



# Parish of Ramsgate and Minster

The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (B) – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021

My Dear People!

This coming Thursday is the Feast of The Ascension. What on earth does that mean for us in Ramsgate and Minister in 2021 coming out of lockdown? It means that we are people of hope with a mission to live and radiate the Good News of Christ. The Ascension teaches us that Our Lord in his risen human body ascended into the dimension of Heaven. In other words, the Head of humanity has proceeded where all of us hope to follow. If you dive properly into swimming pool your body follows your head into the water. Christ is our head we are the members of the body and so where he has gone to prepare a place for us, we hope to follow!

Ascension is the great Feast of Hope. As we come out of lockdown no doubt there is a certain depression and inertia after this year 'in the tomb'. Let us encourage one another and especially those who have been isolated and affected by this strange time. We look forward to the third greatest feast of the year: Pentecost, (Whitsun) and pray for the Grace of The Holy Spirit to joyfully share this Hope with all that providence sends into the boundaries of our lives. May Our Lady and St. Joseph intercede for us all!

God Bless you all.

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

**Mass Times and Intentions for the week commencing: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021:**

	<b>St. Ethelbert's</b>	<b>St. Augustine's</b>
<b>Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	10.00am The Francis Family. 12.00noon (Polish)	8.30am Kay Lovett & Loved Ones. 12.00noon(Sung Latin) People of the Parish 5.00pm. (Ordinariate) Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montilgeon
<b>Monday – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b> <b>Feria</b>	9.30am Maureen Francis	12.00noon Jane Smith & Loved Ones
<b>Tuesday – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b> <b>Feria</b>	9.30am Steve Young RIP – Anniversary	12.00noon Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montilgeon
<b>Wednesday – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b> <b>Feria</b>	9.30am (Latin) Rina Dias & Loved Ones.	12.00noon Anna and Leshek & Family
<b>Thursday – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b> <b>The Ascension of the Lord -</b> <b>Holyday of Obligation.</b>	9.30am Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montilgeon 6.00pm (Polish)	12.00noon Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montilgeon 7.30pm (Latin) Ron Francis RIP
<b>Friday – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b> <b>St. Matthias</b>	9.30am Kazia Syposz & Loved Ones 6.00pm (Polish)	12.00noon Annette Bowman & Colette O'Loughlin – Birthdays.
<b>Saturday – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b> <b>Feria</b>	9.30am Trevor Tappenden – Wellbring 5.30pm Holy Souls of Our Lady of Montilgeon	12.00noon Alan & Delia

**Prayer Candles for the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> May 21:** Jane Ryan – Wellbeing, Paul Knell - Birthday.  
Next Sunday the second collection is for **World Communications Day - Catholic Communications Network.**

**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 Friday). Saturdays The Rosary is at 9.10am, followed by Mass at 9.30am. First Saturday of the month, 15minutes of Prayer & Devotion to Our Lady, following the 9.30am Mass. Confessions on Saturday at 10.15am & 5.00pm and Sunday at 9.30am. **See the weekly Mass Schedule for changes.**

Mass in Polish on Sundays at 12.00noon and on Friday evenings at 6.00pm.

**Parish Hall** - It is planned that the Hall will be reopen for use on 1<sup>st</sup> July 21 – Covid restrictions permitting.

**It is planned to resume the Bereavement Visiting Team and Visiting the Sick Team** if anyone is able to help and join these teams please contact the Priests. Members will be required to be DBS checked by the Diocese.

**St. Augustine's Shrine:** Open for Mass daily at 12.00noon. Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays 12.30 – 3.00pm and on Saturdays open for private prayer from 12.30 – 3.00pm. Confessions during 12.00noon Mass on Sundays and before/after daily Mass by request.

**Join Pope Francis in the Rosary Marathon** for an End to COVID-19. Pope Francis has requested that the Church comes together to pray the rosary every day throughout May for an end to the pandemic. The Pope will be joining 30 shrines across the world throughout the month of May, with a different intention to be prayed for each day. The marathon begins this Saturday 1st May, at our own national shrine of the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. If you'd like to join him, you can do so via [Vatican News on YouTube](#). Our own shrine of the [Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk](#) will kick off the rosary marathon on 1st May at 6pm.

**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](mailto:chaplains@gstt.nhs.uk) or [jake.dicto@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:jake.dicto@gstt.nhs.uk)

**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**

All registrations for First Communion 2021 at St. Ethelbert's Church need to be accepted by Sunday 30th May. Children must be in Year 3 and above. The start date will be Saturday 12th June. Please request a registration form from the Church (Parish office email [ramsgate@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:ramsgate@rcaos.org.uk)).

Please continue to follow the on-line parents and children's courses at home as well as your child attending the in-person lessons. Lessons for children will be on Saturday mornings 10:30am - 11:30am inside the church. Lessons will run throughout June and July but not in August as we will have a Summer break. We will restart lessons in September with a view to have the First Communion masses at the end of September. Parents will receive information about the lessons and First Communion masses by email or text from the Catechists imminently.

#### **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.

**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](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) .

#### **Message from Mr S.D. Marshall, Headteacher, St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery.**

Dear all, I am going to start recruiting Parent Governors. Please find the link below for the advert. If you know of anyone who would be interested then please pass on this advert. Any questions then please pass onto me. <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=84729>

**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=PLEmVj2dVdpguJaP47LzrGtdAbaRZAxF>

**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](http://www.explorereationships.org.uk/youth-panel)

**Mass Stipends** – Please be aware that if you have any dates, you would like Mass said for a special intention, we are now booked to June at both St. Ethelbert's and St. Augustine's for weekday Masses and June/July for Sunday Masses. Please let us know as soon as possible via the Mass Stipend Envelopes or phone the office on 01843 592071.

**Mary's Meals** – Since our humble beginnings, Mary's Meals, named after Mary the Mother of Jesus, has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support us. This May, the month traditional dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in prayer to celebrate the wonderful work of Mary's Meals and give thanks that we are now reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish, enabling us to reach more hungry children. You could offer your prayerful support in a number of ways; you will find inspirational resources for our Pray in May Campaign on our website and details at the back of Church. Thank you for remembering Mary's Meals in your prayers. God Bless you all.

**Message from CAFOD** - As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give). Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic. CAFOD is holding a special online Mass on Friday 7 May at 6.30pm to pray for the people of India. You can register here: [bigmarker.com/cafod/India-Emergency](http://bigmarker.com/cafod/India-Emergency)

**Paul Knell** wishes to thank everyone for their condolences, cards, kind words and prayers following the death of his mum last week.

**Please remember in your prayers the recent deceased:** Josephine Knell, Reginald Arthur McGowan, Yvonne Fernandez, Robin Feline, Una Spyropoulos, Terry Coppock, Mollie West, Fr. Christopher's cousin, Glenn in Texas, Mrs Farrall's Mother, Stephen Williams-Jones, Ann Ryan, Margaret Hampson, John Stephen Platt, George Gabbett, James Regan, Elvira Lind, Vilia Grilli, Christopher Sokołowski, 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, Patricia Smalley, Jane Ryan, Mary Cotton, Edmond Glean, Marie Malone, baby Maxwell Webb.

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. Please check restrictions on the numbers allowed at funerals with those organizing.**

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