



## Parish of Ramsgate and Minster

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parishioners of Ramsgate & Minster,

Dear Fellow Hermits! I was very amused yesterday to read in my utterly secular ‘Independent’ (I read it only for Fisk) an appreciation of the Medieval Rule for Anchoresses; these were women hermits who walled themselves up in a Cell adjacent to the church to pray and do penance for the world and to give advice, through a window, being able to view the liturgy. My secular newspaper was impressed by the good psychological (we would add ‘spiritual!’) advice which recommends a regular timetable. We too can learn from this as we are involuntarily shut up at home and can benefit from a variety of ‘monastic’ works such as reading, meditating, participating in the liturgy, manual labour, meals and recreation. On the other hand, I am rereading one of the most remarkable books I ever read, “An Evil Cradling” by Brian Keenan, an Irish teacher kidnapped by Shia Muslim Militia and incarcerated for four and a half years. Unlike the Medieval women who did it voluntarily he was a real prisoner in the most horrendous and cruel conditions. It was unimaginably awful and can put into perspective the privations we now suffer. Some of his experiences were soberingly funny as for example for several years he had to share a cell with English Public-School boy John McCarthy. They were so different that they fought like cat and dog but eventually became the very best of lifelong friends. His gruelling testimony is not dissimilar to the whole Passion of the Christ: the betrayal, the abandonment by the Apostles, the agony, the public humiliation, the hatred and finally the murder. This leads towards the Resurrection which those Apostles could not quite believe. Brian Keenan in his unforgettable book reveals that this horrendous imprisonment etc. changed him forever for the better. In the same way each of us shares the Passion of Christ in different ways and our crosses open the windows for the Grace of the Resurrection!

On a lighter note you may remember the account of The Mother of all Benedictine Nuns, St. Scholastica trying to persuade her brother St. Benedict to stay longer visiting her – he explained he had to get back to honour the enclosure but she prayed hard and a terrible storm ensued meaning that he could not step outside the door! In the same way our Benedictine Nuns at Minster prayed hard and a son of St. Benedict (The Abbot of Pluscarden) was marooned there and so behind closed doors providentially the Mass goes on for them.

I hope many of you have been able to follow the liturgy which is streamed from here and so many other places. We will not attempt to stream the Triduum as it is impossible for one person but there are so many other professional possibilities. For those without an internet and EWTN on Sky television, Cardinal Nicholls’ Mass of Easter will be on BBC Radio.

Make the most of this Holy Week to really meditate and enter into The Passion!

God Bless you all.

*Fr. Christopher and on behalf of Fr. Simon & Fr. Leszek*

**Prayer Candles for the week:** William & Phyllis Rapley RIP, Elvira Lind - Wellbeing & Rena Gathercole - Birthday.

**Mass Intentions for the week:**

	<b>St. Ethelbert's</b>	<b>St. Augustine's</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1. Cath Morse RIP 2. People of the Parish</b>	<b>Bill Shaw RIP.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>For the end of Covid 19 across the world.</b>	<b>Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>For all who have died unprepared.</b>	<b>Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>For all the sick in the world.</b>	<b>John Carnell</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Julie Rydz – Special Intention</b>	
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Smalley Family Intentions</b>	

**Fr. Christopher is saying Mass each day at 7.45am on Facebook:**  
[www.facebook.com/stethelbertsramsgate](http://www.facebook.com/stethelbertsramsgate) (scroll down to see recorded Masses).

**Sundays at 9.00am, St Augustine's will stream Mass in Latin on YouTube. Please subscribe to our channel using the following link:** [https://youtu.be/IOUP\\_P0i7BU](https://youtu.be/IOUP_P0i7BU)

**Fr. Simon will celebrate Mass in English on Saturdays at 5.30pm on Facebook.**

**Fr. Leszek will celebrate Mass in Polish on Sundays at 11.00am on Facebook.**

**Divine Retreat Centre:** [www.youtube.com/user/ukdivine](http://www.youtube.com/user/ukdivine)      [www.facebook.com/drcuk](http://www.facebook.com/drcuk)

**To follow Sunday (or daily) Mass using the following options:**

EWTN – TV Channel or online.

YouTube: [livemass.net](http://livemass.net) (traditional Latin Mass)      [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv)

Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham: [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) for daily Mass and Services.

Polish – [tv-trwam.pl](http://tv-trwam.pl) - (Catholic channel).

CAFOD – Streaming Children's Liturgy for families on Sundays at 10.00am.

