



Parish of Ramsgate and Minster

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) – 31st January 2021

Racial Justice Day

My Dear People!

In today's Gospel (New Rite) we have Our Lord encountering the unclean spirits. The demons recognised who He really was. We can define Our Lord's mission as standing up against evil and conquering it for the human race. G K Chesterton once quipped that Original Sin was the only part of the Creed which did not require Faith. In other words, the presence of evil in our world is self-evident. St. Paul complains, "The very thing I want to do I do not do and the very thing I want to avoid, I end up doing!" We all recognize his predicament; our wills are weak despite wanting to follow virtue. In our secular world people have lost the sense of God and no longer even believe in the power of evil. Pope Pius XII said, "The greatest sin of the 20th Century is the loss of the sense of sin." Each one of us is involved in a warfare against evil and we should be very careful not to be complacent or worse still complicit in the designs of the evil one. The father of lies is always sowing the seeds of falsehood and that is why we need to plug in to the Word of God and the Tradition of the Church so as not to be led astray. Our Blessed Lady is Our Mother and countless times she has appeared and told us to pray the Rosary. This Prayer is simple to say – just look at the mysteries and say the words. So please do your bit in this warfare against the powers of evil with all their deceptions and pray the Rosary (with your children if possible) every day.

God Bless you all.

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

Mass Times and Intentions for the week commencing: 31st January 2021:

	St. Ethelbert's	St. Augustine's
Sunday – 31st January 21 4th Sunday (B) Racial Justice Day	10.00am Mary Cotton – Birthday. 12.00noon (Polish)	8.30am Paul Riley RIP. 12.00noon (Sung Latin) People of the Parish. 5.00pm. (Ordinariate) All those affected directly/indirectly by Covid 19.
Monday– 1st February 21 Feria	9.30am Milan Rebec RIP.	12.00noon All at The Divine Retreat Centre.
Tuesday- 2nd February 21 The Presentation of The Lord Candlemas	9.30am Sabina & Loved Ones. 6.00pm. Polish 7.15pm (Latin) Brian E A Doherty G.E	12.00noon All parishioners in the Deanery of Thanet.
Wednesday 3rd February 21 St. Lawrence of Canterbury	9.30am (Latin) Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montilgeon.	12.00noon Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montilgeon.
Thursday– 4th February 21 Feria	9.30am Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montilgeon	12.00noon Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montilgeon
Friday – 5th February 21 St. Agatha	8.00am Protect my children Dona & Thobis Cruze – Rena Cruze. 6.00pm (Polish)	12.00noon Holy Souls November List
Saturday – 6th February 21 St. Paul Miki & Companions	9.30am Elvira Lind RIP 5.30pm People of the Parish.	12.00noon Private intention of Kevin Pender.

Racial Justice Day - The 2nd Collection will be for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice, which promotes racial justice in our schools, parishes and the wider society.

Prayer Candles for the week commencing 31st January 2021: Mary Cotton - Birthday Wishes, Adam Francis.

Please be aware that at funerals attendance is restricted to 30 people. Before attending a funeral, please confirm with those arranging the funeral that you can be included in that number and track and trace details recorded.

St. Ethelbert's Church: Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament at 8.30am, followed by The Rosary at 9.10am and Mass at 9.30am (Monday to Thursday). Friday, Mass at 8.00am followed by Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament. Saturday The Rosary at 9.10am, followed by Mass at 9.30am. Confessions on Saturday at 10.15am & 5.00pm and Sunday at 9.30am.

St. Augustine's Shrine: Open for Mass daily at 12.00noon. Private prayer daily from 12.30 – 3.00pm except Friday and Sunday. Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday 12.30 – 3.00pm. Confessions before or after Mass by request.

See the weekly Mass Schedule for changes, additional Masses on Tuesday -The Presentation of the Lord.

Do you know any Catholics near you? Because of lockdown some people have fallen through the cracks. Especially as Fr. Christopher is new there may be people who have not been contacted by the Parish. If you can let us know the names and telephone numbers of these people then at least the Priests can phone and maintain contact in that way.

If you are in hospital:

Coronavirus has changed visits to hospitals in quite dramatic ways, impacting upon Catholic priests visiting Catholic patients. If you are admitted to hospital and require a priest to visit you need to inform the ward you are a Catholic and wish to be visited by a priest. You then need to get your family to contact the priest to let him know you are in hospital. This does not necessarily mean you will receive Holy Communion on a regular basis but it should ensure if you require the Sacrament of the Sick you will be able to receive this sacrament.

Roman Catholic Chaplaincy Provision for Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital - In order for us to provide support to our Roman Catholic patients and their families - Please refer them via email to us: chaplains@gstt.nhs.uk or jake.dicto@gstt.nhs.uk

RCIA meetings cancelled due to Covid.

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

ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH – NEW CLASS - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Dear Parents, Please send an email to ramsgate@rcaos.org.uk to request an application form from St. Ethelbert's Church for First Holy Communion classes. Please return the completed form by email to the email address above. We are hoping to begin the children's classes in late Spring/early Summer. Due to COVID, any celebration of First Communion is unlikely to take place in May or June as in previous years and could be delayed until September as was the case for last year.

POSTPONED FIRST COMMUNION 2020 CLASS – RESTART

Dear Parents, Please request personally to the catechists that you still wish to restart your child's First Communion classes in the Spring (at the earliest). Thank you.

