18th - 26th May 2024 Masses and Services

	Ramsey		Peel	
Saturday	6.30 pm	Parishioners	10.00 am	Communion Service
Sunday	11.00 am	Philip Hague	9.00 am	Paddy & Joan Kelly Wedding Anniversary
Monday	10.00 am	Joan Rigby (for the 19th)	10.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	10.00 am	Bill Quigley	Midday	David Broe (ill)
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Mervyn Leach		
		Recovery of Health		
Thursday	10.00 am	Eddy Sherry	Midday	Private Intention
Friday	10.00 am	Private Intention	Midday	Ben Adzogba
Saturday	12.30 pm	Benefactors		
-	6.30 pm	John Richmond		
Sunday	10.45 am	Parishioners	9.00 am	D. Callister

Confessions: Ramsey - Saturday, after 13:30pm Mass & 5.45-6.15pm. Wed. 7-7.20pm

Peel - Sunday 8.30 - 8.50 am

Last Week's Donation: Ramsey - £614.90; Peel - £194.20 Word Communications: Ramsey - £252.25; Peel - £107.10

Readings for the Week

20th May 2024 - **Monday**

Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps Judith 13:18 bcde, 19; Jn 19:25b-27

21st May 2024 - **Tuesday**

Jas 4:110; Ps 54:7-8, 910a, 10b-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

22nd May 2024 - Wednesday

James 4:13-17; Ps 48:2-3, 67, 810, 11; Mk 9:3840

23rd May 2024 - Thursday

Gen 22:9-18 or Heb 4-10; Ps 39:7-8a, 10-11ab, 17; Mt 26:3642

24th May 2024 - Friday

Jas 5:912; Ps 102:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

25th May 2024 - Saturday

James 5:9-12; Ps 102:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

Prayer of the Faithful: Come Holy Spirit, Response: fill the hearts of your faithful.

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Feastdays of the Week

Monday Our Lady, Mother of the Church.

Wednesday St. Rita of Cascia. Religious died 1457.

Thursday Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest.

Saturday St. Bede the Venerable. Priest & Doctor of the Church.

Next Sunday. Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

Peel Coffee Morning at St. Patrick's for Christian Aid. Friday 24th May. Raffle prizes and contributions to the cake stall greatly appreciated. 10am - 11.45am

We thank **Fr. John Hindley** for his generosity in looking after the Parishes during the absence on Retreat of Fr. Brian.

Next Sunday, to facilitate Fr. John, Mass in Ramsey will begin at 10.45am. So 15 minutes earlier than usual. Please ensure that you arrive on time to show your appreciation for being able to participate in any Mass.

Pope Francis: Do not abandon grandparents and elderly; remain close to them

Pope Francis on Tuesday urged families around the world to remain close to grandparents and elderly family members, imploring loved ones to spend time with older relatives who may be facing "solitude and abandonment."

The Vatican released the message ahead of the fourth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, which takes place on July 28 this year. The pope first announced the annual observance in 2021.

Francis noted that the Bible contains numerous examples of the "fear of abandonment, particularly in old age and in times of pain." The theme for this year's observance is "Do Not Cast Me Off in My Old Age," a reference to Psalm 71.

"All too often, loneliness is the bleak companion of our lives as elderly persons and grandparents," the pope said. He noted that when serving as archbishop of Buenos Aires he "would visit rest homes and realise how rarely those people received visits. Some had not seen their family members for many months."

"There is now a widespread conviction that the elderly are burdening the young with the high cost of the social services that they require, and in this way are diverting resources from the development of the community and thus from the young," the Pope wrote. "This is a distorted perception of reality. It assumes that the survival of the elderly puts that of the young at risk, that to favour the young, it is necessary to neglect or even suppress the elderly." Citing the biblical example of Ruth remaining by Naomi's side in the latter's old age, the Holy Father urged families: "Let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families." "How much we need a new bond between young and old," Pope Francis said at the time, "so that the sap of those who have a long experience of life behind them will nourish the shoots of hope of those who are growing."