



Parish of Ramsgate and Minster

Seventh Sunday of Easter (A) – 24th May 2020

World Communication Day

My Dear People!

I hope each and every one of you is hanging on to Our Blessed Lord and Our Blessed Lady! As St. Peter said, “To whom shall we go Lord? You have the words of eternal life!” As the virus slowly subsides, we are realising the financial and psychological devastation. Some businesses and institutions will sadly be ruined forever. For our mental health and especially those of our children we need to have a good physical balance so please supervise and practice daily physical exercise and daily spiritual exercise.

In the Gospel of St. John (Chapter 15) Our Lord says “... the time is coming when anyone who puts you to death will claim that he is performing an act of worship to God; such things they will do to you, because they have no knowledge of the Father, or Me.” Every day for the last few years we have experienced (even in England) the virus of Islamic fundamentalism. The faithful observance of our Muslim cousins puts us to shame but these violent acts betray indeed that they have no knowledge of Our Blessed Lord. It is our responsibility to bear witness to His Love and Prayer for all these militants.

The former Head of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, (Holy Office) Cardinal Müller has said that it is no conspiracy to fear the emergence of a “New World Order” in the wake of this pandemic. I often feel myself that fighting against Satan (even in our own personal lives) involves vanquishing one head of the hydra before another one or two pop up before us. So, a few weeks ago we celebrated the anniversary of the victory over Nazism. After this the ravages of Communism claimed and are still claiming countless human lives. Cardinal Müller proclaims also that the crisis in The Church has arisen “Because we have cosily adapted ourselves to the spirit of a life without God”. In saying this he echoes the great prophet of our time Alexander Solzhenitsyn who suffered terribly in the communist camps. When he was a child he mocked his parents and older people who explained the calamity that had befallen Russia by saying, “Men have forgotten God that is why all this has happened”. Fifty years later after having realised the lie of Marxist/Leninism and having converted to Christ he said “And if I were called upon to identify briefly the principle trait of the entire 20th Century, here too, I would be unable to find anything more precise and pithy than to repeat once again ‘Men have forgotten God’”. Furthermore, he responds to the notion of a New World Order, “... any World Government would need to be imposed because it would never be elected. It would constitute authoritarian rule ... the means of creating it can have nothing in common with modern democracy”.

We implore the Holy Spirit in these days before Pentecost to rinse clean the minds of our leaders that we may not have our freedoms taken away. We ask Our Blessed Lady, Spouse of The Holy Spirit and conqueror of all heresies to be a Mother to us at this challenging time.

God Bless you all.

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

Prayer Candles for the week 24th May 20: Elvira Lind, Sally Watts.

Mass Intentions for the week: 24th May 2020.

	St. Ethelbert's	St. Augustine's
Sunday	1. Private Intention (Fr L)	1. Leighton Dyer RIP (Fr. SH) 2. For the People of the Parish (Fr. CB)
Monday	Sally Watts – For Wellbeing	Kay Lovett's Intentions
Tuesday	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	Anthony Jinks – Birthday Congratulations
Wednesday	Feast of St. Augustine – *See Note below Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	Kay Lovett Intentions
Thursday	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	Private Intention.
Friday	Barry Hudson RIP	Marianne Lovett-Bean RIP
Saturday	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon

***Feast of St. Augustine – Fr. Simon will be taking his daily exercise and walking to St. Augustine's Cross for 3.00pm, there he will be using The St. Augustine Prayer Book (Author -Fr Marcus) for prayers/hymn and also saying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. He will live stream this event but if anyone wishes to attend on the field, rules for social distancing will be strictly observed!**

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](https://www.youtube.com/StAugustinesRamsgate)

Fr. Simon live streaming at St. Augustine's at 12.00noon each week day and at 8.30am on Sundays. The Masses are in the Ordinariate Use. <https://www.facebook.com/AugustinePugin>

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](https://www.livemass.net) (traditional Latin Mass) [churchservices.tv](https://www.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.

Confessions:

On request – please contact the Priest (if you have a temperature or a cough please make a perfect Act of Contrition and wait.) The confessional grill is cover with cling film.

Marriage Preparation: Contact your Priest if you are planning to get married and preparation can be completed online with Marriage and Family Life Kent.

The Mothers Prayers day of Retreat at Aylesford scheduled for the 20th June 20 has been cancelled due to the current situation.

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


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Devotions

Archbishop John Wilson
 at St George's Cathedral

A Scripture Rosary
 The Mysteries of Light
 27 May 2020 • 7 pm



Join us in prayer on
The Feast of St Augustine
of Canterbury
 co-patron of
 The Archdiocese
 of Southwark
<https://bit.ly/363jJX7>



Prayer of Pope Francis to Our Lady during the Covid 19 Pandemic

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

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](https://www.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.

WAS IT YOU? A brown envelope was delivered to the Church which contained a generous donation and showed Gift Aid but the number quoted was the Charity Registration number which cannot be used as a personal Gift Aid Number!! Please contact us to advise if we are able to enter this as Gift Aid donation – if you are not registered with a Gift Aid number but you are a tax payer this can be entered by using your full name, address and post code.

WORK IN THE CHURCHES In spite of the pain due to closure we are taking this opportunity to respond to the fabric of both churches. At St. Augustine's some volunteers have renewed the gutters and painted the bars over the windows which is very fiddly and exacting. At St. Ethelbert's Fr. Leszek has done a huge amount of work sanding down everyone one of the 31 pews. Now he is to begin varnishing each one and anyone who can help is welcome. It is done outside where social distancing can be maintained. Also, as the pews have been moved out, we have contracted for the parquet floor to be sanded and re-varnished. All of this costs money and I do ask for your help as this is such a unique opportunity to renew our churches!

Please remember in your prayers Marianne Lovett-Bean, Valerie Owen, Lorraine Mulverhill, David Shufflebotham, Roy Stagg, Mary Sinclair, Derek Richmond, Shelia Popple of Dover, Winifred Alltoft, Rina Ward, Johanna Reeves, Dennis Adams, Barry Hudson, all who have died recently and for their dear families and friends who mourn them.

We pray for the sick: M. Clark, 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. DuFau, E. Evans, H. Russell, M. Walley, J. Hall, B. Mallon, Denis McClosky, G. Gabbett, A. Gosling, Mary Austen, Kathy Knobbs, Olive & Tom Carney, 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, Roz James, Steve Lawlor, Sally Watts, Eileen Crowley.

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 rcaos 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”

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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