

## Notices and Reports

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Dennis How** (funeral at St. Augustine's on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 2.30pm), **Angela Cully**, **Mr Forte**, **Patricia Capaldi**, **Maureen Banning** who died recently and their dear families who mourn them.

**Baptism** – Parents requiring Baptism for their child need to attend 3 Sessions, in any order. Next Session 3, is on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 8pm in the Parish Room.

**Volunteers Needed** for design work and welcoming/guiding at St. Augustine's.

**Tea and Coffee is now available after masses at St Augustine's** in the new Visitor Centre.

**House Rosary** on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm at Laura's – 189a Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs.

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm in the Parish Room.

**Stations of the Cross**, on 1st Friday resumes at 3pm, St. Ethelbert's on 2nd February.

**Parish Coffee Morning** – on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February at 10.30 in the Parish room. All welcome.

**Tuesday Adoration - URGENT** help needed for Tuesdays please contact the office if you can help **Adoration each morning** at 8.30am.

**Theology Reading Group** Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan at 5pm.

**Legion of Mary Meetings** – St. Ethelbert's on Friday at 10:15am. Prayer and work for Our Lady in the Parish. New members are always welcome.

**The Sisters of Minster** request prayers for Sr. Patricia who is very poorly.

**Help** - An elder parishioner living in the Dumpton area of Ramsgate would like to attend Mass weekly and requests if there is anyone available to take her to Mass by car each week. Please let Fr. Marcus or the office know if you are able to assist.

**There will be a presentation by the Thanet Volunteer Bureau Ralph Houlst** "Mr Ramsgate" OBE's' on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2.00 – 4.00pm.

**To all members of the Social Committee** - Meeting to be held on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 18 at 7.15pm in the Parish Room.

**We pray for the sick:** N. Wall, Kathy Carr, M. Marjoram, A. Fell, M. McVie, E. Finn, A. Larks, Mary O'Neill, Eugene Maciag, M. Green, E. Smalley, D. Power, A. Shelts, Clem O'Brien, D. Hall, T. Webster, M. Stanley, M. Clark, A. Coldwell, M. DuFau, E. Evans, H. Russell, F. Coyle, M. Whalley, J. Hall, T. Oliver, M. Crawford, B. Mallon, C. Cosgrove, Denis McClosky, G. Gabbet, A. Gosling, B. Curtain, P. Doyle, Mary Austen, Valerie & Malvern Owen, Shirley Atterbury, Y. Kelly, Frank Tierney, Dina Dale, David Pettit, Strom Bolder, A. Lucas, Elvira Lind, Bridget Davis, Mary Cotton, Lorraine Mary Mulverhill..

Are you interested in the work at St Augustine's shrine? Are you a Friend or would like to become a Friend? Would you like to join a broad team of volunteers involved in many exciting works?

PLEASE NOTE THAT ADORATION TAKES PLACE ON TUESDAY 10am-4.30pm - Please watch with Our Lord. He wants to give you His grace.



**NEWS FROM THE SHRINE** - New Shrine/Centre manager at St Augustine's - Fr Simon Heans.

Fr Simon is a priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. He has experience of many years working in schools and more recently in prisons. He ran a 19th century Church in Beckenham in the past and he has been an editor and writer of articles. He has a great love of Pugin and of pilgrimage. We are delighted to welcome him. He will begin immediately for two days a week and start full time with us after Christmas. We wish him every blessing in his new role and we keep him in our prayers.

**Priests:** Fr Marcus Holden, Fr Simon Heans, Fr Leszek Klos. **Deacon:** Rev Peter Brown. **Safeguarding:** Kate Morgan. **Office & Presbytery:** 72 Hereson Rd, Ramsgate CT11 7DS, Tel: 01843 592071 (Polish 07468570445) **Email:** ramsgateandminster@gmail.com **St. Mildred's Priory**, Minster Abbey, Minster, Ramsgate CT12 4HF, 01843 821254. **Website:** www.ramsgateandminster.com. **St. Ethelbert's School:** Dane Park Road, Ramsgate CT11 7LS, 01843 585555. **The Divine Retreat Centre**, St Augustine's Abbey, St. Augustine's Road, Ramsgate CT11 9PA, Tel: 01843 586904.



