

## 6th - 14th January 2024

# Masses and Services

### Ramsey

### Peel

Saturday	6.30 pm	Chris Macken (Anniv.)		
Sunday	11.00 am	F.K.O Mahony	9.00 am	Parishioners
Monday	10.00 am	John Richmond	10.00 am	Communion Service
		Requiem Mass		
Tuesday	10.00 am	Maurice Solkin	Midday	Private Intention
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Private Intention		
Thursday	10.00 am	John Cain	Midday	H. Davis
Friday	10.00 am	Rose, Bridget and Michael Craig	Midday	Private Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	Benefactors		
	6.30 pm	Parishioners		
Sunday	11.00 am	Deceased of Parish	9.00 am	Deceased of Parish

**Confessions: Ramsey** - Saturday, after 12.30pm Mass & 5.45 - 6.15pm;  
Wednesday 7-7.20pm. **Peel** - Sunday, 8.30 - 8.50am

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Peel** - Friday after the Midday Mass. **Ramsey** - Saturday 5.30pm - 6.15pm

### Readings for the Week

8th January 2024 - **Monday**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

9th January 2024 - **Tuesday**

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Psalms 29: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10; Acts 10: 34-38; Mark 9: 7; Matthew 3: 13-17

10th January 2024 - **Wednesday**

First Samuel 3:1-10,19-20; Psalms 40: 2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; John 10: 27; Mark 1: 29-39

11th January 2024 - **Thursday**

First Samuel 4: 1-11; Psalms 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Matthew 4: 23; Mark 1: 40-45

12th January 2024 - **Friday**

First Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22a; Psalms 89: 16-17, 18-19; Luke 7: 16; Mark 2: 1-12

13th January 2024 - **Saturday**

First Samuel 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1; Psalms 21: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 4: 18; Mark 2: 13-17

### Feastdays of the Week

**Monday**

Baptism of the Lord

**Friday**

St. Alfred of Rievaulx. Cistercian Abbot.

**Saturday**

St. Hilary. Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Prayer of the Faithful: We are ambassadors for Christ,  
Response: **to tell the nations that they are reconciled.**

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## **Ramsey**

**Congratulations** to the Lourdes Fund Raising Team for raising £493 at the Christmas coffee morning.

**John Richmond** died on 1st January. Requiem Mass 8th January 10.00am, followed by burial.

### ***Message from Canon Philip.....***

We begin the Calendar Year with great Christmastide Feasts – Mary, Mother of God, the Epiphany ( which this year is kept on the Sunday, 7th January ) and then The Baptism of the Lord ( Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January ) These Feasts remind us that the Christmas **Season** is exactly that – a period of time, not just a one-day wonder ! Just as the weeks of Advent have helped us prepare for the Coming of the Lord at the end of Time ( the Parousia, the theme of the first three weeks of Advent ) and then to celebrate the coming of the Lord in the history of the People of Israel and of the world ( the season of the seventeenth of December through until Christmas day itself ), so the weeks after Christmas Day enable us to reflect upon the wonder of the star which we have seen, the song of ‘Glory to God in the highest’ which we have heard, and the child whom we too have embraced and in whose birth we are made glad.

We also need to respond to that most fundamental of all questions – ‘ and what difference does it make.....?’.

Fundamentally we can with surety reply ‘ all the difference in the world’ – this is also what we sing on the night of the Easter Vigil in the Exultet,

**‘ What good would life have been to us, had Christ not come as our Redeemer?’.**

The birth of Jesus, his life and teaching, his death and resurrection – all these events are caught up in that one wondrous proclamation

**God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life . ( John 3:16 )**

The gift who is the Word made Flesh transforms our lives into lives which look towards God to find their ultimate purpose and dignity - and lives which look toward the world to find that place where the proclamation of the love of God must be translated into acts and works of charity and kindness. Why, we may ask, what is the reason for this hope and purpose for our daily living , faithful to the example and command of the Lord Jesus? Because we acknowledge in the words of Pope Leo the Great which we read on Christmas Night in the Office of Readings a fundamental truth which makes of each one of us a bearer of God's goodness and God's Word to others;

**O Christian, be aware of your nobility ! It is God's own life that you share....**

Advent and Christmastide have invited us to be a people of HOPE and of VISION. These attitudes for life are closely linked to the Feasts we have celebrated over these last days; may we bear the fruit of these virtues in our daily living in the weeks and months which lie ahead of us in this new Year of the Lord , 2024.

**May the Lord bless our homes, this year as in every year.**

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