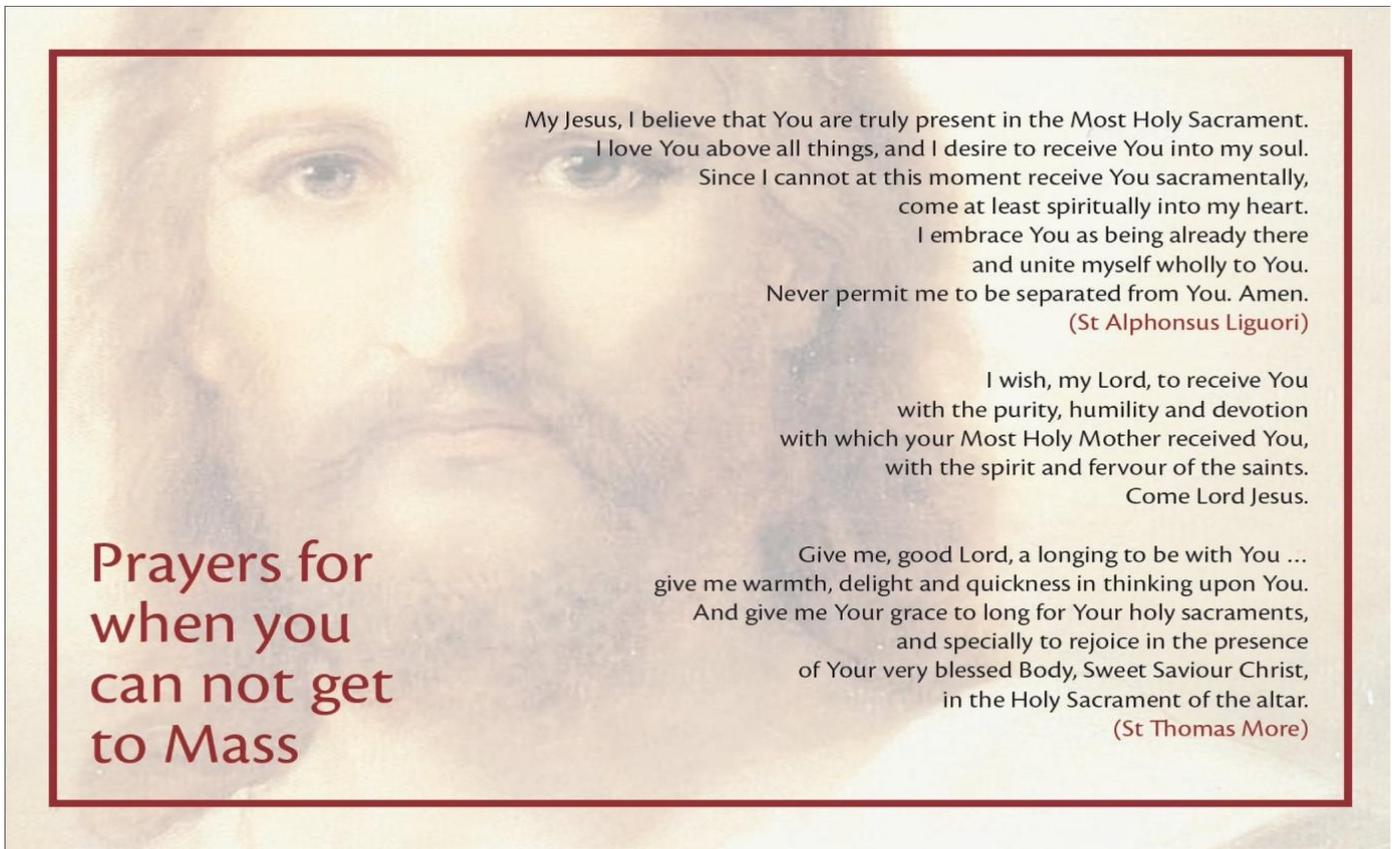
**URGENT MESSAGE for GIFT AID members.....** If your tax status changes due to Coronavirus, do **NOT** use your Gift Aid envelopes for donations, **AND** contact Paul Knell for confidential advice - either by email, [paulknell5709@gmail.com](mailto:paulknell5709@gmail.com) or tel 07724188416.

**WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT COLLECTIONS!**

Your Parish depends upon your weekly collection. Now that there is no public Mass we are threatened with serious financial disaster. We now depend even more on your generosity so how is it possible to support our Church financially during this lockdown?

- 1) Send a cheque through the post, written out to Parish of Ramsgate & Minster or St. Ethelbert's Church.
- 2) Arrange a direct debit (Paul Knell on Tel: 07724188416 will help you).
- 3) PayPal – [paypal.me/augustineramsgate](http://paypal.me/augustineramsgate)
- 4) On your daily permitted exercise, pop cash through Presbytery door, using an envelope marked 'collection' or else your Gift Aid envelope.

