

14th - 22nd December 2024

Masses and Services

Ramsey

Peel

Saturday	6.30 pm	Margaret Craine (4th Anniversary)		
Sunday	11.00 am	Philip Hague	9.00 am	Parishioners
Monday	10.00 am	Joseph Mc Gready	10.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	10.00 am	Private Intention	Midday	Holy Souls
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Margaret Dowsing		
Thursday	10.00 am	Joan Rigby	Midday	Private Intention
Friday	10.00 am	Private Intention	Midday	Special Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	Benefactors		
	6.30 pm	Parishioners		
Sunday	11.00 am	Margaret Dowsing	9.00 am	Margaret Fletcher

Confessions: Ramsey - Saturday, after 12:30pm Mass & 5.45-6.15pm. Wed. 7-7.20pm
Peel - Sunday 8.30 - 8.50 am

Ramsey Penitential Service with Confessions. Thursday 19th December

Readings for the Week

16th December 2024 - **Monday**

Num 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 24:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

17th December 2024 - **Tuesday**

Gen 49:1-2, 8-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

18th December 2024 - **Wednesday**

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 71:2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-24

19th December 2024 - **Thursday**

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a, Ps 70:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

20th December 2024 - **Friday**

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 70:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

21st December 2024 - **Saturday**

Cant 2:8-14 (or Zeph 3:14-18a); Ps 32:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Christmas Masses

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Christmas Eve.	Children 6pm	First Mass of Christmas 8.30 pm
Midnight Mass	12 Midnight	
Christmas Day	8 am	Christmas Day 9.30 am
Christmas Day	11am	

Prayer of the Faithful: 'Rejoice in the Lord always,
Response: **and again I say Rejoice.**'

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From the desk of Canon Phil.....

Towards the end of this month, during the First Mass of Christmas, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome and thereby inaugurate a Holy Year which runs through from December 24th 2024 to 6th January 2026. The theme for this Holy Year is **PILGRIMS OF HOPE**.

We are all pilgrims – we are travelling and journeying somewhere; we have a destination and a goal in life. In the third Eucharistic Prayer we pray for

Your pilgrim church on earth

and that includes our parish, our Archdiocese and Country, and indeed a Church which is world wide – the meaning of the word Catholic. That idea of movement, of purpose and direction is important. We are ultimately not about being static, it's not about bricks and mortar and stained glass (beautiful and worthy as those things should be !) We are a pilgrim people whose destination is union with The Holy Trinity in the perfection and fullness of heaven. While we are on the journey we are nourished and supported by the Scriptures and the Sacraments, we journey together (the meaning of the concept of SYNOD) and we have the inspiration of Mary and the Saints and all those who have ' gone before us marked with the Sign of Faith '.

The use of the word HOPE is also significant. In a world which can increasingly appear listless and without moral compass, the values and virtues of the Kingdom of God can and should give us a firm point of reference for all our decisions and choices of each and every day.

At the opening of the Second Vatican Council in October 1962, Pope Saint John XXIII made the following speech. Over 60 year later, it appears that there is still work to be done.....

As the Second Vatican Council begins, it is clearer than ever before that the truth of the Lord remains forever (Ps 116:2). Indeed, as age succeeds age, we see the uncertain opinions of men and women take one another's place and new-born errors often vanish as quickly as a mist dispelled by the sun. The Church in every age has opposed these errors and often has even condemned them and indeed with the greatest severity. But at the present time, the spouse of Christ prefers to use the medicine of mercy rather than the weapons of severity; and, she thinks she meets today's needs by explaining the validity of her doctrine more fully rather than by condemning. Not that there are no false doctrines, opinions, or dangers to be avoided and dispersed; but all these things so openly conflict with the right norms of honesty and have borne such lethal fruits that today people by themselves seem to begin to condemn them and in particular those forms of life which disregard God and his laws, show excessive confidence in technological progress, and place their trust in a prosperity consisting only in the comforts of life. More and more they are coming to know that the dignity of the human person and their appropriate perfection are a matter of great importance and most difficult to achieve. What is especially important is that they have finally learned from experience that imposing external force on others, the power of weapons, and political domination are not at all sufficient for a happy solution of the most serious questions which trouble them.

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