



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

Weekly Newsletter - Sunday 21st June 2026

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Dear parishioners,

This Sunday is the **DAY FOR LIFE**, in which the Church reminds us of the Sacredness of Life. There will be a second collection to provide core funding to assist life-related activities supported by the Church. The **SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION for UNBORN CHILDREN** has also called this **FIGHTBACK DAY**.

As you know, this is a dark and difficult time for the pro-life movement, with the latest news being Leadbeater's Euthanasia Bill which failed to pass the House of Lords, returning to the Commons. But also, at the other end of life, on 17th June last year, MPs voted for an extreme amendment to the Crime and Policing Bill, removing all criminal liability for a woman carrying out her own abortion. It is now legal for a woman to abort her own baby right up to birth, for any reason in England and Wales.

So how do we respond? We can let the abortion extremists win, or we – with the vast majority of decent people in this country for whom this is a step too far – can fight back.

A few months ago, SPUC held its biggest ever youth conference. More and more people are becoming involved in the pro-life movement as they come to realise how barbaric this new law is. If enough people stand up for pro-life causes, politicians will have to take heed of our concern for those lives lost to abortion. SPUC urgently needs all of us to join in the work to bring about real and lasting protection for unborn children. Firstly, we are asked to fill one of the postcards at the back of the church and SPUC will send you an action pack with information on how you can get involved. The movement works across politics, education, youth and culture.

We can be inspired by action taken to protect the vulnerable at the other end of life, with the 'assisted suicide' bill defeated in Scotland in April. We can also be inspired by the ending of the slave trade. At the time, this trade was supported by the rich and the powerful, but a popular movement of the people won because right was on their side. We can do this again to promote a culture of life. Please take the first step and use the postcard at the back of the church to receive a SPUC action pack.

It is also a fitting time to be reminded that all human beings, of all ages from conception to death, of both genders and of all races are made in God's image. Human Life is sacred, the ultimate end of God's creation, and in his pastoral message to us this week, Archbishop John reminds us that there is **NO PLACE FOR RACISM in GOD'S CHURCH**. 'Our diocese is blessed with extraordinary diversity... honouring this is a beautiful gift that strengthens our witness to the Gospel and enriches our shared life of faith'. His Grace asks us to open our minds and hearts in service to people who are vulnerable, whatever their circumstances. 'The measure of the love we show to the person in need is the measure of the love we show to Christ'.

God Bless, Fr Jonathon

Our **Parish Summer Fair** will be on **Sunday 12th July** from 12:30pm – 3pm at St. Ethelbert's. There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 24th June** in the Parish Hall at St. Ethelbert's at 6pm for anyone who is able to help. If you are able to donate any prizes for the raffle, please bring them to the parish office or speak to our pastoral assistant.

Our parish **June Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** will be at 4pm this Sunday the 21st June at St. Ethelbert's and will include Exposition, Adoration, Litany of the Sacred Heart, scripture readings and hymns. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions can be booked at any time through the parish office but if you would like a specific date please book these intentions as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. The suggested donation for a single Mass intention is £10 and requests can be made by using an envelope from the back of church or by speaking to the parish secretary.

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, have any questions or would like more information, please email our gift aid coordinator at ramsgate@rcaos.org.uk.

Following the fall of the **Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill**, a fresh bid to introduce an assisted dying law in England & Wales has been re-introduced. See the poster and post cards at the back of the church and read the first page for more information.

Gardening Volunteers. We are still looking for volunteers to help look after the garden at St. Ethelbert's. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office. No experience necessary.

Shrine of St. Augustine & National Pugin 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.

We are looking for **Donations of Plants** which can be sold at the summer fair in July. If you have any plants you can donate, please bring them to the parish office between the 5th-11th July or contact the parish office.

Copies of **Archbishop John Wilson's Pastoral Message on the Dignity of Every Person** are available at the back of church for anyone who would like a copy to take home.

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament.

St Ethelbert's: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8.30am. Fridays at 5pm.

St Augustine's: Tuesday from 12.30 – 1.30pm.

Rosary: St Ethelbert's: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday at 9.00am. Friday at 5.30pm.

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 this year especially:

Judith Guiver, 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) – Patricia Smalley WB & Judy

The **second collection** this Sunday is for the **Day for Life** which is a day dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. Next Sunday the second collection will be for Peter's Pence.

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.

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.

Monday Group: Do you want to know more about Catholic Spirituality? Come along to the Monday Group at 4.30pm at St. Ethelbert's meeting room on Mondays and explore the treasure of the Faith.

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 be accessed from the Shrine homepage at

www.augustine-pugin.org.uk

Parish Social Media

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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

		<i>St. Ethelbert's</i>		<i>St. Augustine's</i>	
Saturday 20 th June	<i>St. Alban, martyr (1962 Our Lady on Saturday)</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>	Jeanne White RIP (15 th Ann.)
Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) (1962 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)		5.30pm	Carmel & Jim Cosgrove RIP	7.00pm	Caritas Choral Meditation Concert (Tickets available on the door)
Sunday 21 st June		10.00am	Ana, Joyette, Elena & Family PI	8.30am	People of the Parish
		4.00pm	June Devotions to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus		
		12 noon <i>(English & Polish)</i>	Kamil, Kasia & Children PI	12.00am <i>(Sung Latin 1962)</i>	Mrs. J. Bradford PI
Monday 22 nd June	<i>Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More, martyrs</i>	9.30am	Stuart Russell RIP	12 noon	Robert Thomson RIP
Tuesday 23 rd June	<i>St. Etheldreda, abbess</i>	NO 9.30AM MASS TODAY		12 noon	Elizabeth Taylor RIP
Wednesday 24 th June	<i>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (1962 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist)</i>	9.30am <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Caroline Horsey RIP	12.00 noon	Joan O'Connor RIP
Thursday 25 th June	<i>Feria of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Doris Smith RIP	NO 12.00 NOON MASS TODAY	
Friday 26 th June	<i>St. Thomas Garnet, priest & martyr</i>	6.00pm <i>(English & Polish)</i>	John Paul Carnell PI	12 noon <i>(Ordinariate)</i>	Dorothy Ruocca RIP
Saturday 27 th June	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary (1962 Our Lady on Saturday)</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>	Katheryn Curran RIP
Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles (A)		5.30pm	Steven Godden RIP (19 th Anniversary)		