

25th January - 2nd February 2025

Masses and Services

Ramsey

Peel

Saturday	6.30 pm	Holy Souls		
Sunday	11.00 am	Jack Duranczyk	9.00 am	Parishioners
Monday	10.00 am	Protection from Evil	10.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	10.00 am	Maurice Solkin	Midday	Patrick Whelan
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Int. of G. Hughes		
Thursday	10.00 am	Private Intention	Midday	Service of Word & Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Funeral Service June McKenna		
Friday	10.00 am	Joan Gormley	Midday	Michael Solkin
Saturday	12.30 pm	Benefactors		
	6.30 pm	Parishioners		
Sunday	11.00 am	For Shannon and Cecilia and all families affected by infant loss.	9.00 am	Gordon Brew

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

Last Week's Donations: Ramsey - £813.90 ; Peel - £283.75

Readings for the Week

27th January 2025 - **Monday**

1 Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30

28th January 2025 - **Tuesday**

1 Hebrews 10:1-10; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mk 3:31-35

29th January 2025 - **Wednesday**

1 Hebrews 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20

30th January 2025 - **Thursday**

1 Hebrews 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25

31st January 2025 - **Friday**

1 Hebrews 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

1st February 2025 - **Saturday**

1 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Ps Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41

Monday **St. Angela Merici.** 15/16th century. Educator. Founded the Ursuline Sisters.

Tuesday **St. Thomas Aquinas.** 13th century Dominican theologian.

Thursday **St. Aidan.** 6th/7th century. Founded monastery at Ferns, Wexford, became Bishop there.

Friday **St. John Bosco.** 19th century Italian priest, worked with neglected boys. Founded the Salesians & Our Lady Help of Christians Order.

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

Response: **You are the Saviour of the world.**

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Next Sunday. Presentation of the Lord.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Will those who wish to enrol for the course of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation please collect an application form. Having completed it, please return it next Sunday, 2nd February. Thank you.

Peel

Congratulations and thanks to those who raised £500 for the **Lourdes Fund** at a recent coffee morning.

Vatican News

"Holy Father, you have changed my life again! Shouldn't you have at least given me advance notice?" With these words the newly created **Philippine Cardinal Pablo Virgilio David y Siongco** addressed Pope Francis after finding out that his name appeared among the new cardinals on the list for the last consistory held in Rome. Almost a decade after having named him the bishop of Kalookan in the Philippines, Pope Francis elevated him to the cardinalate at the age of 65 on Dec. 7, 2024. "Oh, don't give it any importance, take it with a touch of divine humour," the Holy Father replied with a smile. The new cardinal shared the pope's piece of advice with ACI Prensa, CNA's Spanish-language news partner — advice that managed to calm him down and fill him with peace. From the city of Kalookan, located near Manila Bay, David, who is also president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines and vice president of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences, recalled with gratitude the ceremony in which he received the red biretta.

Pope Francis has made the Vatican's first public statement about the ceasefire agreement to the war in Gaza since it was announced last week.

As the ceasefire took effect on Sunday, Pope Francis praised the milestone, voicing hope that the authorities involved, alongside international leaders, can achieve a lasting peace. The pontiff also advocated for a two-state solution. "I express my gratitude to all of the mediators," the Pope said during his Angelus address on 19 January, adding that mediation is important work "because it makes peace".

Pope Francis also thanked all those who helped achieve the ceasefire, voicing his hope that what was agreed would be "immediately respected by the parties and that all the hostages can finally return home, and embrace their loved ones again". He added that he is praying for the families of Israeli hostages and also recognised the need for humanitarian workers to be able to reach needy populations in Gaza as soon as possible. "Both Israelis and Palestinians need clear signs of hope," the Holy Father said, expressing his hope that political authorities in both territories, with the help of the international community, "can reach a just solution for two states".

"Everyone can say yes to dialogue, yes to reconciliation, and yes to peace," he said, urging everyone to pray together for those things to be achieved.

The Gaza war has been raging since the October 7 surprise attack in 2023 by Hamas militants that left 1,200 Israelis dead and more than 250 taken as hostages. Of the roughly 100 hostages who remain in Gaza, a third are believed to be dead, according to Israeli Defence Forces.

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