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	9 th August 2026: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time				
	Saturday	8 th	6.30pm	Ramsey	Richard Bramwell
	Sunday	9 th	9.00am	Peel	Michael Magee
			11.00am	Ramsey	People of our Parishes
	Monday	10 th	10.00am	Peel	<i>Eucharistic service</i>
			7.00pm	Ramsey	Deborah Hallett – B’day, Róisín Higgins Anv Brian Keenan, 10 th Anv,
	Tuesday	11 th	-	-	No service
	Wednesday	12 th	Midday	Peel	Julia Barlow
			7.00pm	Ramsey	The Carr family
	Thursday	13 th	10.00am	Ramsey	Jimmy Dixon
	Friday	14 th	Midday	Peel	Susan Brooks
	Saturday	15 th	12.30pm	Ramsey	Sr Mary Thomas [LD]
	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary				
	Saturday	15 th	6.30pm	Ramsey	Conversion of JPVF
	Sunday	16 th	9.00am	Peel	Denis Gallagher (B’day Anv)
			11.00am	Ramsey	People of the Parishes
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:			Peel: On Friday after Midday Mass. Ramsey: Saturday from 5.30 until 6.15pm.	
	Confessions:			Peel: Sunday from 8.30 to 8.50am. Ramsey: Saturday after 12.30pm Mass and from 5.45 until 6.15 pm.	
	For the current week’s readings and Saints please look at The Liverpool Ordo, at www.liturgyoffice.org.uk or www.universalis.com (Liverpool/IOM).				

Cuppa and a chat

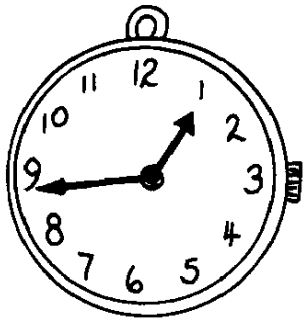
Tea or coffee available after the Sunday morning Masses. After 9.00am in the hall next door and after 11.00am in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Thank you for your offerings:

Peel: £554.80 Ramsey: £619.30

Word for 19th Sunday

Sometimes God is to be found where we least expect. Not in the hustle and bustle, not in the flurry of activity, not in strength and power, but in silence, gentleness and apparent weakness.



The Ticking Watch

Before the days of fridges, people used icehouses to preserve their food. Icehouses had thick walls, no windows, and a tight-fitting door. In winter, when streams and lakes were frozen, large blocks of

ice were cut, hauled to the icehouses, and covered with sawdust. Often the ice would last well into the summer.

Once a man lost a valuable watch while working in an icehouse. He searched for it, carefully raking through the sawdust, but couldn't find it. His fellow workers also looked but their efforts, too, proved futile. A small boy who heard about the fruitless search slipped into the icehouse at noon and soon emerged with the watch.

Amazed, the men asked him how he found it. "I closed the door," the boy replied, "then I lay down in the sawdust and kept very still. Soon I heard the watch ticking."

Often the question is not whether God is speaking, but whether we are being still enough and quiet enough to hear.

God speaks in ways and in words we least expect. Elijah would have expected God to speak in a powerful wind as at Pentecost. He would expect God to speak in an earthquake as he did for Moses and the Israelites, to speak in a fire like he did on top of Mt Carmel and in the Burning Bush. But Elijah didn't expect God to speak with a gentle whisper. We are so accustomed to the spectacular but the presence and voice of God is more often experienced in a gentle whisper (the still, small voice) and we will not hear it unless we find a quiet place for ourselves. We need time to really listen and hear, to find silence even in the hustle and bustle of daily life.

It's easy to think of quiet and solitude as things that only monks and nuns can enjoy. Yet if our Christian lives are to be nourished by God then we have to make space, somehow, for God to speak to us in the gentle whispers. How we do this will vary for each of us. But it's important that we do slow down, do make time for God and do allow ourselves not the luxury but the necessity of quiet time with God.

If we don't do this then we may well hear the winds, the earthquakes and the fires of this world, but we'll miss the gentle breeze. And we'll never hear the watch ticking.

Peel RNLI Service

Will be held this Sunday, 9th August, at 3.00pm at the RNLI Lifeboat Station on the breakwater, Peel.

All are welcome.



Mass intentions received:

Jim Bache; Sr Mary Thomas; John & Michele Edwin (55th wedding anv); Denis Gallagher; The Carr Family; The Choo Family.

Monday Mass

Please note that mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm on Monday in Ramsey. Fr John has a training day at IOM Prison on Monday.

Taizé Prayer

Next service is on Sunday 16th August at 6.30pm at St James, Dalby. All are welcome. This service is followed by refreshments.

www.stjamesdalby.org/taize-worship.html

Catholic Pic

The latest edition of the Catholic Pic is now available online.

https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_august_2026

Mothers Warmth

If you're across in Liverpool over the coming weeks the Metropolitan Cathedral will be hosting *Mother's Warmth*, an Icon exhibition by Bulgarian artist and iconographer Dian Kostov. Admission free. (Until 30th August.).

Isle of Man Foodbank Appeal

The Isle of Man Foodbank urgently needs donations of long-life food items, as stocks of tinned and cupboard goods have run low.

If you can help, please leave donations in the collection boxes at the back of the Ramsey church or at Foodbank collection points in supermarkets and shops around the Island.

Thank you for your support. www.foodbank.im

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