The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched this exciting apologetics project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?". **Ambassadors for Christ** is designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Every Monday, a new video will be posted on YouTube, along with a worksheet to enable parishes, schools, youth groups and families to use them as part of their faith formation. To watch the videos and take part in this exciting project, please visit: [rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist](http://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist). Young or old, why not form a house group with others in the parish, watch this video and then discuss this together? Please speak to me if you are interested.

A good piece of parish news for the new year is that Melissa Goes has been appointed **PARISH SECRETARY**. Some of you know her already as from time to time, she has helped us out over the last year. This appointment will assist us all and means Maureen can focus on pastoral and social work in the parish, to the benefit of so many, particularly the housebound. Melissa will also do the weekly book-keeping, assisting Deacon Peter, our Parish Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. I am thankful to both Maureen and Deacon Peter for their support, guidance and love of their parish to which they bring their experience and wisdom from many years here. I pray their service to the parish will continue for years to come.

We are keeping the **PAX CHRISTI** collection this Sunday (as next Sunday is for SPUC). The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. They have a vision of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in our Catholic faith, Pax Christi works with all who share its values to abolish war and create communities of justice and peace. Please see the envelopes at the back of the church to support this work.

Don't forget our **EPIPHANY SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** at St Augustine's, 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, 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, Maggie Smith, Uta Nedd, Mary Northrop, Catherine Tocci, Julian Tranguille, Lisa Taylor, Pauline Gladman, Piotr Kapuśniak, Tim Bowell, Julie Foreman, Guy Rowe, Brylle Buenaventura, Fr. Christopher Basden, Kevin Flynn, Derek Rydz, Jim Gallagher, Jeannette Riley, Christine Layfield, Tai Jordan, Jenny Whitebread, Magdalena Prystupa.

**Please remember in your prayer all those who have died recently.**

**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, on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 12.00noon followed by **1<sup>st</sup> 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. and after Mass or by arrangement. **St. Augustine's Visitor Centre and Shrine** are open to visitors 7 days a week from 10.00am to 4.00pm

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's	St Augustine's
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Feria of Christmastide</i>	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026	5.30pm  Patricia & Edward Smalley PI	12.00noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass) The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>  Stephen Carnell PI
<b>The Baptism of The Lord (A)</b> <i>Beginning of week 1 of Ordinary Time.</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00am  12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i>  Fr. Leszek PI	8.30am  12.00noon <i>(Sung Latin) – The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>  People of the Parish  Fr. Jonathon PI
<b>Monday</b> <i>St Aelred of Rievaulx, abbot.</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am  Julie Foreman PI	12.00noon  Angela Manning P.I.
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>St Hilary, bishop &amp; doctor.</i>	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<i>No Mass in Broadstairs today</i>	12.00noon  Kevin Pender P.I.
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Feria</i>	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass) Ss Hilary &amp; Felix</i>  Church Cleaners TG	12.00noon  Church Readers TG
<b>Thursday</b> <i>Feria</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am  Matt Dickerson PI	
<b>Friday</b> <i>Feria</i>	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am  6.00pm <i>(Polish)</i>  Gosia TG on her Birthday John Carnell PI	12.00noon <i>(Ordinariate)</i>  Stephen Carnell PI
<b>Saturday</b> <i>St. Anthony of Egypt, abbot.</i>  <b>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	5.30pm  Ellen Goodman PI	12.00noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass) The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>  Stephen Carnell PI

**Mary's Meals** is looking for volunteers. Could you spare a few hours during the year to help? They are looking for Parish Reps, volunteer speakers (training and support provided) and for volunteers who can help at events. Please see notice at the back of church for further information. A total of £215.00 was raised from our Christmas Message Donations for Mary's Meals this year.

**Please collect your Missio Red Boxes** from the Parish Office for all who handed them in to be counted.

**Southwark Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** Travelling overnight by luxury coach from 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Travel, full board and programme cost £590.00. See poster at the back of Church for full details and how to book.

**Epiphany Carol Service** – to be held at St. Augustine's this Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 4.00pm.

**Social Events:** **Social Committee Meeting**, all welcome on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.  
**Social Afternoon** for Senior Members of the Parish on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Preparation: Contact** – Catechist Mrs Julie Rydz.

**Confirmation & Pre 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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](http://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://Home - Shrine of St Augustine & The National Pugin Centre (augustine-pugin.org.uk))