

4th - 12th January 2025

Masses and Services

Ramsey

Peel

Saturday	6.30 pm	Joseph Mc Cready		
Sunday	11.00 am	Ellen Mary Bowler	9.00 am	Parishioners
Monday	10.00 am	F.K. O Mahony	10.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	10.00 am	Michael Solkin	Midday	Byrne Family
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Private Intention		
Thursday	10.00 am	Margaret Dowsing	Midday	O Callaghan Family
Friday	10.00 am	Joseph Mc Gready	Midday	Private Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	Benefactors		
	6.30 pm	Parishioners		
Sunday	11.00 am	Michael Slevin	9.00 am	Patrick Whelan

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

6th January 2025 - **Monday**

1 John 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7-8, 10-11; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

7th January 2025 - **Tuesday**

1 John 4:7-10; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 6:34-44

8th January 2025 - **Wednesday**

1 John 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

9th January 2025 - **Thursday**

1 John 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14-15, 17; Lk 4:14-22

10th January 2025 - **Friday**

1 John 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

11th January 2025 - **Saturday**

1 John 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; John 3:22-30

Next Sunday. Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Jubilee 2025

Every twenty five years since 1300 has been designated a Jubilee Year. Jubilee 2025 has begun. Its beginning is signified by the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, Rome. This is followed by the opening of other Holy Doors, including that in the Co-Cathedral of St. Mary of the Isle, Douglas. The theme of the year is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. We may obtain the jubilee plenary indulgence on completion of a pious pilgrimage at one of the jubilee Churches. The Archdiocesan website contains further information on the jubilee and the events associated with it at liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Prayer of the Faithful: The Word was made flesh

Response: **and dwelt amongst us.**

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

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Wishing all parishioners and their families a 2025 of many graces and blessings.

C.M.B.

Over the coming days you may see these letters scrawled in chalk on peoples' door frames or brickwork, printed on window stickers at houses or in the back windows of cars.... don't worry, it is not an outbreak of unruly graffiti-artistsrather it is that people have embraced the tradition of the **EPIPHANY BLESSING** which is a prayer for Christ's protection and guidance in the coming year.

The letters may stand for the words - in Latin - **C**hristus **M**ansionem **B**enedicat
(may Christ give his blessing to this house/space/dwelling)

Sometimes it is suggested that they represent the names traditionally given to the three Magi, the Wise travellers who come to find the Christ-child – **Caspar**, **Melchior** and **Balthasar** (hence the blessing is linked with Epiphany).

Nobody is absolutely certain of the origin but it is a devotional act popular in Poland and other Slavic countries which has spread to other European countries. It helps us make very evident to others our Christian identity and our confidence that it is in the Blessing of Christ and indeed in the pilgrimage of hope made by the three wise travellers in which we find our own purpose, our dignity and our Vocation.

2025 is a Holy Year and the theme in **PILGRIMS OF HOPE** so The Epiphany Blessing seems particularly appropriate for these coming months !

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Please feel free to take this bulletin away with you.