



## Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

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Newsletter for Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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Tel: 01843 594031. St. Augustine's Shrine email: [augustineshrine@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:augustineshrine@rcaos.org.uk), Tel: 01843 592071. **Shrine Chaplain:** Fr Simon Heans; **Polish Chaplain:** Fr. Ryszard Hanaczewski; **Deacon:** Rev'd Peter Brown; **Verger:** Anthony Jinks. **Safeguarding Officer:** Sasha Ofori. **Minster Abbey,** Mother Nikola & Sisters; (Sunday Mass at 10.00am and daily Mass at 9.00am. 01843 821254). **The Divine Retreat Centre:** Fr. Joseph Edattu & Fr. Paul Pallichamkudiyil. Weekday Mass 5.30pm. (01843 586904). **St. Ethelbert's School:** Headteacher, Mr. Simon Marshall - (01843 585555).

Dear parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate **THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH.** Archbishop John tells us *'Many families across our Archdiocese face heavy burdens: for example, the cost-of-living crisis, the pressures of work or study, sickness or disability. Added to these are the loneliness that grows behind closed doors and the grief that changes everything. The Church is a family of families. In Christ, there are no orphans. When one member of the family suffers, all share the burden; and when one rejoices, all share the joy. Our parishes, schools, and chaplaincies need to be places where people feel they belong and are known by name; where the struggling are welcomed, where wanderers know they can come home, where sinners find forgiveness'*

I thank you for helping those who are trying to cope with some of the pressures the Archbishop mentions by your financial support of **The Catholic Children's Society** which is our Collection at the Crib. We can thank God that in our parish we show great signs of looking out for one another as the family of Holy Church. This was particularly noticeable in the Social afternoon on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> in which we had adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church with confessions *and* the party in the hall at the same time. It was fitting that you went from one to the other, for in the church we adore the Body of Christ and in our parish hall we are the body of Christ by being his family with one another. This we celebrated in friendship and joy. Being focused on the Real Presence of Christ in the Mass and being the body of Christ in our love and forgiveness for one another *is* being Church, *is* living as a Holy Family of Jesus in Ramsgate.

We have received some very good news from Rome in our own Archdiocese: firstly, Canon Gerard Bradley will be consecrated as Auxiliary Bishop for Southwark. Bishop-Elect Gerard is a son of our Archdiocese and trained many of us priests as a formator and spiritual director at our beloved (alas -no- more) seminary of St John's in Wonersh. In the last few years he has been Archbishop John's Episcopal Vicar in South-West London. Secondly, another son of Southwark and our former Vicar General, more recently Bishop of Arundel and Brighton has been appointed to Westminster. And thirdly, as you will know, your former parish priest here, Canon Marcus Holden is now Rector of the Beda Seminary in Rome. Let us pray this Sunday for our wider Church Family of Southwark Archdiocese and for her priests who remain her sons, however and wherever they are serving the Lord. God bless and Happy New Year, Fr Jonathon

**Prayer Candles - St. Ethelbert's:** William & Phyllis Rapley RIP, Maureen, Rena, Terry, Kate

**Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish:** M. Marjoam, A. Fell, Edward Smalley, T. Webster, H. Russell, Joan Hall, B. Mallon, A. Gosling, Frank Tierney, A. Lucas, Kevin Nicholas, Susanna King, Sr. Aelred, Mark Harvey, Valerie & Michael Godden, Eileen & Jack McCaughan, Jef Silva, Steve Lawlor, Eileen Crowley, Yan Kelly, Norma McAllister, Patricia Smalley, Jane Ryan, Edmond Glean, William Carbury, Carlos Hernandez, Christopher Egan, Tom Phelan, Martin Flannery, Kay Lovett, Kevin Pender, Alex Jordan, Eleanor McGinley, Tarlie Sansom, Mary Cotton, Di Sinclair-St Claire, Maggie Smith, Uta Nedd, Mary Northrop, Catherine Tocci, Julian Tranguille, Lisa Taylor, Pauline Gladman, Piotr Kapuśniak, Tim Bowell, Julie Foreman, Guy Rowe, Brylle Buenaventura, Fr. Christopher Basden, Kevin Flynn, Derek Rydz, Jim Gallagher, Jeannette Riley, Christine Layfield, Tai Jordan, Jenny Whitebread, Magdalena Prystupa.