# Parish of Ramsgate and Minster

Third Sunday after The Epiphany of The Lord 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2018

## This Week

### Monday

-RCIA & Confirmation classes.

### Tuesday

-Theology Reading Group 5pm Parish Room

-Padre Pio Prayer Group 7pm in Parish Room

-Baptismal Preparation at 8pm in Parish Room

### Wednesday

-House Rosary at 3pm - details in the newsletter

### Friday

-Legion of Mary Meeting at 10.15am

-Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm in Parish Room

-Parish Surgery at 6pm in the Parish Room

## Mass Times & Confessions

### St Ethelbert's

9:30am- Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs & Sat

8.00am -Friday

7.30pm - Friday (Polish)

5.30pm -Saturday

10am and 12 noon (Polish) – Sunday

### St Augustine's

12 noon -Daily

8.30 and 12 noon – Sunday

### Minster Abbey

9.00am – Mon-Sat

10.00am Sun

### Confessions

Thurs/Fri 12.30pm (Aug)

Sat 10am & 5-6pm (Eth)

Sun 9.30am-10.30am (Eth)

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Every year we designate a 'stewardship Sunday' to look at our financial support of the parish. This is it! One of the most important realisations about parish financial support is that we are not buying a service like consumers at a store or an event. The parish belongs to us collectively as members of the Church and we are stewards of the Gospel. The purpose of the parish is that from generation to generation in Ramsgate and Minster we can be effective disciples of the Lord and help those around us to know and love God and ultimately to be with Him forever. All the property and resources and activities of the parish are given to us for that reason. Without our proper financial giving the operation of the parish can be hindered. In some cases parishes have been closed because of a lack of responsibility and stewardship.

Parishioners here are known for their generosity, yet with rising costs and expenses in 2017 we ran at a loss and our collections fell slightly overall. We have virtually no reserves in case of emergency or special need. This has left us in a challenging position. It is for this reason that I'm calling on everyone to help. It is a myth that the diocese simply gives money to the parish - the opposite is true. Each year we give significant taxes to the diocese. We are the only people who can meet this challenge.

We have a remarkable parish and you will see in the newsletter just how much goes on here. The running of the parish involves a vast number of enterprises, opportunities and events. The weekly giving of an individual is for the running and upkeep of the entire mission of the parish and its facilities. The greatest giving comes through volunteering. More than 100 volunteers give more than 500 hours per week to the mission of our parish. Without this we couldn't function. The financial help is just the essential oil in the machine - but it is necessary and everything grinds to a halt without it.

Please complete the stewardship form in today's newsletter and place it in the basket at the end of Mass or bring it back next week (or post it for us). You can enclose a donation and/or ask to be contacted about planned giving and gift aid. Please be generous. Most people should be able to respond with a little more help but I'm aware that some are already giving above and beyond what they can afford. In the latter case please help us by your prayers and voluntary support when you are able.

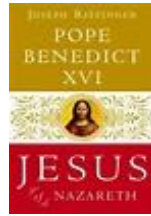
Thank-you once again for your tremendous support and generosity.

Fr Marcus Holden



**Eucharistic Adoration:** The Archdiocese of Southwark is setting up a Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee to develop the practice of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Archdiocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting in St. Thomas More Church, West Malling, Kent ME19 6HN on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 at 3pm (finishing at 4.15). Refreshments served. See poster in the church for further details of how to attend, or contact the Parish Office promptly.

The theology reading group.  
5pm Tuesdays St Ethelbert's.  
Resumes on 16<sup>th</sup> January



