



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

Weekly Newsletter - Sunday 5th July 2026

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Fr. Jonathon's Message is on the next page.

Our **Parish Summer Fair** is on **Sunday 12th July** from 12:30pm – 3pm at St. Ethelbert's. We still need donations for plants, cakes and raffle prizes. Please contact the parish office if you are able to donate anything. We also need volunteers on the day so please speak to the parish secretary or pastoral assistant if you can help in any way.

Our Parish devotions to **The Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ** will be at St. Ethelbert's on Sunday the 26th July at 4pm and will include adoration, benediction and litany of the Most Precious Blood. All are welcome.

St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School & Nursery are looking for a **Foundation Governor** to start in September. This is a voluntary role and a background in education is preferred. If you are interested or would like more information, please see the poster at the back of church or email admin@stethelbertsschool.co.uk.

Helena's Coffee Morning.

Helena will be holding her annual coffee morning on Saturday the 11th July at St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall from 11:30am-12:30pm. All are welcome.

The next **Seniors Social** is on the 18th July from 2pm till 4pm in the St. Ethelbert's Church Hall. Come along for Bingo, tea & cake and good company.

On Thursday 9th July, the **Deceased Clergy Mass** will be celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Broadstairs at 12.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

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

Dear parishioners, there was rather a lot going on last Wednesday. It was the 1st July and the Feast of the Most Precious Blood in the old calendar. We celebrated two masses, one votive of the Precious Blood in the *novus ordo* and one sung traditional Latin. England, some say undeservedly, beat DRC and have made it through to the next stage and in the Swiss Alps and the traditionalist society of priests the SSPX (the Society of St Pius X) went ahead with ordaining four bishops without authority from the Pope.

Cardinal Gerhard Müller, who is a great friend of traditionalists, last week called this act of the SSPX schismatic and stressed that this dispute turns on authority, not the traditional Latin Mass (TLM), which he affirmed remains valid. It is important for us in Ramsgate where the TLM is celebrated to be clear. The ordinations in Switzerland are a *completely* separate issue from permissions or otherwise to celebrate the Latin Mass. Cardinal Muller called devotion to traditional liturgy and the rejection of papal authority “two absolutely different questions” and even faulted bishops who forbid the Latin Mass as “authoritarian.” Furthermore, that this issue should also be viewed separately from deviant worship, actions and statements from fellow Catholics. What about Pimlico? This is a separate question. In law, if a murder is committed, the murderer pays the price, not his family or the bad company that surrounded him.

Cardinal Muller is a supporter of Catholic Tradition and he also loves the **COMMUNION AND UNITY** of the Church with St Peter’s successor, as all true traditionalists and indeed all Catholics should and must. In an interview with *EWTN News In Depth*, the cardinal said episcopal ordinations carried out “without the Pope are absolutely impossible, against the will of God,” marking those who carry them out as “not Catholic’. He even suggests they can be called ‘*anti-Catholic*.’”

Cardinal Müller likened this act of the SSPX to the Donatists, the schism St. Augustine fought in North Africa in early church history. “They should learn from the way of the Donatists,” the Cardinal said, adding that St. Pius X, the society’s patron, “will pray against these people who abuse his name.” In my opinion, these ordinations are a shame to the very name of a great pope, St Pius X and his successor, his Holiness Pope Leo XIV. It should be noted that Pope Leo, up to the last minute, did all he could in fraternal charity, to appeal to the SSPX not to go ahead with this schismatic act.

For St Peter was the first pope and it is largely on these grounds that the Catholic Church can claim to be the continuation of the Church founded by Christ. Maintaining communion with Pope Leo, the successor of St Peter, means being part of that one church. It is a sacred bond of love that is expressed by recognition of Papal authority and obedience. It is true, obedience is *not* absolute, but Communion and unity is sacred, commanded by Christ, a bond that must not be broken.

Asked what faithful drawn to SSPX Masses should do if a schism follows the ordinations, Cardinal Müller said they “*shouldn’t go and cannot participate in the Masses of schismatic priests and bishops*.” I also ask all of you who love traditional catholic worship and attend the Latin Mass in Ramsgate, to pay heed to this call to unity with Archbishop John and with our Holy Father. Remember that wherever you are, if you cannot find a Latin Mass, then attending *any* mass in *any* Catholic Church nearby will show a greater fidelity to Catholic Tradition by your unity than attendance with any schismatic group. If anyone wants to discuss this with me, please do so, but come armed with history. I can think of no group in two thousand years that broke away from the Church claiming to have the true faith and is thriving and remained united in their own schism. For where are the Donatists now? Have you even heard of them? For all the Church’s human failings, The True Faith can be found in communion and unity with the Lord, with the pope, with the bishop and with one another.

Rome has now decreed that the SSPX ‘*unlawfully administer the sacraments*’ and the faithful should, in unity with the Catholic Church, not receive sacraments from them. But here in Ramsgate, last Wednesday night we celebrated a beautiful sung Traditional Latin Mass in our Diocesan Shrine of St Augustine in communion and unity with our Archbishop and Pope. Let us celebrate *this* and give thanks to God as we mourn the division of a sad schismatic act in Switzerland on that very day. (with thanks to the *National Catholic Register*). In unity, Fr Jonathon

Please remember in your prayers those who have died this year especially:

Sr. Aelred, 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: Rita Andrews, Tim Howell, 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.

St. Ethelbert's Prayer Candles

Patricia Smalley WB, Maureen, Reena & The Binsbergen Family

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

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! 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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

		<i>St. Ethelbert's</i>	<i>St. Augustine's</i>
Saturday 4 th July	<i>St. Elizabeth of Portugal</i> (1962 Our Lady on Saturday)	Mass at Minster Abbey at 9am & Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am	12 noon George & Angela PI (Latin 1962 Low Mass)
Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) (1962 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost) Sunday 5 th July		5.30pm Patrick Murphy RIP	
		10.00am Hanna Szwedowska WB	8.30am People of the Parish
		12 noon Hubert PI (English & Polish)	12.00am Chris Scutt PI (Sung Latin 1962)
Monday 6 th July	<i>St. Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr</i>	9.30am Lize Marie Binsbergen Bitz RIP	12 noon Margaret Kelson RIP
Tuesday 7 th July	<i>The Translation of St. Thomas of Canterbury, bishop & martyr</i>	NO 9.30AM MASS TODAY	12 noon Kevin Pender PI
Wednesday 8 th July	<i>Feria of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Requiem for Judith Teresa Sally Guiver (Latin 1962 Low Mass) RIP	12 noon Joan & Joy Moraes TG on their Marriage
Thursday 9 th July	<i>St. Augustine Zhao Pong, priest, & Companions, martyrs</i>	9.30am Deceased Members of the Yardley Family (School Mass) RIP	NO 12.00 NOON MASS TODAY
Friday 10 th July	<i>Feria of Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Krystian Stawoski PI (English & Polish)	12 noon Jenny Shaw PI (Ordinariate)
Saturday 11 th July	<i>St. Benedict, abbot, Patron of Europe</i> (1962 Our Lady on Saturday)	Mass at Minster Abbey at 9am & Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am	12 noon Scutt Family PI (Latin 1962 Low Mass)
Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)		5.30pm Steve Godden RIP	