Parish of Ramsgate & Minster
Newsletter - Sunday 4th October 2026

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Dear parishioners,

"Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand' Mtt,13: 13

Jesus means this spiritually. We can go about our lives, we can see and hear, but we observe nothing, fail to grasp the meaning of what we encounter. We look *'as in a glass darkly'* as St Paul says and are so often blinded and deafened by own pre-occupations and opinions and even prejudices.

This of course often means we miss out on many things we could do with our lives and friendships we might make. Many people may take a newsletter, but far fewer will read it, and even those who do, how often does the information seem to connect to you? It's like we only see the fish in the river if we've got a rod in our hand, we only see the flowers if we're going to pick them. Perhaps too often it's just a jumble of words that we don't think applies to us, but to others. And that applies even more to posters on notice boards, which are little more noticed than wallpaper.

Could the Social Afternoon notice apply to me? Or the coffee morning? If you like singing, did you know about the monthly Sunday devotions? Did you know that the sung mass for Our Lady of Walsingham's feast day at St Augustine's celebrated by our new auxiliary bishop was for you too? If you believe in Unity, have you been to our ecumenical prayer breakfasts and services together with other Christians in Ramsgate? Are you interested in Spirituality: did you know about our weekly group that meets to study the Spirituality of the Church on Monday afternoons?

And yet how often do we hear 'I never knew about that'? But everything we do in the parish, which is a lot, is advertised in the newsletter, on posters and announced at the end of mass. There is something for everybody. It's just a matter of approaching the river with a fishing rod or the flower garden with secateurs. Approach your parish newsletter as if you *are* looking for something, as if it is written for you and you may find your church has more for you to take part in than you realised.

But most people now don't want newspapers or newsletters on paper, or bother with paper posters. Yes, rather behind the times as we are, we need to focus on where most people look for information. So now the parish is making yet another attempt at making our services known electronically. We're going online. Yes, following previous attempts and failures and two years of talk, this week saw the launch of **OUR NEW PARISH WEBSITE:** www.ramsgateandminster.co.uk . So, your newsletter will be available there every week, in addition to the good old paper in the basket at the back of the church.

You can also have it sent to your email inbox.

Or you can find it on the St Augustine's Website. www.augustine-pugin.org.uk

We also have new social media initiatives from some parishioners. INSTAGRAM @ramsgateminster Facebook Ramsgate Minster. Over time, we'll build up the resources on our new website, and thank you Beny, Julie and Fran for your assistance in these new initiatives. Brave new world.. here we come!

God Bless, Fr Jonathon

Please note that the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 4th October has changed to 6pm in Polish.

First Sunday of the Month **St. Augustine's Shrine Tours** at 2pm. Discover the beauty and history of the Shrine. Tours cost £5 per person. To book a place, email: ramsgate@rcaos.org.uk

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 a CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

SCAN TO DONATE

Coffee Morning. All are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall on Saturday 17th October from 11am for a fundraising coffee morning. Cakes, raffle prizes and helpers are needed.

Rosary Sunday Afternoon Devotions. Unfortunately, this has had to be cancelled.

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 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.

Holy Souls envelopes are now available at the back of church. Please take one and add the names of your late family and friends then bring them back to Church so we can pray for them during November. Please contact the parish office for more information.

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 on the parish websites.
Social Media: @ramsgateminster Ramsgate Minster

Please remember in your prayers those who have died this year especially:
Pauline Gladman, 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 Bowell, Brylle Buenaventura, William Carbury, Mary Cotton, Eileen Crowley, Christopher Egan, A. Fell, Martin Flannery, Julie Foreman, Jim Gallagher, 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, Terry Morgan, 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, Helena Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Frank Tierney, Catherine Tocci, Julian Tranguille & Jenny Whitebread.

St. Ethelbert's Prayer Candles – 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

		St. Ethelbert's		*St. Augustine's*	
Saturday 3rd October ***Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) (1962 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)*** *CAFOD Collection*	*The Blessed Virgin Mary*	5.30pm	Amanda, Collette, Eve & Elvira RIP	12 noon *(Latin 1962 Low Mass)*	Mrs Redford PI
Sunday 4th October		10.00am	Parents of Renata Gornik RIP	8.30am	Sean Pettit WB
		6pm *(Polish)*	Anna Staszczak TG	12 noon *(Sung 1962 Latin Mass)*	People of the Parish
Monday 5th October	*St. Faustina Kowalska, virgin, memorial*	9.30am	Kevin & Dode Brophy WB	12 noon	Diane Holland RIP
Tuesday 6th October	*St. Bruno, priest*	**NO 9.30AM MASS TODAY**		12 noon	Fr. Joseph Edatto TG
Wednesday 7th October	*Our Lady of the Rosary, memorial*	9.30am	Peter Bruff RIP	12 noon *(Latin 1962 Low Mass)* *Our Lady of the Rosary*	Przemek PI
Thursday 8th October	*Feria in Ordinary Time*	9.30am *(School Mass)*	Dominic & Norris PI	**NO 12 NOON MASS TODAY**	
Friday 9th October	*St. John Henry Newman, priest, feast*	6.00pm *Feria in Ordinary Time*	Teresza & Piotr PI	12 noon *(Ordinariate)* *St. John Henry Newman, priest & doctor*	Michael Carey RIP
Saturday 10th October ***Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)***	*St. Paulinus of York, bishop*	5.30pm	Abbot Paulinus O.S.B. TG	12 noon *(Latin 1962 Low Mass)* *St. Francis Borgia*	Patricia & Bob Smalley TG

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