



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

Weekly Newsletter - Sunday 25th January 2026

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

Divine Retreat Centre: Fr Joseph Edattu & Fr Paul Pallichamkudiyil. 01843 586904. (Weekday Mass 5.30pm)

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

Dear parishioners, this weekend we have a second collection for St George's Cathedral.

For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light.

Today, St George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. There is a rich musical tradition, maintaining a choir of boys and men, as well as a girls' choir, both of which sing at Sunday Masses and on major feasts. In many respects, St George's Cathedral serves as a spiritual home and centre for Catholic evangelisation and mission across the Archdiocese of Southwark.

St George's Cathedral is our 'mother' church, even out here on Thanet. When we say 'the cathedral' this is what we are referring to because it is the seat of the bishop of our archdiocese of Southwark, Archbishop John Wilson. Many people wrongly think of 'the cathedral' as Westminster, but that is the cathedral of Westminster Archdiocese. It tends to get all the attention because it is so close to Parliament and government and its Archbishop is a cardinal. But London is divided into three dioceses in fact. Westminster is north of the river, which includes Hertfordshire, Brentwood is in the east and includes Essex while Southwark is south of the river and includes Kent. Ours is a big Diocese and so the Pope grants us assistant bishops one of whom is Bishop Paul Hendricks who assists in Kent. Bishop Paul came to us for confirmations on Advent Sunday. We will soon have another assistant bishop in Gerard Bradley, who will be consecrated a Bishop on 2nd February, Candlemas, in St George's Cathedral.

St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship.

Thank you!



- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral
 - Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
 - Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- please use the St George's Cathedral envelopes at the back of church

'Died - and never called me mother!' : if you have never been to your mother church of your diocese, do visit sometime. It's easy to get to, being a short walk from Waterloo Station, near to the Imperial War Museum. It is a beautiful church in the Gothic style, worth seeing in its own right. Many Southwark Catholics who see it for the first time are surprised and will say 'I never knew this was here!' Mass is said on weekdays at 12.30 p.m. God bless, Fr Jonathon

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.

To conclude the week of prayer for Christian Unity 2026, **Churches Together in Ramsgate** will come together for Praise & Worship at the Royal Harbour Academy hall at 6.00 p.m. this Sunday. Anyone interested in singing, please be at the venue for 4.30 p.m. for a choir practice.

Racial Justice Sunday: Join Archbishop John Wilson & Caritas Southwark at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 1st February, for the 10am Mass to mark Racial Justice Sunday 2026. This year's Racial Justice Sunday comes at a particularly important time - whilst some voices in our society are calling for division, here at Caritas Southwark we're promoting a message of unity. After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments and conversation. If you are unable to attend you can watch the livestream at www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgI. There will also be a second collection for Racial Justice Sunday at all Sunday Masses next weekend. Please see the poster in the porch for more information.

Easy Fundraising: We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means that over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up & use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! You can sign up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and choose the Catholic Parish of Ramsgate & Minster. Contact the parish secretary for help setting this up.

Crib Offerings: The crib will remain on display in the lady chapel until Candlemas on the 2nd February. Crib offerings will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society who support disadvantaged and vulnerable children in the South East of England to overcome the challenges they face so they can achieve their full potential and have hope of a brighter future. Candlemas Mass times – St Ethelbert's 9.30am & 6pm (polish), St. Augustine's – 7pm (sung with procession)

A BIG THANK YOU to Claire Thorpe at **SILKROAD** in Addington Street, for soft furnishings and furniture restoration. Claire had made and donated our perfectly matching new red kneeler for our central communion rail at St Ethelbert's. This was a very generous donation which has improved both the appearance and the comfort of distributing Holy Communion the traditional way. See: <https://www.silkroaddesign.co.uk/>

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: Saturday 11.00am. and after Mass or 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 Doreen Browning.

Please remember in your prayer all those who are sick, especially:

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 & Alena Joyette.

MISSIO Red Boxes: For those who sent in their Missio Boxes to be emptied, they are now ready for collection from the Parish Office if you haven't already collected yours.

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 Monday's 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 Parish Office on 01843 594031.

Prayer Candles - St. Ethelbert's: Jack McCaughan

Parish Social Media

St. Ethelbert's: on Twitter: @catholicramsmin

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:

[Home - Shrine of St Augustine & The National Pugin Centre \(augustine-pugin.org.uk\)](http://www.augustine-pugin.org.uk)

Mass Intentions for the Week

		<i>St. Ethelbert's</i>		<i>St. Augustine's</i>	
Saturday 24 th January	<i>St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor (1962 St Timothy, bishop & martyr)</i>	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am		12 noon (Latin 1962 Low Mass)	Stephen Carnell PI
<i>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i>		5.30pm	Clare Triggs TG on her birthday		
Sunday 25 th January		10am	Fr. Daniel Weatherley PI	8.30am	Jeremy & Anne Thornton PI
		12 noon	Church Musicians TG	12 noon (Sung Latin)	Jadzia PI
Monday 26 th January	<i>St Ss. Timothy & Titus, bishops</i>	9.30am	Peter Hulcoop PI	12 noon	Rosaleen Lennon RIP
Tuesday 27 th January	<i>St. Angela Merici, virgin</i>	9.30am	Jean Kelly RIP	No Mass Today	
Wednesday 28 th January	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the church (1962 St Peter Nolasco)</i>	9.30am (Latin 1962 Low Mass)	John Thompson PI	12 noon	Marg Nash RIP
Thursday 29 th January	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Matt Dickerson PI	No Mass Today	
Friday 30 th January	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Matt Dickerson PI	12 noon (Ordinariate)	Stephen Carnell PI
		6pm (Polish)	Jadzia PI		
Saturday 31 st January	<i>St. John Bosco, priest</i>	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am		12 noon (Latin 1962 Low Mass)	Mary Cotton TG on her birthday
<i>Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i>		5.30pm	Julie Rydz TG		