CONFIRMATION 2021

If you are in Years 7, 8, 9,10 or 11 and would like to join our Confirmation Programme in 2021, please apply for an Application Form either call Mrs Smalley on 01843 865737 or collect a Form at the back of Church.

Message from Fr Simon: Are you struggling with home schooling RE during lockdown? Salvation is at hand! Just go to [Our Lady of the Rosary Family Catechism – Our Lady of the Rosary Family Catechism \(ourfamilycatechism.com\)](http://ourfamilycatechism.com) .This is a free online course with twenty minute lessons which are attractively presented and contain good Catholic teaching. The course was filmed at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima and draws on the experiences of the Fatima children. Each teaching session is followed by a quiz asking the children to recall the answers to the Catechism questions presented in the lesson. It also features miracles from the lives of the saints which will fascinate your children and simple prayers for them to learn by heart. So what are you waiting for? Sign up today!

Fr Simon would love to hear from parents who decide to tackle the course. PS Children of all ages would benefit from it! I certainly have.

Marriage & Family Life Kent: Some of your parishioners may need some spiritual uplifting in this time of grieving ... included the link below, on 'Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ' by Elizabeth Partridge who runs a retreat at Aylesford Priory with Fr Francis Kemsley, which can be shared with anyone who needs to see it.

The videos are on the Carmelite Province YouTube Channel

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEmVj2dVdpguJaP47LzrGtdAbaRZAxSef>

Marriage Preparation: Contact your Priest if you are planning to get married and preparation can be completed online with Marriage and Family Life Kent. Preparation courses are STILL happening but in an **online** format until we can meet couples in person again. Couples can contact mflkent@rcaos.org.uk .The Marriage Preparation courses run by the Kent Team in 2021 will take the following format: All Friday evenings: Online course 7pm - 9pm, Saturday January - March: Online course 10am – 3pm, hopefully April onwards: courses at venues 10am – 4.30pm

Kent Pastoral Care – MFL Team: We all want to support those who mourn so the MFL Bereavement Team wish to extend an invitation to parishioners who are already experienced ‘befrienders’ and have experience in listening and supporting people who have lost a loved one. Would they be interested in joining a training weekend to support those who have experienced bereavement, with a view to train others i.e. a training weekend for trainers? This training will take place over the weekend of April 24th /25th 2021. Please contact your Priest with your name, and contact details in writing/email if you would like to be considered.

Explore Youth Panel – Join our Youth Panel and be a voice for young people and young adults in our work. If you are interested, please contact: www.explorereationships.org.uk/youth-panel

Aid to the Churches in Need – We received a letter of thanks to the Parish for our cheque sent for the donations received at the Cribs at St. Ethelbert’s and St. Augustine’s over the Christmas period.

Thank you to Lukasz Jamroz who has fixed the Loop System and replaced the Hall boiler!

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Ryan, Margaret Hampson, John Stephen Platt (funeral on 11th February at 12.00noon at St. Augustine’s), George Gabbett (funeral CHANGED to 12th February at 12.00 at St. Augustine’s), James Regan, Elvira Lind, Vilia Grilli, Christopher Sokolowski, Marek Wiolek, Annie Larks, Jeremiah Lyons, Thomas Varley, Sally Watts, Betty Morgan, Marguerite Byers, Jackie Daley and Mary Bowler 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, E. Smalley, Clem O’Brien, D. Hall, T. Webster, M. DuFau, E. Evans, H. Russell, M. Walley, J. Hall, B. Mallon, Denis McClosky, A. Gosling, Mary Austen, Kathy Knobbs, Olive & Tom Carney, Malvern Owen, Frank Tierney, A. Lucas, Bridget Davis, Vicky & Kevin Nicholas, Josephine Calway, Sylvia Quinn, Susanna King, Rose Coldwell, Pat Vanscalina, Lydia Horneff, Adrienne Taylor, Doreen Browning, Sr. Aelred, Valerie & Michael Godden, Mary Dowd, Eileen McCaughan, Jef Silva, Jane Sellon, Kathleen Freeman, Roz Lennon, Steve Lawlor, Eileen Crowley, Yan Kelly, Steve Kelly, Fr. John Slater, Rena Gathercole, Norma McAllister, Paul Duncan Frew, Linda Adsett.

Message from the Bishop’s Conference for England & Wales: Prayer for the Nation - As part of our desire to stay faithful to daily patterns of prayer, we are encouraged to come together at 6pm every day to pray - pray privately, pray together at home, pray without ceasing.

Covid Guidance:

The government has confirmed that collective worship can continue in churches following strict guidelines. This decision applies across all tiers of COVID-19 restrictions in England. “This decision reflects the importance of the right of all people to express their faith in worship, but more importantly, it is an acknowledgement of the active collaboration the church has had with public officials in developing COVID-secure protocols in our churches. As we move forward, it is incumbent on all who come to worship God in our churches to play their part in keeping themselves and others safe by following all of the guidance that has been prepared”. This involves: the wearing of face coverings appropriately, covering the mouth and nose, at all times in church; social distancing; using gel to cleanse hands entering and leaving the church; following the one-way system and completing the track & trace system with your name, how many in your group and either a contact phone number/email/your address. **It is important that all these details are shown on the track and trace sheet.**

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