



Parish of Ramsgate and Minster

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (A) - 14th June 2020

My Dear People!

In England and Wales (in the Ordinary Form) we celebrate Corpus Christi this Sunday. Obviously for many centuries the great day of The Eucharist was always Maundy Thursday but in the middle ages it was revealed that we needed more. To combat heretical notions the feast was established in 1264 and the liturgy for the Mass and Divine Office was written by none other than St. Thomas Aquinas. Traditionally the Mass concludes with a procession and here in Ramsgate as in many other places we have held a procession in the afternoon. The public witness of a procession comes to us from the Jews who processed The Ark of the Covenant with incense. They were honouring what they called the 'Shekinah' which means the abiding presence of The Lord Himself. Today this presence is what makes our churches more than just any other empty space. He waits for us there to come and adore Him.

I am sure all of us have had enough of imprisonment and incarceration. Our whole lives have been 'put on ice' and all our plans have been terminated. I feel that if this is not a chastisement then what is? The fact that The Lord's physical presence and his sacramental activity have been almost completely curtailed throughout the entirety of Eastertide and more, seems frightening to me. What we can learn from this privation is to make the most of the Mass and Holy Communion when we get back to normal. Furthermore, it should teach us to be careful not to receive it unthinkingly or unworthily. Finally, it should make us value the tabernacle in our churches and we should get into the good habit of making visits to The Blessed Sacrament.

Perhaps the greatest of all English authors of our time was J.R.R. Tolkien who wrote 'The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings' etc. These were made into very popular films. Many do not realise that the themes behind his writing are all about the Catholic faith. The themes of good, evil, redemption and even the Eucharist (lembas bread) can be found within. When Tolkien's 21 year old son was going through a painful loss of girlfriend his father wrote to him '*... Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth.*' Many years later the same son in early middle age was depressed and felt his faith in God and the Church was sagging his father responded '*The only cure for sagging of fainting faith is Communion. Though always Itself, perfect and complete and inviolate, the Blessed Sacrament does not operate completely and once for all in any of us. Like the act of Faith it must be continuous and grow by exercise. Frequency is of the highest effect. Seven times a week is more nourishing than seven times at intervals.*' Tolkien practised what he preached, he went to Mass daily

(even when the changes irritated him). Let us resolve to love Our Lord more heartily when we come before the tabernacle and resolve to receive Communion more frequently.

God Bless you all.

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

Prayer Candles for the week 14th June 2020: Elvira Lind.

Mass Intentions for the week: 14th June 2020.

	St. Ethelbert's	St. Augustine's
Sunday	1. Private Intention (Fr L)	1. Mary Ann Lovett RIP (Fr. S) 2. For the People of the Parish (Fr. CB)
Monday	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon	Mary Ann Lovett RIP
Tuesday	Maureen Sales RIP	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
Wednesday	Steve Kelly - Wellbeing	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
Thursday	Bronisłowa & Kazimierz Zajko RIP	Private Intention.
Friday	Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Private Intention	John & Rema – Wedding Anniversary
Saturday	Gareth Williams -Anniversary	Ellise – 18th Birthday

FINALLY, A DEGREE OF CHURCH OPENING:

St. Ethelbert's – Monday to Saturday 10.00 – 11.00am. Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament.

St. Augustine's – Monday to Saturday 1.00 – 3.00pm. No Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday but resumes W/C 21st June 20./

Visitors are welcome but need to socially distance, gel hands, and exit at a different door indicated.

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 Today, the Feast of Corpus Christi the Sisters are live streaming Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament from 12.20pm until 6.00pm.

Fr. Christopher is saying Mass, Wed-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. Simon is live streaming at St. Augustine's at 8.30am on Sundays. The Masses are in the Ordinariate Use. <https://www.facebook.com/AugustinePugin>. No weekday streaming of Midday Mass from Monday.

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.

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.

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 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.

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 every one of the 31 pews. Now he is almost finished varnishing and staining 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 completed the renewal of the parquet floor. 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 Maureen Sales, 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, Steve Kelly.

Please remember Steve Kelly in your prayers, Steve worked so hard for the parish, taking collections at Mass, many years as a school governor for our school, on the social committee supporting all events, raising funds over the years with his quiz nights, Steve suffered a stroke last Sunday.

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"

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 2nd July Mass. The planned schedule for the next few weeks is:

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. **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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