



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

Newsletter - Sunday 20th September 2026

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Dear parishioners,

Thursday this week is the **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**. This year, we will be having a sung mass at St Augustine's at 7.00 p.m. and welcoming **Bishop Gerard Bradley** who will be celebrating.

The English Bishops rightly upgraded Our Lady of Walsingham's day to a feast a couple of years ago. Walsingham was one of the greatest shrines of Mary in the world and one of the two great Shrines in England until they were destroyed by that tyrant king Henry. The other shrine was of course St Thomas of Canterbury in the Cathedral of our local city. Unlike St Thomas' Shrine, we can now rejoice that Walsingham Shrine has been restored to its beauty and many again make their pilgrimage to England's Nazareth today. This includes many families in August this year who walked sixty miles to Walsingham with priests who celebrated the Traditional Latin Mass with them every day in fields while on the road. The pilgrimage finished with a High Mass at the Abbey Ruins in Walsingham where they were joined by many others who travelled there by coach for the Mass of Ages, the same mass as had been celebrated before the terrible destruction of that Abbey.

In Ramsgate we have a special fellowship with Walsingham because of The Shrine of St Augustine of Canterbury. He brought the gospel to St Ethelbert and the people of Kent and England and through the vision given to the Lady Richeldis hundreds of years later, Christian faith deepened in this land through great devotion to Mary. So much so, that England was given the name 'Our Lady's Dowry'. Ramsgate also has a connection to Walsingham through our very own Fr Simon, Shrine Chaplain, who is a priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Personally, I have often been to Walsingham since I was a teenager, and Our Lady's shrine in England has played a major part in my own pilgrimage through life with Jesus and Mary.

I am very pleased to welcome Bishop Gerard Bradley for his first visit to St Augustine's Shrine as auxiliary bishop in Southwark. However, this is far from his first visit to this parish to which he has a long connection, particularly through Minister Abbey where he led retreats for us seminarians. He was consecrated in February this year with great thanksgiving in our archdiocese, for Bishop Gerard is Southwark through and through and has a deep connection with our cathedral and former seminary of St John's, Womersley. Many priests in this diocese know him from seminary where he was our director in spirituality, liturgy and music and wise counsellor to us when vocation became obscured by the apparent pitfalls, obstacles and complexities of life. After leaving the seminary, bishop Gerard spent several years as a parish priest and assisted the Archbishop as episcopal vicar. We are delighted Bishop Gerard can join us for our great English feast this Thursday and I hope many of you will come to show your love for Our Lady, Mary of Walsingham and welcome him to our Holy Shrine of St Augustine's in Ramsgate. See you there.

God Bless, Fr Jonathon

The next **Seniors Social** will be on Saturday the 3rd October from 2pm-4pm in St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall. Come along for some Bingo, cake, tea, coffee, raffle and good company. Please see the poster at the back of the church for more information.

Refugee Parish Talk: 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me' (Matthew 25:35)

Along with Mark Choonara, Director of Caritas, Archdiocese of Southwark & Matthew Partridge (Parish Volunteer), all are invited to an evening which highlights the plight of refugees on the 28th September at 7.00 pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tanners St, Faversham, ME13 7JP

How do we pray? How do we build a better, more fulfilling relationship with God?

All are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called Teach Us to Pray facilitated by Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission. The programme will be online on Tuesdays, starting 6th October from 7pm - 8.15pm. Following 4 online sessions, there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a Diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join us whenever you can. See <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqd> or see the poster for information.

There will also be a second collection this weekend for **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday** (Home Mission). The Evangelii Gaudium collection provides the Bishops of England & Wales with resources to support 'Home Mission', the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

The Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding their annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse on the 30th September 2026, at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral. The service will be led by Archbishop John Wilson and is an opportunity for the archdiocese community to express their solidarity and compassion to those that have been hurt by abuse and our commitment to building safe environments for all. All are welcome to attend.

Macmillan Coffee Morning. On the 27th September at 11.30am at St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall. Donations of cakes and volunteers to help on the day are required. Please contact Kate Morgan or the parish office.

For anyone interested in the continuing **Synod on Solidarity** process, please visit <https://rcaos.org.uk/get-involved/synod/>

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 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

The Parish newsletter can be viewed online at www.augustine-pugin.org.uk

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, Moira Barter, 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 – Maureen, Reena, Fr. Jonathon & Patricia Smalley WB

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.

Supporting Your Parish.

Gift Aid. Our parish benefits greatly from Gift Aid which allows charities like us to reclaim tax on donations made by a UK Taxpayer. This means we can claim back from the HMRC 25p for every £1 you donate.

Legacy. A gift in your Will to the Church is a wonderful way to support your local Catholic community and parish.

Volunteering. If you can donate your time to support the parish in any way please contact the parish office.

Mass Intentions for the Week

		<i>St. Ethelbert's</i>	<i>St. Augustine's</i>
Saturday 19 th September	<i>St. Theodore of Canterbury, bishop</i>		12 noon (Latin 1962 Low Mass) Marieta & Garrett Brennan WB
<i>Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) (1962 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)</i>		5.30pm Alex Dias RIP	
Sunday 20 th September		10.00am Ann Widdecombe RIP	8.30am Fr. Jonathon TG
		12 noon Calvert Family PI (English & Polish)	12 noon Maria PI (Sung 1962 Latin Mass)
Monday 21 st September	<i>St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist, feast</i>	NO 9.30AM MASS TODAY	12 noon Fr. Joseph Edattu TG (Latin 1962 Low Mass)
Tuesday 22 nd September	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	NO 9.30AM MASS TODAY	12 noon John Torpey RIP
Wednesday 23 rd September	<i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest, memorial</i>	9.30am Ron Francis RIP	12 noon Private Intention (Latin 1962 Low Mass) Ember Wednesday of September)
Thursday 24 th September	<i>Our Lady of Walsingham, feast</i>	9.30am Private Intention (School Mass)	7.00pm People of the Parish Solemn Sung Mass celebrated by Bishop Gerard Bradley
Friday 25 th September	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Krzysztof & Malgorzata PI (Feria in Ordinary Time)	12 noon Fr. Joseph Edattu TG (Ordinariate) Friday after the 15 th Sunday after Trinity
Saturday 26 th September	<i>SS. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs</i>		12 noon (Latin 1962 Sung Nuptial Mass) Wedding of Anna Staroszczyk & Radomir Andres
<i>Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i>		5.30pm Claudia Abel & Family PI	

**Other
Masses in
Thanet:**

Minster Abbey – www.minsterabbeynuns.org
 Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs - www.ourlady-broadstairs.org.uk
 Parish of the Holy Family, Birchington - www.holyfamilythanet.org.uk
 Ss. Austin & Gregory with St. Anne, Margate – www.margatecatholic.org