



## Parish of Ramsgate and Minster

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A) – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020

My Dear People!

In the Gospel The Lord is trying to console the Apostles who are troubled as he mentions his imminent departure (Ascension Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May). In one place he tells them, “After a little while you will see me no longer; and again, after a little while you will have sight of me...” Is our Lord speaking to them of eternal life or is he talking to them of the assurance of his presence in The Holy Spirit? It sounds a little bit like, “We shall meet again”. At the moment I suppose all of us are aching for normality. It has been a long ‘Retreat!’ This past Friday was the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day and again the Queen addressed the nation. She is one of the few remaining leaders who can remember World War II with all of its terrible gory loss of life. My mother used to joke that Vera Lynn’s songs for her were worse than the bombs; I suppose because it was tragically untrue for so many young men that we would “meet again”. Ramsgate in those years was terribly bombarded and some of you can remember taking refuge in our wonderful tunnels. I suppose what we have suffered in the last two months is little compared to what the world went through 1939 – 1945. Please pray for the economy and the unemployed as the dearth of cash flow will cause huge hardship throughout the world.

Here in our Parish please pray for all those who are planning the First Holy Communion ceremony in a few weeks and those who were to be Confirmed next month. It is very frustrating, but every bodies’ lives have been put on hold. Pray for the sick and dead and all those who care for others and indeed for all of us that soon we shall meet again!

God Bless you all.

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

Prayer Candles for the week 10<sup>th</sup> May 20: Elvira Lind.

Mass Intentions for the week: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

	St. Ethelbert's	St. Augustine's
Sunday	1. Edith & William Power RIP 2. For Przemek's Intentions	For the People of the Parish
Monday	Derek Richmond RIP	Roy Stagg RIP
Tuesday	Denise & Fred & all those who do so much to care for others.	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
Wednesday	Ron Francis RIP	Mandi Hammond RIP & David Pettit RIP
Thursday	Fr. Leszek – Birthday	Christopher Wood
Friday	Valerie Owen RIP	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon
Saturday	1. Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon 2. For Przemek's Intentions	Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montligeon

**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](http://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://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.**

**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](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 (traditional Latin Mass) 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 - (Catholic channel).

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

### **A message from Frank Vandervord to all Servers:**

Dear Fellow Servers,

Firstly, I hope you and your family are keeping well during this difficult time when we are told to stay at home and not go out. It is not often you hear from me or see me. I should like to take this opportunity to say while the Church is closed, we are still Altar Servers. We are not serving at Mass but we can still pray for those who are struggling with difficulties and so cruelly parted. May God Bless you all and we pray that we will soon meet up again.

Frank

**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](https://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.

**CAFOD** – Letter received thanking the parish for their generous donation of £301.02 received from our Lenten Donations and Lenten Lunches.

### **Confessions:**

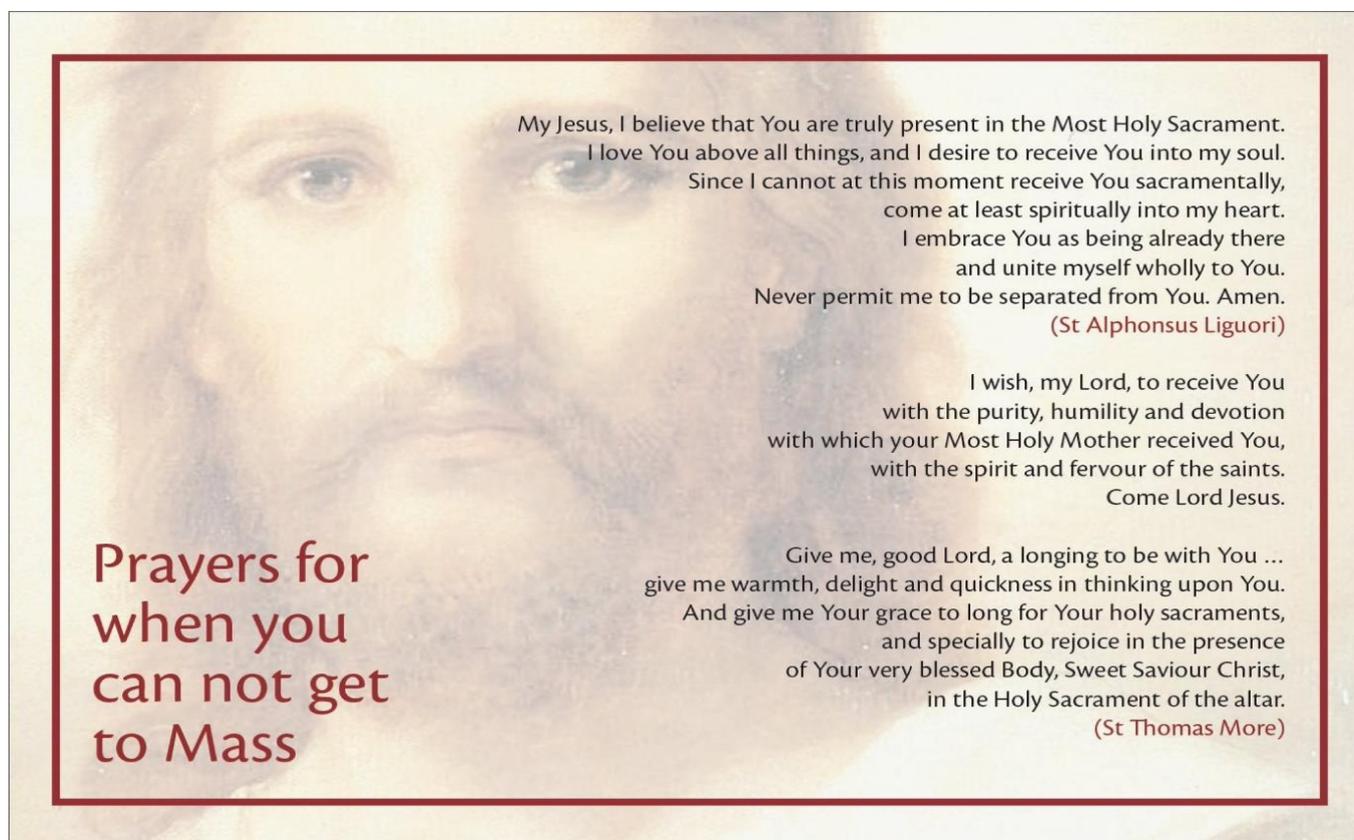
On request – please contact the Priest (if you have a temperature or a cough please make a perfect Act of Contrition and wait.)

**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.

**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 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.**



**Prayers for when you can not get to Mass**

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)

**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, 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, Alex Jordan, Eva Szyszko, Roz James.

Pray for Steve Lawlor who is back in Australia undergoing Chemotherapy, he was living in Broadstairs and was attending Mass in Ramsgate Fr. Leszek and Fr. Christopher hope to visit his flat as it needs clearing.

### **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)”

**Marriage and Family Life Kent :**

National Marriage Week – this takes place from 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May for details, information and ideas of how to celebrate it contact: <https://marriage-week.org.uk>

Annual Marriage Mass for couples celebrating special wedding anniversaries, scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> July, (date to be confirmed).

We shall continue to provide marriage preparation on all the scheduled dates using the online format. Forthcoming dates for the official online Marriage Preparation Course in Kent are 27<sup>th</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Other dates for courses can be found on [http://rcsouthwark.co.uk/marriage\\_prep\\_courses.html](http://rcsouthwark.co.uk/marriage_prep_courses.html)

Dear husband and wife! During the lockdown period an **online** ‘Build a Better Marriage’ opportunity are being held on 6<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)**

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