



Parish of Ramsgate and Minster

Third Sunday of Easter (A) – 26th April 2020

My Dear People!

I hope you are not climbing up the wall! When people ask me how I am, I always respond, “I have no complaints – Fr. Leszek and I have food, space and the life of faith.” In actual fact I still complain a lot! Confinement is not natural; human beings are social animals and we are here to serve one another. As I write this on Friday, 24th April, it is the Feast of St. Fidelis (1578 – 1622) who was a Capuchin Martyr who courageously ministered to the victims of an epidemic. Therefore, in today’s Masses I beseeched him to help us back to some sort of normality. There are many criticisms and comparisons of various governmental responses, but I feel all governments have been totally overwhelmed by this unexpected and sudden virus. Now we really need to pray that we can somehow get back to work because the financial implications are terrible. A worldwide economic depression would cause untold misery and even more deaths especially in the third world where there are no health services like our own! Let us pray that testing may release people back to work and that the world’s economy can be somehow jump started out of this horrendous threat. On the other hand, we need also to pray that this crisis is not hijacked by ideological globalists who are pushing for a ‘New World Order’ which is secular and will inevitably result in constraints on human freedom. In China, the Communist government has an appalling record in the treatment of its minorities (especially the Muslim Uighurs, Christians, and others). If ordinary governments have shown such reluctance at being transparent what can you expect from a tyrannical regime which does not tolerate elementary freedoms as we have seen in Hong Kong?

In this week’s Gospel we have (in the Ordinary Form in English) the beautiful account of Our Lord’s encounter with those Apostles on the way to Emmaus. They were broken with grief and dismay not even being able to recognise Him. How their hearts burned when He unfolded for them an explanation. He interpreted for them how the trauma of the cruel Crucifixion and rejection of Jesus fitted into the plan of providence as foretold by the Prophets. ‘Was it not ordained that the Son of Man SHOULD suffer and enter into His Glory..?’ In not a dissimilar way Our Lord is with us in this challenging time of tribulation. We are often so stressed out by this unnatural privation that we can barely pay him much attention at all. At the end of the Scripture He assures us, ‘Behold I am with you always!’ Somehow our hearts will burn when He teaches us how this trial all fits in with his Providence. At the moment we are called to journey with Him at our side especially in the presence of His Holy Spirit. We look forward to the great Feast of Pentecost (Whitsun on 31st May). This is the flowering of Easter and we ask the Holy Spirit to help us to cope and understand a little better the mysteries of God’s Inscrutable Providence. May Mary the spouse of the Holy Spirit be a mother to each of us at this time with her assurance and support!

God Bless you all. *Fr. Christopher and on behalf of Fr. Simon & Fr. Leszek*

Prayer Candles for the week 26th April 20: Maggie Clark, Elvira Lind, Denis McClosky, Alex Jordan, Valerie Owen.

Mass Intentions for the week: 26th April 2020

	St. Ethelbert's	St. Augustine's
Sunday	1. Robert McCaughan RIP 2. For Przemek's Intentions	Joseph Bonnefin RIP
Monday	Cesarina Ward RIP	Muriel Beckett & Family
Tuesday	Jim Teaguer RIP	
Wednesday	Mass for all our wonderful Donors.	
Thursday	Johanna Reeves RIP	
Friday	Sheila Pople RIP	Margaret Stanley RIP
Saturday	1. For Przemek's Intentions 2.	

Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

FROM OUR SISTERS AT MINSTER -We are now live-streaming Midday Office (at 12.20) and Compline (at 7.45pm except for Thursday when it is at 7.30pm). **We now have a separate email for prayer requests, prayerneededminsterabbey@gmail.com**

Fr. Christopher is saying Mass, Mon-Sat at 7.45am (and available after) on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stethelbertsramsgate (scroll down to see recorded Masses).

Sunday at Noon (and available after), St Augustine's will stream Mass in Latin on YouTube. Please subscribe to our channel using the following link: youtube.com/StAugustinesRamsgate

Fr. Leszek will celebrate Mass in Polish on Sunday at 10.30am (and available after) on Facebook.

Divine Retreat Centre: www.youtube.com/user/ukdivine www.facebook.com/drcuk

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

EWTN – TV Channel or online.

YouTube: livemass.net (traditional Latin Mass) churchservices.tv

Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham: www.walsingham.org.uk for daily Mass and Services.

Polish – 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 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
- 4) On your daily permitted exercise, pop cash through Presbytery door, using an envelope marked 'collection' or else your Gift Aid envelope.

