13th - 21st January 2024 Masses and Services

Ramsey Peel

Saturday	6.30 pm	Parishioners		
Sunday	11.00 am	Deceased of Parish	9.00 am	Deceased of Parish
Monday	10.00 am	John Richmond	10.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	10.00 am	Renee McKenzie	Midday	Private Intention
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Private Intention		
Thursday	10.00 am	June Webster	Midday	John Cain
Friday	10.00 am	Joan Rigby	Midday	Private Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	Benefactors		
	6.30 pm	Deidre Ashe		
Sunday	11.00 am	Marty Doherty	9.00 am	Parishioners
		(12th Anniversary tomorrow)		

Confessions: Ramsey - Saturday, after 12.30pm Mass & 5.45 - 6.15pm;

Wednesday 7-7.20pm. **Peel** - Sunday, 8.30 - 8.50am

Ramsey 2nd collection next weekend for the work of the S.V.P.

Last Week's Donations: Ramsey - £6833.75; Peel - £250.55

Readings for the Week

15th January 2024 - Monday

First Samuel 15: 16-23: Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-1,21 and 23:Hebrews 4:12:Mark 2: 18-22 16th January 2024 – **Tuesday**

First Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalms 89: 20, 21-22, 27-28 ; Ephesians 1: 17-18: Mark 2: 23-28 17th January 2024 – **Wednesday**

First Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalms 144: 1b, 2, 9-10; Matthew 4: 23; Mark 3: 1-6 18th January 2024 – **Thursday**

First Samuel 18:6-9;19:1-7:Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,10b-12,13-14; Sec.Tim.1:10 Mark 3: 7-12 19th January 2024 – **Friday**

First Samuel 24: 3-21;Ps 57: 2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Second Corinthians 5:19; Mark 3: 13-19 20th January 2024 - **Saturday**

Second Samuel 1:1-4,11-12, 19, 23-27; Psalms 80: 2-3, 5-7; Acts 16: 14b; Mark 3: 20-21

Feastdays of the Week

Sunday Peach Sunday

Wednesday St. Anthony. Abbott.

Thursday Beginning of Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Saturday St. Sebastian. Martyr.

Prayer of the Faithful: Speak, Lord, Response: your servant is listening.

Please turn OFF your mobile phone when entering the Church. Thank you.

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Peel

Coffee Morning 19th January. 10am -11:45am for Lourdes Fund. Contributions to the raffle and cake stall greatly appreciated.

Vatican news

As he led his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis relaunched his appeal for peace in our war-torn world.

In his greetings to the Italian-speaking faithful, he expressed his solidarity with the people of countries that are enduring the horrors of war.

"We renew our prayerful closeness to the dear Ukrainian population so harshly tried and to those who suffer the horror of war in Palestine and Israel, as well as in other parts of the world," he said.

The Pope also encouraged all people to pray for nations at war.

"Let us pray for these people who are enduring war," he said, "and let us pray to the Lord that He may sow the seed of peace in the hearts of the authorities of the countries."

Pope Francis has made his appeals for peace a near-constant refrain in his public audiences.

On Monday, he held his annual "State of the World" address to Ambassadors accredited to the Holy See, detailing his concerns regarding global issues.

The Israel-Hamas war in Gaza and Russia's war in Ukraine topped his list of situations that require global attention and concern.

At the same time, he condemned the "enormous stock of available weapons" that offer the illusion of deterrence.

"The contrary is true: the availability of weapons encourages their use and increases their production," said the Pope. "Weapons create mistrust and divert resources."

Recalling the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas, the Holy Father condemned the October 7 attack on the Israeli people.

"I renew my condemnation of this act and of every instance of terrorism and extremism. This is not the way to resolve disputes between peoples; those disputes are only aggravated and cause suffering for everyone," he said.

And condemning the subsequent military response to that act that has led to full-scale war in Gaza - where over 22,000 people have been killed and millions injured and displaced - the Pope decried the fact that it "provoked a strong Israeli military response in Gaza that has led to the death of tens of thousands of Palestinians, mainly civilians, including many young people and children, and has caused an exceptionally grave humanitarian crisis and inconceivable suffering."

Thus, he called for an immediate ceasefire, the release of hostages, and access to humanitarian aid for the Palestinian people. He also reiterated his support for a "two-state" solution, as well as an "internationally guaranteed special status for the City of Jerusalem, aiming for lasting peace and security.

Prayer for peaceNow, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.