Reading "Jesus of Nazareth"- By Pope Benedict XVI

**What activities make up our parish life? Here are some examples of what people do as volunteers:**

- Liturgical** – Reading; Extra-Ordinary Ministry of Holy Communion; Choir; Welcoming at Mass; Repository
- Catechesis** - Helping Couples prepare for marriage; Baptismal Preparation (helping parents prepare for baptism); RCIA (helping enquirers in the Catholic faith and those wanting to become Catholic)
- Children and Youth Catechesis** - Sunday school after 10am Mass; Children's liturgy helper at 10am Mass; Confirmation teaching; First communion teaching; Young People Group
- School** – Governors, volunteer helpers
- Computers and Media** - IT and computer support; Web-site; Design and promotion; Press releases; Photography
- Practical – Office;** Gardening; Flowers; Hall management; Practical help (odd jobs); Electricians; Carpentry; Church Cleaning; Building; Boiler/heating systems; Health and safety; Safeguarding; Committees
- Social** - Tea and Coffee Rota; Events – Catering
- Charitable/Works of Mercy/Evangelisation** - Visiting the sick and housebound; Evangelisation team – Parish visitation; Fundraising and charities; Outreach to homeless; Legion of Mary; Lifts for the elderly; Bereavement ministry
- St Augustine's** – Friends; Welcoming, Guiding; Pilgrimages; Practical help, committees
- Prayer Groups** - Men's group; House rosary; Mothers prayers; Padre Pio Prayer Group; Adoration on Tuesdays
- Keeping Churches Open** Wardens/Porters at door for St Ethelbert's

**Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?**

Maybe you are married to a Catholic and want to know more about your spouse's faith?

Perhaps you are an adult Catholic who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

If YES to any of the above, come to the 'evangelium' course.

**Mondays at 8pm in the Parish Room – Resumes 15<sup>th</sup> January**

**Also involves reading the Compendium of the Catholic Church with explanations**

	Time & Location		Intention	Feast
<b>Sunday 21st January</b>	5.30 pm 8.30am 10.00am 10.00am 12.00 noon (Latin EF) 12.00 noon (Polish)	Eth Aug MA Eth Aug Eth	Betty McClosky RIP Pro Populo  James McVie RIP George Trish - Health	<b>Third Sunday after The Epiphany of The Lord</b>
<b>Monday 22nd January</b>	9.30 am 12.00noon	Eth Aug	Edward McGuire RIP Holy Souls PB Shrine to Our Lady of Montilgeon	<b>Feria</b>
<b>Tuesday 23rd January</b>	9.30 am 12.00pm 18.30pm	Eth Aug Eth	Holy Souls PB Shrine to Our Lady of Montilgeon Timothy Quick RIP The McGuire Family RIP	<b>Feria</b>
<b>Wednesday 24th January</b>	9:30am (Latin EF) 12.00pm	Eth Aug	Hugh Lib - Health Holy Souls PB Shrine to Our Lady of Montilgeon	<b>St Francis de Sales</b>
<b>Thursday 25th January</b>	9:30am 12.00pm	Eth Aug	Holy Souls PB Shrine to Our Lady of Montilgeon Timothy Quick RIP	<b>The Conversion of St Paul</b>
<b>Friday 26th January</b>	8.00am 12.00pm 7.30pm (Polish)	Eth Aug Eth	McVie Family RIP Holy Souls PB Shrine to Our Lady of Montilgeon	<b>Ss Timothy and Titus</b>
<b>Saturday 27th January</b>	9.30am 12.00pm 5.30 pm	Eth Aug Eth	Owen McGuire - Health Holy Souls PB Shrine to Our Lady of Montilgeon Altar Servers.	<b>Feria</b>
<b>Sunday 28th January</b>	8.30am 10.00am 10.00am 12.00pm (Latin EF) 12.00pm (Polish)	Aug Eth MA Aug Eth	Pro Populo McVie Family - living  Timothy Quick RIP	<b>Fourth Sunday (B)</b>

**St Ethelbert:** open 8.30am-4.00pm weekdays and 8.30-1.00pm weekends. **Exposition/Adoration:** **St Ethelbert's:** Tuesday all day Adoration 10.00am – 4.30pm and Mon/Fri 8.30-9.10am (Rosary 9.10am except Friday). **St Augustine's** on Thurs 12.30-1pm. **Minster Abbey** 8pm-8.45pm daily except (Wed & Sun). **Mothers' Prayers,** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month. **Padre Pio Prayer Group,** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues (both 7pm in the Parish Room). **Prayer Candles:** Margarite Wilkenson. **House Rosary:** At 3pm on Wednesday at Laura's 189a Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs. **Stations of the Cross:** at 3pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month at St. Ethelbert's. **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** at 3pm at St. Ethelbert's on Friday in the Parish Room. **Mass attendance:** 435 **Sunday Collections:** 1<sup>st</sup> Collection £666.84 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: £242.99 **Second collection** is for Parish Building Fund. Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Racial Justice Day.

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