



Christmas in the Parish of Ramsgate & Minster 2025

The Visitor Centre will be closed only on Christmas Day.

We give a special thanks to the **LATIN MASS SOCIETY** for their generous sponsorship and support for the music at our Midnight Mass at St Augustine's this Christmas and throughout the year.

Crib Offerings to be donated to the Catholic Children's Society.

There is only 1 collection at Masses over Christmas, this is your gift to the priests of the parish. Envelopes available at the back of church.

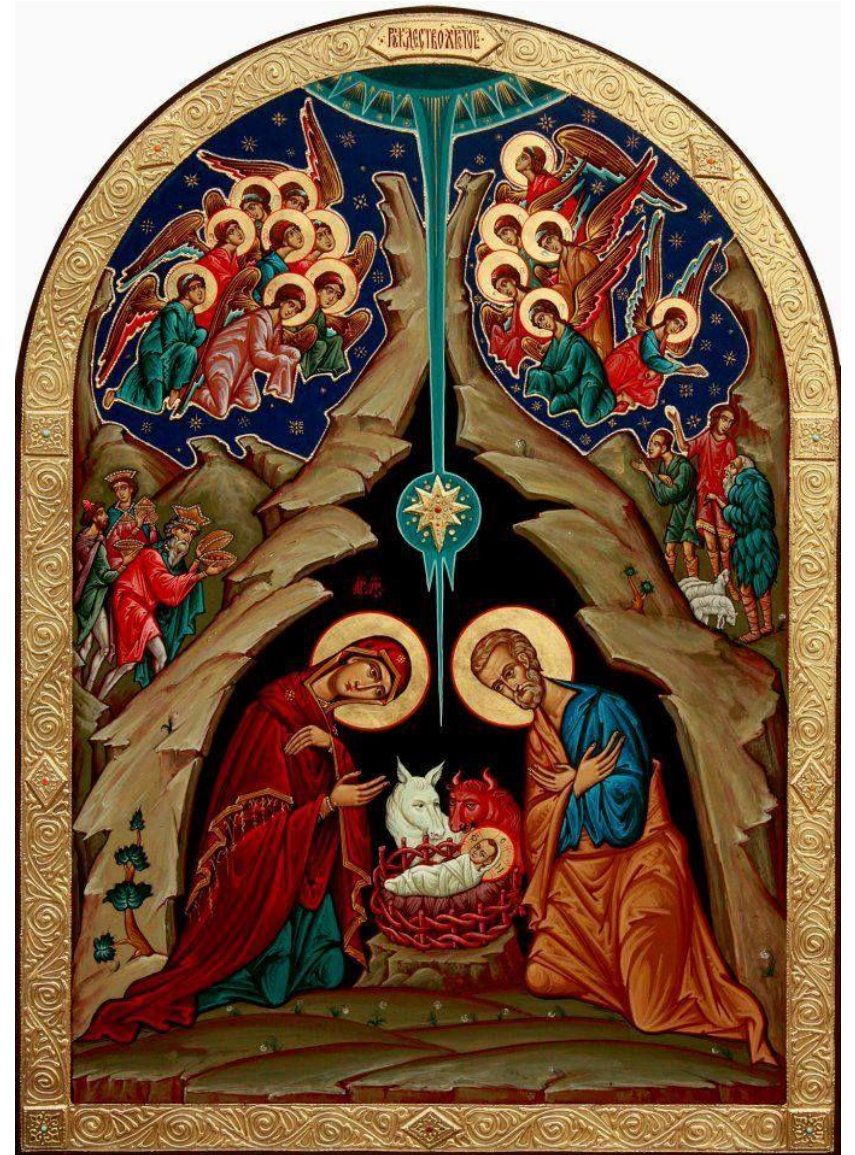
Mary's Meals Charity - For those who donated at Christmas to Mary's Meals instead of sending Christmas cards to parishioners:

HAPPY CHRISTMAS - WISHING YOU ALL THE JOYS AND BLESSINGS AT

CHRISTMAS. From: *Fr. Jonathon Routh, Fr. Simon & Anne Heans, Fr. Ryszard, Shirley Lacey, Jane Ryan, Rena Gathercole, Laura & Sid Wyness, Gesina Triggs, Rita & Keith Andrews, Julie Rydz, Julie Foreman, Terry Campbell, Patricia & Edward Smalley, Eileen & Jack McCaughan, Kate & Terry Morgan, Ruth & Terry Leonard, Claire & John Turner, Caroline Sansom, Natalie Ratcliff, Jackie Coppock, Tarlie Sansom, Joyce, Lourdes Fernandes, Jenny McKeeverne & Maureen Francis.*

Prayer Candles - St. Ethelbert's: William & Phyllis Rapley RIP, Steven Godden RIP, Helena Taylor, Smalley Family, Sisters of Minster, Monks of Chilworth, Mary Cotton, Rena Gathercole, Kay Roberts, Maggie & Brian Smith, Helena's Family, Ali, Jane, Alison, Lee, Leanne & Family, Joyce, Magdalena Prystupa, deceased members of the Francis & Power Families.

