



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

Weekly Newsletter - Sunday 22nd February 2026

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Dear parishioners,

THE PARISH LENT APPEAL.

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart... and you shall love your neighbour as yourself'
(Mark12:29-31)

Let us give this Lent to help our neighbours grow enough food to eat.

This weekend we welcome a guest speaker from **CAFOD** (the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) who will be telling us about this Lent's Family Fast Day Appeal. This Lent we remember people in Zimbabwe where there is too little rain and where God's creation is parched. We remember people in parts of Bangladesh and South Sudan, where there is too much rain, causing constant flooding. The result is the same for our neighbours – seeds fail to grow, plants die and families go hungry.

In Lent, we live out the Gospel to love our neighbours such as those in Zimbabwe, South Sudan and Bangladesh. By fasting and giving what we can save, we join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Our donations can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as flood resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. You can make a donation with cash or cheque and put it in a CAFOD **envelope**, make your donation in the second collection or go **online** at cafod.org.uk/ or call **0303 303 3030**. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.00.



CAFOD Lent Appeal

CAFOD LENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

As we walk through this sacred season of Lent, a time of repentance, renewal, and hope, we come before you with humble hearts, lifting up the people of South Sudan.

Lord, we are mindful of the suffering caused by climate change, the floods, droughts, and hunger that afflict many communities. Grant us wisdom to care for your creation and courage to act in solidarity with those most affected.

We pray for our nation amid political instability and conflict, where fear and division continue to wound hearts and hinder peace. Pour out your Spirit of reconciliation and guide our leaders toward justice, unity, and lasting stability.

We remember the ongoing conflict in Sudan, whose effects spill into South Sudan, displacing families, increasing hardship, and stretching our capacity to respond. May your mercy and peace reach all who are suffering.

Amid funding constraints and growing needs, Lord, strengthen those who serve the vulnerable and sustain organizations striving to bring hope and relief. Remind us that even in scarcity, your grace abounds.

As we reflect on Christ's journey to the Cross, renew in us compassion, courage, and faith, that we may be instruments of Your peace, justice, and healing in our land.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen

Wishing you all a joyful Lent,

Fr Jonathon

Lent Retreat Day at Minster Abbey, March 28th 2026. The theme of the day is 'Lent- A Journey in Love' and it will be led by experienced retreat guide, Eddie Gilmore. Contact him at: gileag@gmail.com or visit his website www.eddiegilmore.org for more information.

Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows. Every Friday at 9am before Mass at St. Ethelbert's.

Pray the Romero Rosary at St George's Cathedral. Join Archbishop John Wilson and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary every Friday at 5pm throughout Lent. This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer. Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion at the National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) on Friday 6th and Friday 27th March. On all other Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead the rosary, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6pm. Let the rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season. Find out more at: rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary

Discernment Retreats for single Catholic women aged 18-35 at Minster Abbey Benedictine Monastery for those who are open to discerning a monastic vocation. Retreats are in the 27th-29th March, 7th-9th August & 9th-11th October 2026. Please see the notice at the back of church or contact Sister Walburga at minstervocations@gmail.com

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Stations of the Cross. Every Friday during Lent.

St. Ethelbert's

7pm followed by a showing of 'The Chosen' in the Parish Room.

St. Augustine's

11.15am followed by Mass at noon then a Lenten Lunch in the Visitors Centre



Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament:

St Ethelbert's: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8.30am.

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

Rosary: *St Ethelbert's:* Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9.00am.

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: Sunday 12 noon (during Mass) or by arrangement.

St. Augustine's Visitor Centre and Shrine is open to visitors 7 days a week from 10am to 4pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

		<i>St. Ethelbert's</i>		<i>St. Augustine's</i>	
Saturday 28 th February	<i>Lenten Feria</i>	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am		12 noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Matt Dickenson PI
<i>Second Sunday of Lent (A)</i>		5.30pm	Edward Smalley TG on his Birthday		
Sunday 1 st March		10am	Carl McGovern RIP <i>(Month's Mind)</i>	8.30am	People of the Parish
		12 noon <i>(Polish)</i>	Phillip & Wye PI	12 noon <i>(Sung Latin 1962)</i>	Madeleine Kenning RIP
Monday 2 nd March	<i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30am	Rita Andrews TG	12 noon	Josephine Menezes RIP
Tuesday 3 rd March	<i>Lenten Feria</i>	NO MASS TODAY		12 noon	Maria PI
Wednesday 4 th March	<i>Lenten Feria (1962 St. Casimir, Patron of Poland & Lithuania & St. Lucias, Pope)</i>	9.30am <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Annie McMillan RIP	12 noon	Requiem Mass for Anthony Barrans RIP
Thursday 5 th March	<i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30am	Mrs Marva Rees (Chappell) RIP	NO MASS TODAY	
Friday 6 th March	<i>Lenten Feria</i>	9am	Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows	11.15am	Stations of the Cross
		9.30am	Eryk Brzyski TG on his birthday		
<i>Women's World Day of Prayer</i>		6pm <i>(Polish)</i>	Phillip & Wye PI	12 noon <i>(Ordinariate)</i>	Ciall Humphrey PI
		7pm	Stations of the Cross		
Saturday 7 th March	<i>Lenten Feria (Ss. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs - collect) (1962 St. Thomas Aquinas, doctor)</i>	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am		12 noon <i>(Latin 1962 Low Mass)</i>	Irene Singh TG
<i>Third Sunday of Lent (A)</i>		5.30pm	Ellen Goodman PI		