**Please remember in your prayer all those who have died recently.**

**Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament:** *St Ethelbert's:* Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8.30am. *St Augustine's:* Tuesday 12.30 - 1.30pm.

**Rosary:** *St Ethelbert's:* Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.00am. **Mothers' Prayers:** St. Ethelbert's Parish Room, on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 12.00noon followed by **1<sup>st</sup> Friday Rosary** at 12.30pm.

**Please see Mass Schedule overleaf for any changes this week.**

**Confessions:** *St Ethelbert's:* Saturday before 5.30pm. Mass. *St Augustine's:* Saturday 11.00am. after Mass and by arrangement. **St. Augustine's Visitor Centre and Shrine** are open to visitors 7 days a week from 10.00am to 4.00pm

Day	Date	St Ethelbert's		St Augustine's	
<b>Saturday</b> St. John, Apostle & Evangelist  <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph (A)</b> <b>Sunday</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am  5.30pm (Vigil)  The Smalley Family TG	12.00noon (Latin 1962, Low Mass)	Holy Souls November List
	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am  12.00noon (Polish)	Ron Francis RIP  Kasia, Kamil & Family PI	8.30am  12.00noon (Sung Latin – Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity)	People of the Parish  Holy Souls November List
<b>Monday</b> St. Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop & Martyr	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Terry Boyle RIP	12.00noon	Barbara Ford RIP
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Day within Octave of the Nativity of The Lord	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am	12.00noon	Maureen Ratcliff RIP
<b>Wednesday</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Day within Octave of the Nativity of The Lord	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9.30am (Latin 1962 Low Mass)	Joseph Bane RIP	12.00noon	Holy Souls November List
<b>Thursday</b> Mary the Holy Mother of God	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 26	9.30am	Holy Souls November List	12.00noon	Holy Souls November List
		12.00noon (Polish)	Peace throughout the world		
<b>Friday</b> St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctor of the Church	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	9.30am	Gosia TG – Birthday	12.00noon (Ordinarie)	Roz Lennon RIP
		6.00pm (Polish)	Renata & Acek TG & Graces		
<b>Saturday</b> The Most Holy Name of Jesus  <b>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Nativity (A)</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan		Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am	12.00noon (Latin 1962 Low Mass)	John Carnell PI
		5.30pm	Holy Souls November List		

**Mary's Meals** is looking for volunteers. Could you spare a few hours during the year to help? They are looking for Parish Reps, volunteer speakers (training and support provided) and for volunteers who can help at events. Please see notice at the back of church for further information.

**Money raised for Mary's Meals** from donations received from parishioners, instead of sending Christmas cards, totalled £215.00.

**Please Collect your Missio Red Boxes** from the Parish Office for all who handed them in to be counted.

**Southwark Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** Travelling overnight by luxury coach from 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Travel, full board and programme cost £590.00. See poster at the back of Church for full details and how to book.

**Feast of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Solemn Vespers, Canterbury Cathedral Crypt, Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.** See poster.

**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.

**For 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Preparation: Contact** – Catechist Mrs Julie Rydz.

**Confirmation & Pre 1<sup>st</sup> 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 sick or bereaved parishioners who may like a home visit, or their name placed on the sick list, please obtain their permission and forward details to Parish Office on 01843 594031.

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St Augustine's: Facebook, Twitter & Instagram: @AugustinePugin or on YouTube:/staugustinesramsgate  
Website: [www.augustine-pugin.org.uk](http://www.augustine-pugin.org.uk). Newsletter can now be accessed from the Shrine homepage:  
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