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	16 th August 2026: 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
	Monday	17 th	10.00am	Peel	<i>Eucharistic service</i>
			10.00am	Ramsey	Martin Gillis (LD)
	Tuesday	18 th	-	-	No service
	Wednesday	19 th	Midday	Peel	Sheila Peacocke
			7.00pm	Ramsey	Carolyn Hays (LD)
	Thursday	20 th	10.00am	Ramsey	<i>Eucharistic service</i>
	Friday	21 st	Midday	Peel	Joan Budd
	Saturday	22 nd	12.30pm	Ramsey	People of the Parishes
	23 rd August 2026: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time				
	Saturday	22 nd	6.30pm	Ramsey	Nelson Freitas
	Sunday	23 rd	9.00am	Peel	John Sydney Kelly
11.00am			Ramsey	Thomas & Margaret Swales	
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).					

Word for Sunday

Mary was a normal human being like each of us. But what made her special was that she was shown God's favour in an extraordinary way. This was because she was faithful in her relationship with God, was available, ready to do whatever God asked of her and was eminently teachable.

We honour her on the feast of her Assumption and pledge ourselves to follow her example.

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.

Note

The Eucharistic service on Thursday is because Fr John is attending, in Douglas, the funeral of former MHK John Wannenburgh.



Mary Credentials

The feast of the Assumption proclaims that at the end of her life on earth Mary was taken up body and soul to heaven to be rewarded for her lifetime of faithfulness in serving God by bearing his only Son, Jesus of Nazareth who was the Christ of God.

We call Mary "full of grace" or the "highly favoured one". What qualified her to be shown such favour by God?

Mary was a girl who would not have stood out from the crowd. We could almost call her a nobody, in the best sense of the word. She was a teenager getting on with her life in a backwater village in the Middle East. As far as we know she had no special qualifications. It is more than likely that she couldn't read and that like most girls at the time she would have busied herself with taking care of the household, waiting for the day when her wedding would take place to the man her family had arranged for her to marry. Did she have what was necessary for God's plan?

She was humbled and troubled when the angel Gabriel visited her. Yet she was open to what God was asking of her, even though she didn't fully understand how it could be. Her humility shines out in her song, the Magnificat. And so does her praise. For when she had listened to what the angel had to say, her immediate reaction was to praise God for using her in this extraordinary way.

If we are to follow the pattern Mary has set us as a model of faith then we can learn much from the way she behaves. Are we open and attentive to what God is asking of us in our lives? How do we listen to God? How do we know what's being asked of us? Do we let our false humility get in the way of serving God or do we make ourselves available so that God can work through us, doing far more than our own efforts can achieve?

And do we praise God for the graces that we constantly receive, or do we see our life as simply the unfurling of fate? Mary is given to us as a model of worship with her hymn of praise to God. Our prayer today is that where she has gone we may one day follow.



Taizé Prayer

Next service is this Sunday evening, 16th August, at 6.30pm at St James, Dalby. All are welcome. This service is followed by refreshments.
www.stjamesdalby.org/taize-worship.html

Peel RNLI Service

Thank you to all who came to this annual service last Sunday. It was good to see so many parishioners there.



Mass intentions received:

Laurence Cummins; Carolyn Hays; Martin Gillis

Service at St Adamnan

Canon Philip will be leading the Service at the ancient chapel of Saint Adamnan Church, Baldrine (which is also known as "Lonan Old Church") on Wednesday 26th August at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Thank you for your offerings:

Peel: 367.90 and Ramsey: £668.90

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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