Confessions:

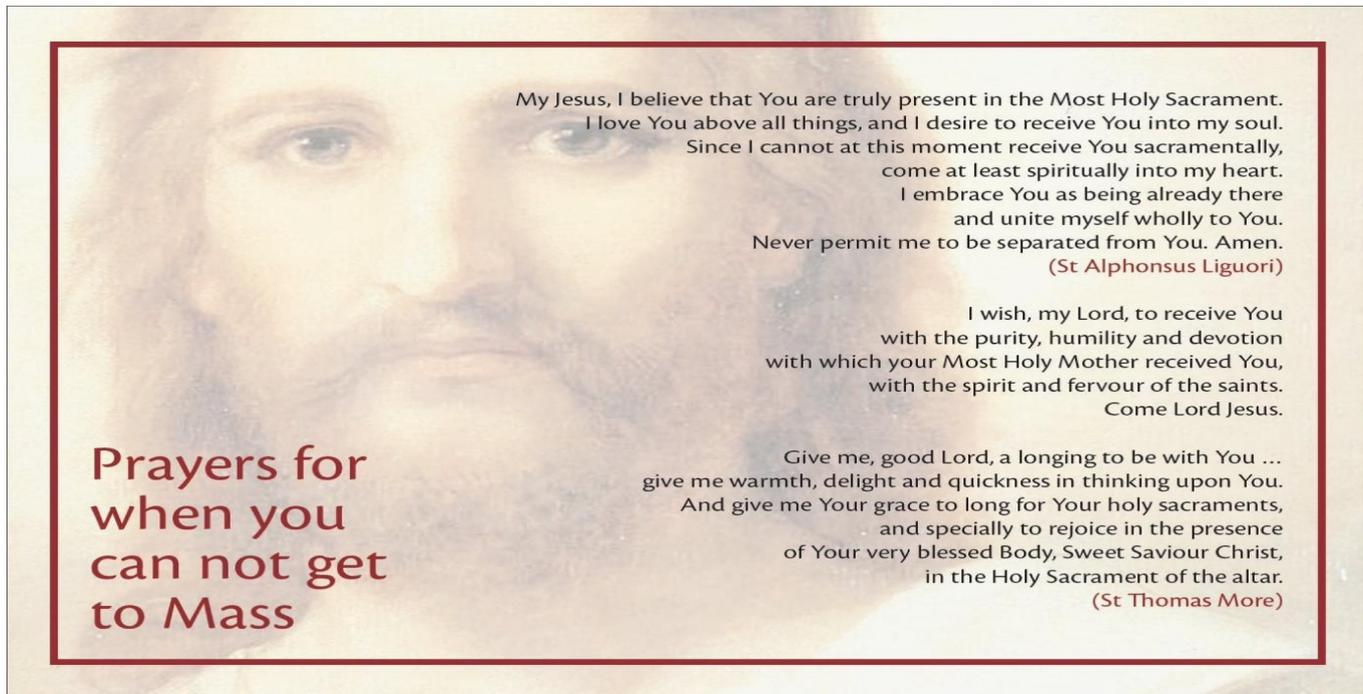
On request – please contact the Priest (if you have a temperature or a cough please make a perfect Act of Contrition and wait.)

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.

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.

Please remember in your prayers Lorraine Mulverhill, Mary Sinclair, Shelia Popple of Dover, Winifred Alltoft, Cesarina Ward & Johanna Reeves, all who have died recently and for their dear families and friends who mourn them.



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, 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, Derek Richmond, Alex Jordan, Eva Szyszko.

Messages from the Southwark Archdiocese:

Safeguarding Team:

The NCSC have released their explicit policy position on reporting concerns and allegations. The statement should be placed on all parish websites under the safeguarding heading and put into all parish newsletters. It has automatically been placed as a disclaimer on all \arcaos safeguarding emails.

"If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased.

If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the Police.

If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your diocese. You can contact the Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding Office by telephoning 0207 261 1606 or via email at safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk"

Marriage and Family Life Kent :

Dear husband and wife! During the lockdown period an **online** 'Build a Better Marriage' opportunity is being held on May 2nd 2020 running from 10am -1pm.

The course offered means that you can attend the course from your own living room and **there is no group sharing!**

A recent Build a Better Marriage course held on April 4th 2020 received the following comments from married couples who logged on ... 'The topics were chosen well and we could really relate to them. The personal stories you shared were very insightful and helped us to reflect on our own relationships more deeply... It was relaxed and you put us at ease, being friendly and personable...' 'We thoroughly enjoyed attending the course and have certainly been practicing a few of the things we learnt already. It puts a smile on our faces when we do because we know that we are certainly richer from participating in the course.' **For further information contact: Carole - Tel: 07983524727 - email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk**

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. **St. Mildred's Priory,** Minster Abbey, Minster, Ramsgate CT12 4HF, Tel: 01843 821254. **Website:** 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. Augustine's Road, Ramsgate CT11 9PA, Tel: 01843 586904. **Parish emails:** ramsgate@rcaos.org.uk

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