

29th November - 7th December 2025

Masses and Services

Ramsey

Peel

Saturday	6.30 pm	Isaac Smith-Newton		
Sunday	11.00 am	Deceased Members of the S.V.P.	9.00 am	Pious List
Monday	10.00 am	Rose Cannoni		
Tuesday	10.00 am	Linda Colman	Midday	Deceased Members of the Maddrell Family
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Return to Health		
Thursday	10.00 am	Joseph McCready	Midday	Mary Black Ints.
Friday	10.00 am	John Walsh	Midday	John Walker
Saturday	12.30 pm	Benefactors		
	6.30 pm	Parishioners		
Sunday	11.00 am	Jane Swales	9.00 am	George Dempsey-Moore

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: **Ramsey** - Saturdays 5:30 to 6:15
Peel - Friday after Midday Mass

Collections

Ramsey - £526.70

Peel - £32.30

Animate Youth Ramsey - £226.10 **Peel** - £1833.70

Readings for the Week

1st December 2025 - **Monday**

1, Isaiah 4:2-6; Ps122:1-2, 3-4, 8-9; Matthew 8:5-11

2nd December 2025 – **Tuesday**

1, Isaiah 11:1-10; Ps 72:1, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24

3rd December 2025 - **Wednesday**

1, Isaiah 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29-37

4th December 2025 – **Thursday**

1, Isaiah 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

5th December 2025– **Friday**

1, Isaiah 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31

6th December 2025 - **Saturday**

1, Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 6-8

Prayer of the Faithful: Peace be to this house,
Response: **and to all who dwell herein.**

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

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For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences today, Sunday 30th November, with the **First Sunday of Advent, Year A**, opening the Advent season. In this new Liturgical Year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord.

The Tallis Consort presents A concert of choral music celebrating Christmas from the 16th Century to the present day. **7th December 7.30pm** at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ramsey and 8th December 7.30 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Hill St, Douglas.

ADVENT, our 'Purple Days' which lead up to Christmas and The Christmas Season, are special days of preparation and expectation - but they do sometimes run the risk of being swallowed up in the rush to 'get things in' for December 25th and the celebration of the civil new Year on January 1st! That is not to say that we should turn our back on the more practical concerns of gifts and food shopping – we keep these days of Christmas Season as a rich time when we share good things with family, friends and loved ones – not forgetting of course those who may have no-one with whom they can share the days, those for whom the turkey, or pudding (and even the brussel sprouts !) are beyond their means to put on their table.

The work of the SVP, the FoodBank and the good Samaritans of our day are as much in demand – if not more so – at this time of the Year.

However spare a thought for Advent ! This is the Season of the Church's year in which we find ourselves at the moment. It is a time when the Church looks forward to the glorious second coming of the Lord (He is the *adventus*, the one who is to come) and only from the 17th of the month do we move to readings and prayers in the Liturgy which speak of stars or stables or shepherds.

It is a delicate balancing act – a combination of PAST (what happened in Bethlehem those 2000 years ago). PRESENT (I am experiencing this in the year 2025 with all its joys and hopes as well as pains and worries) and FUTURE (I am looking forward to that Day when all will be fulfilled and brought to perfection in the Second Coming of Christ).

Each year we may find ourselves laying greater emphasis on a particular aspect or indeed character of the Christmas Story: it is worth giving ourselves that little bit of peace, that little space to reflect on these great events.....

Happy Preparation – and Happy Feasts when they arrive with us !

Father Philip

Please feel free to take this bulletin away with you.