

1st - 9th February 2025

Masses and Services

Ramsey

Peel

Saturday	6.30 pm	Parishioners		
Sunday	11.00 am	For Shannon and Cecilia and all families affected by infant loss.	9.00 am	Gordon Brew
Monday	10.00 am	Sam Smythe	10.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	10.00 am	Maurice Solkin	Midday	Raymond Dickinson
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Michael Slevin		
Thursday	10.00 am	Private Intention	Midday	Paula Broe
Friday	10.00 am	Margaret Dowsing	Midday	George & Nettle Marshall
Saturday	12.30 pm	Benefactors		
	6.30 pm	Dorothy Friend		
Sunday	11.00 am	Philip Hague	9.00 am	Parishioners

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

Readings for the Week

3rd February 2025 - **Monday**

1 Hebrews 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20

4th February 2025 - **Tuesday**

1 Hebrews 12:1-4; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43

5th February 2025 - **Wednesday**

1 Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18; Mk 6:1-6

6th February 2025 - **Thursday**

1 Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3, 3-4, 9, 10-11; Mk 6:7-13

7th February 2025 - **Friday**

1 Hebrews 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9; Mk 6:14-29

8th February 2025 - **Saturday**

1 Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34

Feastdays of the Week

Today **The Presentation of the Lord. Candlemas.**

Monday **St. Blaise.** 3rd/4th century. Armenian martyred bishop.

Wednesday **St. Agatha.** Roman Martyr.

Thursday **St. Paul Miki and 18th century Martyrs of Japan.**

Saturday **St. Josephine Bakhita.** 19th century Sudanese Canossian Sister.

Prayer of the Faithful: The light of Christ

Response: **has come into the world.**

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Island Spirituality Network; On Saturday 8 February at St. John's Mill, 10am-1pm, guest speaker will be Rt. Revd Tricia Hillas, Bishop of Sodor and Man. Her theme for the morning will be "Setting Sail, A Voyage of Faith", when we look forward to hearing more about her journey with God.

Debt Cancellation; This Jubilee year Pope Francis is calling for debt cancellation for low income countries. These countries are forced to choose between saving lives and paying debt. Pope Francis says, "It is more than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice." Read more and sign the global petition at cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt.

The rhythm of times and seasons.....

(words taken from the Epiphany Proclamation)

We find ourselves already in the second month of the year and 'the rhythm of times and seasons' is rapidly carrying us towards Lent, Easter and the lengthening of the days ! In his Encyclical Letter **Laudato Sii** Pope Francis highlighted the fact that we live in a "common home" with all our brothers and sisters of the world and that awareness of and sensitivity to the creation of which we are part is ultimately an enriching experience. The more we recognize ourselves as part of something much bigger than we are, the less likely we are to fall into the trap of thinking everything revolves around ME and therefore living our lives in a self-centered and self-referential manner.

Two Liturgical Feasts in this month of February may help us as we grow in this sensitivity. First is the Feast of the Encounter, sometimes called the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which speaks of the LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN our living. It is by the wisdom of the Gospel that we judge the things around us, how we are to make use of them while never losing sight of the bigger picture, the Godly picture.

The second is the FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, kept on 22nd of the Month. The Chair – *Cathedra* in latin - is the symbol of the teaching authority of a person for instance in a university. In our Catholic tradition it gives us the place where the teaching ministry of the Bishop is highlighted by the placing of his Chair (*Cathedra*), a Chair in which nobody but the Bishop will sit ...hence the name of the place is the Cathedral. This particular Feast is kept as a reminder of the teaching and guiding ministry which, under the Holy Spirit, is exercised by the Holy Father, Bishop of Rome ; in the words of Pope Benedict XVI, it is "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity."

Please feel free to take this bulletin away with you.