Parish of Ramsgate & Minster Christmas Services & Confessions



2025

Saturday 20th December	12.00 noon (<i>Latin 1962, Low Mass</i>) Holy Souls Nov List	St. A
4th Sunday of Advent (A) Vigil Mass	Preparing for Christmas by spending time with the Lord: Adoration, Confession 1.00 – 5.00pm. Followed by Benediction at 5.00pm 5.30 pm Steven Godden RIP	St. E St. E
Sunday, 21st December	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.00 am Cardinal Dominic Duka RIP 10.00 am Sunday Mass 12.00 noon (<i>Polish</i>) Jacek & Renata PI 12.00 noon (<i>Sung Latin 1962</i>) Holy Souls Nov List	St. A St. E Minster St. E St. A
Monday, 22nd December 25 <i>Feria</i>	9.00 am Daily Mass 9.30 am John McQuaid RIP 12.00 noon Royce & Clark Family PI	Minster St. E St. A
Tuesday, 23rd December 25 <i>Feria</i>	9.00 am Daily Mass 12.00 noon Holy Souls November List	Minster St. A
Wednesday 24th December THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD		
The Vigil Mass	5.00 pm Carols 5.30 pm (<i>Sung</i>) William & Phyllis Rapley RIP	St. E St. E
The Mass during the Night	9.30 pm Carols 10.00 pm (<i>Sung</i>) Magdalena Prystupa - Wellbeing	St. E St. E
	9.30 pm Carols 10.00 pm (<i>Sung Latin 1962</i>) (Music: <i>Messe Basse</i> by Gabriel Fauré/ <i>Hodie Christus Natus Est</i> by Sweelinck/ <i>Alma Redemptoris</i> by Palestrina) Pat & Jim Lee RIP	St. A St. A
	12.00 Midnight Mass	Minster
Thursday, 25th December The Mass at Dawn	8.30 am (<i>Said</i>) Maggie & Brian Smith - Wellbeing	St. A
The Mass during the Day	10.00 (<i>Sung</i>) Mary Cotton - Wellbeing 10.00 am (<i>Latin1962, Low Mass</i>) St. Ethelbert's School 10.00 am Mass 12.00 noon (<i>Polish</i>) The Polish Community	St. E St. A Minster St. E
Friday, 26th December <i>St. Stephen, Deacon & 1st Martyr</i>	9.00 am Daily Mass 12.00 noon (<i>Sung Latin 1962</i>) Altar Servers TG 12.00 noon (<i>Polish</i>) Jacek & Renata PI	Minster St. A St. E
Saturday, 27th December <i>St. John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	9.00 am Daily Mass	Minster
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (A) Vigil Mass	12.00 noon (<i>Latin 1962, Low Mass</i>) Holy Souls N List 5.30 pm The Smalley Family TG	St. A St. E

Dear parishioners,

This Christmas we are supporting two charities, **MARY'S MEALS** for your Christmas greeting in this newsletter and your **CRIB OFFERING** for **THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**. Each year many parishes in England donate their Crib Offering to support the work of the Catholic Children's Society. This enables them to provide vital support when families need it most. For example, helping a newly bereaved family put food on the table, or simply providing a child living in poverty with a warm winter coat. The need for this work is more acute than ever and many families are facing real hardship in this country.

Recently, **The Catholic Children's Society** helped a mother and her two young children who had fled domestic abuse with just the clothes on their backs. They were rehoused but their new flat was completely bare, without the basic items such as beds or a cooker. For weeks the family slept huddled together under blankets on the cold floor, surviving on instant soup made with an old kettle.

When the children's school contacted CCS, they responded immediately and provided the family with the essentials they needed. The children can now sleep comfortably in their own beds and enjoy warm meals together. The mother said '*I'm so grateful for this support. It's made a huge difference to my children's wellbeing. Thank you for your kindness during such a difficult time*'.

There are many more vulnerable families in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib Offering to support this important work. You can donate at the Cribs at both St Ethelbert's and St Augustine's or via the CCS website: www.cathchild.org.uk/crib.

We give thanks to God for his many blessings upon the parish of Ramsgate and Minster in the last year. We have also had many losses of beloved parishioners, but we always celebrate that God is with us. Because of that first Christmas Day, long ago, we can continue to walk with God today amidst the passing things of this life in the hope of Heaven. This Christmas we show our thanks to God for his gift of the Child of Bethlehem, in our financial gift as a parish to the poor children in our Archdiocese today through **The Catholic Children's Society**.

God bless you all and I wish you a Happy Christmas, Fr Jonathon.