



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Dear parishioners,

This Sunday, we welcome Paul Whittle who will speak to us about this Autumn's **CAFOD HARVEST APPEAL** and the Family Fast Day this coming Friday.

Can you imagine waving your child or grandchild off to school, knowing they'll spend the day hungry? Children keen to learn will try to concentrate in lessons but with an empty stomach, thinking is more about food than what they're trying to learn. It's difficult to imagine, but for many families around the world, this is a daily reality.

This is the case for 12-year-old Tayla who lives in northern Zimbabwe, where drought had left many communities struggling with shortages of food and water. Before school each morning Tayla had to fetch water, which meant she often arrived at school hungry and tired. Without enough food or water, she struggled to concentrate in class and worried about falling behind with her studies. Tayla said: "It affected me because I would feel tired and not be good at working. Some of the mathematics would be hard." But together, parishioners like us, Tayla's community and CAFOD's trusted Caritas partners began to change that situation.

The first help was to ensure the children received school meals so they could keep learning. But at the same time, local experts worked with Tayla's school and the community to install a solar-powered water system – a long-term solution that means the children can drink safe water and wash their hands all through the day, without having to collect it before school. The school also uses the water to grow vegetables to provide nutritious school meals for children throughout the year.

Now Tayla and her classmates are better able to learn and play. And she's happy she can now concentrate in her math's lessons, so she can pursue her dream of becoming a doctor. As Tayla proudly says: "**We are getting more energy**". Tayla's story shows what's possible when we come together. But there are many more children who still arrive at school hungry every day, and others that need our support.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is next Friday **the 2nd of October**. This Harvest season, we have an opportunity to thank God for all we have received and to share those blessings with others. We are all neighbours on this planet and called to put our faith into action by supporting those who don't have enough food or safe water, the basics of life. As you leave Mass today, please take a CAFOD envelope or scan the QR code to donate to help communities around the world put food on the table. And if you're a UK taxpayer, please remember to complete the Gift Aid declaration, which increases your donation by 25 per cent at no extra cost to you. This isn't just an envelope. It's an opportunity to help another child arrive at school ready to learn instead of worrying about hunger. If you're able to give monthly, your gift will help even more communities build these lasting solutions. Thank you all and I hope and pray the Parish of Ramsgate and Minister will give a warm welcome to Paul who has given up his weekend to speak to us and that we will give generously to this Appeal.

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.



Macmillan Coffee Morning. This Sunday at 11.30am at St. Ethelbert's Parish Hall. Donations of cakes and volunteers to help are greatly appreciated. All are invited to join us.

Rosary Sunday. On Sunday the 4th October at 4pm we will have our parish Rosary Sunday at St. Ethelbert's Church. Everyone is invited to come and pray the rosary followed by benediction.

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/tnpn4hqjd> or see the poster for information.

There will be a Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks on Friday the 23rd October at 6pm at St. Ethelbert's to celebrate **Deacon Peter Brown's 25th Anniversary** of being ordained as a Deacon. All are welcome to join us for the Mass and there will be a reception in the Parish Hall afterwards. If you are able to donate any food and/or drinks please contact the parish office or pastoral assistant. Please note that as it's on Friday we should be abstaining from meat.

New **St. Augustine's Shrine Monthly Tours** are available starting on the 4th October at 2pm. Tours cost £5 per person and can be booked through the parish office.

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

Social Media:  @ramsgateminster  Ramsgate Minster

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

Colin Guiver, 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 – Theresa, John & 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 26 th September	<i>SS. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs</i>			12 noon (<i>Latin 1962 Sung Nuptial Mass</i>)	Wedding of Anna Staroszczyk & Radomir Andres
Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) (1962 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)		5.30pm	Claudia Able & Family PI		
Sunday 27 th September		10.00am	Ivy Jessica Lillian Hulcoop RIP	8.30am	Patrick Campbell RIP
		12 noon (<i>English & Polish</i>)	Jan Staszczak RIP	12 noon (<i>Sung 1962 Latin Mass</i>)	Mercy, Jessie & Gabriella PI
Monday 28 th September	<i>St. Wenceslaus, martyr</i>	9.30am (<i>Solemn Latin Requiem Mass</i>)	Colin Gerald William Guiver RIP	12 noon	Theresa Abimbola Afolabi TG for her birthday
Tuesday 29 th September	<i>SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels</i>	NO 9.30AM MASS TODAY		12 noon (<i>Latin 1962 Low Mass</i>)	Chris Zeegeis RIP
Wednesday 30 th September	<i>St. Jerome, priest & Doctor</i>	9.30am	Phyllis McQuaid RIP (Anniversary)	12 noon (<i>Latin 1962 Low Mass</i>) <i>St. Jerome, priest</i>	Nepal Flood Victims RIP
Thursday 1 st October	<i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor</i>	9.30am (<i>School Mass</i>)	Ania & Voitek PI	NO 12 NOON MASS TODAY	
Friday 2 nd October	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	6.00pm <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	Calvert Family PI	12 noon (<i>Ordinariate</i>) <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	Ania & Voitek's Children PI
Saturday 3 rd October	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			12 noon (<i>Latin 1962 Low Mass</i>) <i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	Mrs Redford PI
Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)		5.30pm	Amanda, Collette, Eve & Elvira RIP		

**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