



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

Weekly Newsletter - Sunday 17th May 2026

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

Dear parishioners,

Happy **Ascensiontide** to you all!! Pope St Leo the Great tells us that the apostles had 'a great and mysterious cause for rejoicing' at the Ascension of the Lord: 'For in the sight of the vast company of the blessed, human nature was exalted above the dignity of all the creatures of Heaven, passing beyond the ranks of the angels, being raised above the high seat of the archangels, to receive the elevation that would have no limit until it was admitted into the eternal Father's dwelling, to share the glorious throne of him with whose nature it had been united in the person of the Son'

Rejoicing with the Holy Apostles on Ascension Day, it was good to see parishioners joining with our primary school for a solemn celebration of Holy Mass on Thursday morning.

On Wednesday I met with Fr Jackson Sebastian Mavelithayil, the newly appointed parish priest of Birchington, and welcomed him to Ramsgate too. His **Induction Mass** with Bishop Paul presiding, is on **Friday 29th May at 7.00 p.m.** at Birchington Catholic Church, if you'd like to join me at this celebration. Please note there will be no mass on Friday evening at St Ethelbert's that day.

Following last Sunday's First Communion Mass, this Sunday our children will be receiving their certificates and we give thanks to God for their First Communion. It was good to see how very reverently they received the Lord in Holy Communion, both last Sunday and on Ascension Day. The **second collection** this Sunday will go to our special fund **for our catechetical programmes** and help with buying materials needed. I give particular thanks to Julie and Patricia for their dedication to the catechesis of our children which is given with skill and the love of the Catholic Faith which they share with them. Above all, they have encouraged us to remember that the first teachers of the faith to our children are parents, and for the continued nurturing of the faith, it is their duty as catholic parents to bring their children to church every Sunday. Just like with our own parents, it means nothing to say you love them, if you never call them or see them. Because we love God and know our need of our Heavenly Father, we come to mass every Sunday. This fulfils our obligation to God and teaches our children how to live a catholic life, which begins and ends with coming to mass on Sunday when we bring all our needs to God and thank him for blessings received.

I have received a message from **Ursuline College**, Westgate-On-Sea:

"..... children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." (1 John 3:18)

'As part of our commitment to **live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor**, Ursuline College will be taking part in the **Live Simply Emmaus Walk** on **Friday 22nd May**, in support of the **CAFOD Big Lent Walk**, supporting CAFOD in their work. The money we raise for CAFOD will enable its local aid workers to reach vulnerable families with vital support. On Friday morning, we will start the day with the LiveSimply Prayer at 9am and invite you to do the same and ask you to keep us in your prayers as we complete the 4km walk on Friday afternoon.

P.S. We encourage you to plan a 4km walk over the next week and any donations to CAFOD would be gratefully received on our CAFOD JustGiving fundraising page https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/jannas-fundraising-page?utm_medium=email&utm_source=PostOffice&utm_campaign=DS_EVENTS-LFC_Trans_PageCreated

We have also received a message regarding the recent vote in the House of Lords:

Westminster assisted suicide Bill has fallen

The assisted suicide Bill has failed to pass all stages in the House of Lords. This means that Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill has fallen and will not become law!

This is a major milestone, but the battle is not over. Assisted suicide campaigners have said they are going to try to bring the Bill back in the next parliamentary session and use the Parliament Acts to bypass the Lords.

To find out more about this significant milestone and what comes next, visit:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/LeadbeaterBillFalls>

God bless, Fr Jonathon

Rosary for Life. Archbishop John Wilson is calling on us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit www.rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife. **Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.**

There will be a **second collection** this weekend for **Catechesis** in our parish. Your generous donations will help fund and support our parish first holy communion & confirmation preparations. Next weekend there will be a **second collection** for **World Communications Sunday** which helps to promote the catholic church all over the world and help share its teachings.

Come and join us on **Monday 18th May** at 4.30pm in the parish room at St. Ethelbert's where one of our new converts will share his enthusiasm for the rosary. All are welcome to join and light refreshments will be available. Please speak to Fr. Simon for more information.

The next **Seniors Social** will be on the 23rd May in the parish hall from 2pm. Come along for bingo, cakes and good company. Please see the poster at the back of church for more information.

Gift Aid Envelopes. Please collect your new gift aid envelopes from the back of the church. If you would like to register for gift aid, please email ramsgategac@rcaos.org.uk.

The **Summer Celebration of St. Jude** will be on Saturday 30th May at the Carmelite Shrine of St. Jude in Faversham. The day will include devotions with anointing, open air Mass and a procession past the Shrine of St. Jude. Please see the poster at the back of church for more information. If there is enough interest, a parish coach can be arranged so please contact the parish office to register your interest.

Following the fall of the Leadbeater **assisted suicide** Bill, fresh bids to introduce an assisted dying law in England & Wales are anticipated. See the poster at the back of the church to help protect healthcare workers & hospices by signing the online petition.

