



## Parish of Ramsgate and Minster

### Pentecost Sunday (A) 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 - Day of Prayer for the Church

My Dear People!

Queen Catherine of Aragon (The 1<sup>st</sup> wife of Henry VIII who was unceremoniously dumped for not having a son who lived) says that only through our tribulations will we get through this life to our destiny with God. She knew something about it watching her husband destroy himself and the cultural and religious traditions of England. The horrendous suppression of all the monasteries and their social and economic systems was later echoed in Shakespeare's Rape of Lucretia. The breach with the Catholic Church and the Protestant notion of 'private judgement' paved the way for the utter secularisation and despoliation of Christianity in this Kingdom.

The subtle tribulation which we have undergone during the last 3 months has brought the best out of so many people especially carers of every sort. It is also highlighted the awareness of how fragile we are with any privation. I know myself that I am ashamed of the considerable wimp factor! I am a very impatient patient and an obstinate and reluctant penitent! I laugh at the adage of Pope Pius XII who said, "Man is stronger physically, but Woman is stronger spiritually." Self-knowledge is so important even when we do not want to perceive it.

Today we celebrate the summation of all our feasts: The coming down of the Holy Spirit on Our Blessed Lady, the Apostles and those first Christians at Pentecost. Pentecost is always happening; it is like the rays and brilliance of the sun. The modern Russian Saint Seraphim of Sarov says, "The whole of the Christian life is nothing more than the daily acquisition of The Holy Spirit." What a consolation this feast is, especially in the scandal of all of our churches being locked shut and sacramental life interrupted. What a portent of chastisement for any serious Christian! I would like each and every one of you to mull over the words of the Preface for Whit Sunday (Pentecost). This magnificent piece of prose teaches us so much about the fact of God's Grace. Please pray it every day this week.

SEQUENCE FOR PENTECOST (Veni Sancte Spiritus)

*Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, from the clearly celestial height, thy pure beaming radiance give; come, thou Father of the poor, come with treasures which endure; come, thou Light of all that live!*

*Thou, of all consolers best, thou, the soul's delightsome guest, dost refreshing peace bestow: thou in toil art comfort sweet; pleasant coolness in the heat; solace in the midst of woe.*

*Light immortal, light divine, visit thou these hearts of thine, and our inmost being fill: if thou take they grace away, nothing pure in us will stay; all our good is turned to ill.*

*Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour they dew; wash the stains of guilt away: bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen, warm the chill; guide the steps that go astray.*

*Thou, on those who evermore thee confess and thee adore, in they sevenfold gifts descend; give them comfort when they die; give them life with thee on high; give them joys that never end.*

This combined with the splendid medieval chant is one of the most beautiful outpourings in the whole Roman Liturgy. May the truth of its' message touch your hearts and give you that consolation, courage and strength which this world can never give!

God Bless you all.

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

**Prayer Candles for the week 31<sup>st</sup> May 20:** Elvira Lind.

**Mass Intentions for the week: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020.**

	St. Ethelbert's	St. Augustine's
<b>Sunday</b>	1. Przemek Intention (Fr L)	1. Mary Ann Lovett RIP (Fr. SH) 2. For the People of the Parish (Fr. CB)
<b>Monday</b>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	Mark Stevens RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	Mary Ann Lovett RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	From Elvira Lind – In thanksgiving for prayers offered.	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
<b>Thursday</b>	Mary Parkin RIP	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
<b>Friday</b>		Private Intention.
<b>Saturday</b>		

**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](mailto:prayerneededminsterabbey@gmail.com)**

**Fr. Christopher is saying Mass, Mon-Sat at 7.45am (and available after) on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stethelbertsramsgate](https://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](https://www.youtube.com/user/ukdivine) [www.facebook.com/drcuk](https://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](https://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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](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
- 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 Mary Ann 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](mailto:safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk)"

## A Message from Bishop John - National Mass for Keyworkers and Families

The Bishops' Conference have organised a weekly live stream Mass to pray for Keyworkers and their Families. These Masses are celebrated by a different Bishop each Thursday at 7pm from one Cathedral across the country. Archbishop John will be celebrating the 2<sup>nd</sup> July Mass. The planned schedule for the next few weeks is:

### 4 June

Bishop John Arnold

[Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Salford](#)  
[Salford Cathedral on churchservices.tv](#)

### 11 June

Bishop Patrick McKinney

[St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham](#)  
[Nottingham Cathedral on churchservices.tv](#)

### 18 June

Archbishop Bernard Longley

[St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham](#)  
[St Chad's on MCN Media](#)

### 25 June

Bishop Alan Hopes

[Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich](#)  
[YouTube Channel](#)

**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. Augustine's Road, Ramsgate CT11 9PA, Tel: 01843 586904. **Parish emails:** [ramsgate@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:ramsgate@rcaos.org.uk)  
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