**EASTER DUTIES** we ordinarily, as Catholics, have the duty to go to Confession and Communion in the Easter Season. This obligation has been dispensed for 2020 by our Bishops.



My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as being already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.  
(St Alphonsus Liguori)

I wish, my Lord, to receive You  
with the purity, humility and devotion  
with which your Most Holy Mother received You,  
with the spirit and fervour of the saints.  
Come Lord Jesus.

Give me, good Lord, a longing to be with You ...  
give me warmth, delight and quickness in thinking upon You.  
And give me Your grace to long for Your holy sacraments,  
and specially to rejoice in the presence  
of Your very blessed Body, Sweet Saviour Christ,  
in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.  
(St Thomas More)

Prayers for  
when you  
can not get  
to Mass

### **Confessions:**

On request – please contact the Priest (if you have a temperature or a cough please make a perfect Act of Contrition and wait.)

**All Masses/services/events/meetings are cancelled in the Parish.**

**Parents requiring Baptism for their child** to contact Fr. Christopher, Fr. Simon or Fr. Leszek and discuss Baptismal Preparation in the current situation.

### **TO PARENTS OF 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CHILDREN:**

Dear First Communion families. We are in difficult times and with an uncertain future at present. We have therefore decided to postpone all first communion lessons and celebrations until a much safer time. When the Government and our Diocese tell us this is so, we would arrange to give the remaining children's lessons and plan new dates for the celebrations. To keep the momentum going at home there are 2 links in the parish website, under the FaceBook pages, just scroll down till you find them. One is to teach your child in preparation for their Holy Communion how to make a spiritual communion (a desire in your heart for Jesus to come to you) and this is also very useful for parents. The other link is from the CAFOD site and it gives a wonderful Sunday Liturgy for children to follow with resources to do a follow up activity relating to the Gospel. This is important for the children to know that we are not taking a long-extended break from God. In fact, the complete opposite is true. We are deepening our relationships with God in our homes. You can read stories together from the Bible the OLD TESTAMENT and find out when God's people were separated from their normal lives (in exile) and see how God watched over them always. The people learned much about themselves and how much they needed God. This seems to be very true today... has your child noticed this? We miss our school and lessons, our going to Mass, our meeting up with family and friends. Yet God always brings something awesome from the mess that we find ourselves in. Ask your child what they do like about being at home together with you? Have they seen or heard of people doing brave and kind things to help their neighbours? Are people praying more, harder? We have a chance to start again being grateful for what we have and living as Jesus taught us to live. **Julie & Trisha**

**We pray for the sick:** N. Wall, Kathy Carr, M. Marjoam, A. Fell, E. Finn, A. Larks, Mary O'Neill, E. Smalley, Clem O'Brien, D. Hall, T. Webster, M. Clark, M. DuFau, E. Evans, H. Russell, M. Walley, J. Hall, B. Mallon, Denis McClosky, G. Gabbett, A. Gosling, Mary Austen, Kathy Knobbs, Olive & Tom Carney, Valerie & Malvern Owen, V. Grilli, Marguite Byers, Yan Kelly, Frank Tierney, A. Lucas, Elvira Lind, Bridget Davis, Vicky & Kevin Nicholas, Katie Smith, Josephine Calway, Sylvia Quinn, Susanna King, Rose Coldwell, Pat Vanscalina, Lydia Horneff, Christine Lathen, Adrienne Taylor, Doreen Browning, Sr. Aelred, Valerie & Michael Godden, Mary Dowd, Eileen McCaughan, Jef Silva, Joe Pheby, Jane Sellon, Kathleen Freeman.

Please remember in your prayers Lorraine Mulverhill of Wilfred Road and Mary Sinclair of London Road who both died recently and for their dear family and friends who mourn them.



**Priests:** Fr. Christopher Basden (P.P), Fr Simon Heans (Shrine Administrator), Fr Leszek Klos (Chaplain to Polish Community), **Deacon:** Rev. Peter Brown. **Safeguarding:** Kate Morgan. **Office & Presbytery:** 72 Hereson Rd, Ramsgate CT11 7DS, Tel: 01843 592071 (Polish 07468570445). **Email:** [ramsgate@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:ramsgate@rcaos.org.uk). **St. Mildred's Priory,** Minster Abbey, Minster, Ramsgate CT12 4HF, Tel: 01843 821254. **Website:** [www.saintethelberts.com](http://www.saintethelberts.com). **St. Ethelbert's School:** Dane Park Road, Ramsgate. CT11 7LS, Tel: 01843 585555. **The Divine Retreat Centre,** St. Augustine's Abbey, St.

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