Shrine of St. Augustine & National Pugon Centre Volunteers Needed. Do you have an interest in history or gothic architecture? If you do & can spare a few hours each month then please consider volunteering at our visitors centre and contact the parish office.

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: By arrangement.

St. Augustine's Visitor Centre and Shrine is open to visitors 7 days a week from 10am to 4pm

Minster Abbey.

Weekday (Mon-Sat) Mass – 9am

Lauds – Mon-Sat 8.30am, Sunday 9am

Vespers – Mon-Sun 6pm

Sunday Mass – Sunday 10am only

Vigils – Mon-Sat 5.30am & Sun 6am

Midday Office – Mon-Sun 12.20pm

Compline – Mon-Sun 7.45pm

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently especially: Clive King, Jean Regan, Gillian Gilbert, Miriam Mehlin, Anthony (Tony) Webster, Uta Nedd, Kevin Flynn & Doreen Browning.

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick, especially: Sr. Aelred, Rita Andrews, Tim Bowell, Brylle Buenaventura, William Carbury, Mary Cotton, Eileen Crowley, Christopher Egan, A. Fell, Martin Flannery, Julie Foreman, Jim Gallagher, Pauline Gladman, Valerie & Michael Godden, A. Gosling, Joan Hall, Mark Harvey, Carlos Hernandez, Alex Jordan, Tai Jordan, Alena Joyette, Piotr Kapuśniak, Yan Kelly, Susanna King, Steve Lawlor, Rita Lemesheva, Kay Lovett, A. Lucas, Pauline Macdonnell, B. Mallon, M. Marjoam, Norma McAllister, Eileen & Jack McCaughan, Eleanor McGinley, Kevin Nicholas, Mary Northrop, Viktor Nowicki, Kevin Pender, Tom Phelan, Magdalena Prystupa, Jeannette Riley, Guy Rowe, H. Russell, Jane Ryan, Derek Rydz, Tarlie Sansom, Jef Silva, Di Sinclair-St Claire, Edward & Patricia Smalley, Maggie Smith, Violet Solley, Lisa Taylor, Frank Tierney, Catherine Tocci, Julian Tranguille & Jenny Whitebread.

Prayer Candles (St. Ethelbert's)

Paul Anthony, Theresa, Patricia Smalley WB & Linda Ellan WB

We're registered with **Easyfundraising**, which means that over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you shop with them at no extra cost to yourself! It's easy & completely FREE! Sign up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> & select the Catholic Parish of Ramsgate & Minster. Contact the parish secretary for help setting this up or see the poster at the back of the church.

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 Mondays 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 the details to the Parish Office.

The Parish newsletter can now be accessed from the Shrine homepage at [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))

Parish Social Media

Twitter: @catholicramsmin **Facebook, Twitter & Instagram:** @AugustinePugin

YouTube: /staugustinesramsgate

Mass Intentions for the Week

		<i>St. Ethelbert's</i>	<i>St. Augustine's</i>
Saturday 16 th May	<i>St. Simon Stock, priest (1962 St. Ubaldus)</i>	Mass at Minster Abbey at 9am & Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am	12 noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>
<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter (A) (1962 Sunday after the Ascension)</i>		5.30pm Anna & Damian Gonsalves PI	Ivy Jessica Lillian Hulcoop RIP
Sunday 17 th May		10.00am Clinton Ometie RIP	8.30am Grace, Bicha & Karen TG
		12 noon Augustine Carnell PI <i>(FHC Mass in English)</i>	12.00am Rachel Hutchings TG on her 60 th birthday <i>(Sung Latin 1962)</i>
Monday 18 th May	<i>St. John I, pope & martyr</i>	9.30am Chris Undy WB	12 noon Bronistawa Zajko RIP
Tuesday 19 th May	<i>St. Dunstan, bishop</i>	NO 9.30 MASS TODAY	12 noon Kazimierz Zajko RIP
Wednesday 20 th May	<i>St. Bernadine of Siena, priest (1962 St. Bernadine of Siena)</i>	9.30am Steve RIP <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	12 noon Linda Ellan WB
Thursday 21 st May	<i>St. Christopher of Magallanes, priest and companions, martyrs</i>	9.30am Brzyska Family PI	NO 12.00 NOON MASS TODAY
Friday 22 nd May	<i>St. Rita of Cascia, religious</i>	6.00pm Faustyna Carnell PI <i>(English & Polish)</i>	12 noon Anthony Jinks TG on his 45 th birthday <i>(Ordinariate)</i>
Saturday 23 rd May	<i>Feria of Easter (1962 Vigil of Pentecost)</i>	Mass at Minster Abbey at 9am & Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am	12 noon Christine Dawson RIP <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>
<i>Pentecost Sunday (A)</i>		5.30pm Luiza & Alex Dias PI	