



# Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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## Newsletter for Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

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I've been asked about **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**. All our Christian life is directed to God in heaven, the place above and beyond. The way of Jesus leads us there if we follow him. And we make this road visible even in our churches. In old churches the arches point upwards to heaven. The church tower and spire point to where Jesus has gone, and the High Altar in the sanctuary is above the rest of the church. The priest *ascends* steps to approach the altar, after confessing his sins *below*, and then ascends to where Jesus comes from heaven to meet us in the holy sacrifice.

For the church on earth is the path through the in-between- place of our life on earth, between our inclination to descend into ourselves or ascend to God. Jesus says he is the door, the way and the church is our door to heaven. It's why we should always make our places of worship beautiful and elevate our praise in the sacred language and music of the church, passed down from age to age. The church and the Roman Liturgy celebrated in noble simplicity is our window into Heaven here on earth below, and through his Church, Jesus our Lord comes to us in the sacraments.

This is why when Our Lord ascended, the angel told the disciples to stop looking above. For although there is a chasm between Heaven and earth, the Son of God came down from heaven to show us the way, to *be* the way from earth to heaven for us. He promised he would not leave us alone. He did not just leave us a picture or pieces of writing but said he would be with us always in the body and blood at the Sacrifice of the Mass. And he promised to send us the Holy Spirit who is with us in our church, as we offer our praise to God. Jesus did not leave us alone; God is with us our journey to Heaven: in the Sacraments and the Scriptures in the church which Jesus gave to us.

But we do actually have to participate in the life of the church and that means actually coming to church, especially when it is an obligation to God as it was on Ascension Day last Thursday: a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. If we don't, we may soon start taking the wrong direction, listening to our own feelings and inclinations rather than God's commandments. For not only does Ascension Day answer 'where is God?' but also 'where is God not?' He is not in human sin. And if man is centred on himself he does not ascend to God but fall by fall, may head in the wrong direction because human beings are fallen and fall again and again. Without God, human beings descend deeper into ourselves and our own inclinations. Our sins when we do not confess them and ask for forgiveness may lead us to the other place we don't like to mention: for there is heaven and there is earth but there *is* hell too. That is the place without God. That's the place where Jesus is not present, where there is no peace, no joy, no love of God, no God.

The Church teaches that it is a mortal sin not to fulfil our obligation to God when we fail to attend Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation without good cause. But Jesus our Lord has left us the remedy in the Sacrament of Penance. If you missed Mass last Thursday without good reason, it is of course forgivable, *if* you confess it: thanks be to God! By coming to mass on Sundays and Holy Days, like the spires and arches of the church, our lives too may point to Heaven and witness to our love of God. 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, Sylvia Quinn, 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, Diane Sinclair-St Claire, Roz Lennon, Maggie Smith, Uta Nedd, Mary Northrop, Catherine Tocci, Julian Tranguille, Lisa Taylor, Pauline Gladman, Piotr Kapuśniak, Tim Bowell, Julie Foreman, Guy Rowe, Keith Andrews, Brylle Buenaventura, Fr. Christopher Basden, Kevin Flynn, Peter Northrop, Derek Rydz, Jim Gallagher, Jeannette Riley, Gordon Lumpkin, Christine Layfield.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 12.00noon followed by **1<sup>st</sup> Friday Rosary** at 12.30pm. **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed Lady:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, (with 15 minutes of Prayer to Our Blessed Lady after 9.30am Mass. **Confessions:** *St Ethelbert's*: Saturday 10.30am & 4.30pm. *St Augustine's*: Saturday 11.00am and Sunday from 12.00noon. **Polish Confession:** Sunday 11.30am & Friday 5.30pm. **Please see Mass Schedule overleaf for any changes this week.**  
**St. Augustine's Visitor Centre and Shrine** are open to visitors Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 12.30pm – 3.30pm.

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Feria</i>  <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – World Communications Day</i>	31 <sup>st</sup> May	9.30am	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	12.00noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass) The Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen</i>	Oblates of Chilworth
	1 <sup>st</sup> June	10.00am  12.00noon <i>(Polish)</i>	Jack & Mary Croud RIP  Mr Woźniak – Naming Day	8.30am  12.00noon <i>(Sung Latin 1962)</i>	People of the Parish  Nicholas Gale RIP
<b>Monday</b> <i>SS Marcellinus &amp; Peter, Martyrs</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	9.30am	Julian Whitebread RIP	12.00noon	Fr. Christopher Basden, for safe operation.
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>St. Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions, Martyrs</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	9.30am	Ethan Searchfield RIP	12.00noon	Fr. Christopher Basden, for safe operation
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>St. Francis Caracciolo</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Fr. John William Hunwicke RIP	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Funeral of Bernard Harte RIP</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <i>St. Boniface, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>	5 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am <i>(Sung)</i>	Eileen McCaughan	12.00noon	Joseph Bonnefin RIP
<b>Friday</b> <i>Feria</i>	6 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am  6.00pm <i>(Polish)</i>	Julian Whitebread RIP  Uta's Intentions	12.00noon <i>(Ordinariate)</i>	For Fr. Christopher's recovery.
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Diocesan Pilgrimage to Aylesford</i>	7 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>NO 9.30am &amp; 5.30pm MASSES</b>	MASS IN AYLESFORD WITH THE ARCHBISHOP	<b>NO 12.00noon MASS</b>	MASS IN AYLESFORD WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

**Prayer Candles - St. Ethelbert's:** Marie Amelia Lavocah RIP, Eileen McCaughan, Fr. Christopher Basden – wellbeing, Dudley Marjoram RIP.  
**St. Augustine's:** Mo Leung x 2.

**Jubilee Trip to Aylesford on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025.** For all those who have booked seats, please be at St. Ethelbert's Church, for 8.00am ready for the coach to leave promptly at 8.15am.

**Future Events:**

**June: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Breakfast in the Parish Hall after 10.00am Mass.

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June** – St. Augustine's, Latin Mass Society 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Bishop Schneider celebrating Mass at 6.00pm.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Social Afternoon in St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall, at 2.00pm.

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Feast of Corpus Christi – Whole School Mass, External Solemnity on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June with Corpus Christi Procession starting at 1.30pm from St. Augustine's Shrine to Divine Retreat Centre for lunch, followed by Benediction.

**July: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Proposed Summer Fayre in the Parish Hall, at 12.00noon. Please see poster at the back of church for details and request for help and support.

**Walk the Augustine Camino for Mary's Meals, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025.** Join for the whole pilgrimage or walk for a day. See poster at the back for church for full details of how to book a place on the pilgrimage.

**'Summertime 2025' Altar Servers Summer Break, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025.** See poster at the back for church for full details and forms to book a place.

**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 Rvdz.

**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 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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