



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

6th Sunday of Easter

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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 27th May	No Holy Mass	
Wednesday 28th May	Holy Mass	6:30pm
Thursday 29th May	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 31st May	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 1st June	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 31st May	10.00am - 11.00am
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Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 31st May	10.00am - 11.00am
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Readers at Mass

1st June	9.00am	Fiona Heppleston
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Masses Received

Sick: Roger & Ruth Dawes; Ian Butterworth; Andrew Wakerley; Jean Ashworth; Jean Lewin; Hattie Bowes; Claire Seymour; Lily Smith; Norma Blackburn; Matt Simpson; Derek Stephens; Jean Wearden; Beatrice Lacey; Margaret Moffatt; Carole Rowbottom;

Anniversaries: Margaret Smith; Eric Townend; Rhona & John Crooks; Melia Family; Catherine & Joseph Daveron; Ronald Collins & Family

Other - Ordination Anniversary Mass for Canon D Lupton; Special Intention for Michael Harrison; Mass for a Private Intention

Masses this week

Please note: there will be no Masses this coming week on Monday or Tuesday. I will be away over night for those two days. Mass as usual from Wednesday onwards.

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 26th May	No Holy Mass	
Wednesday 28th May	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 29th May	Holy Mass	12.00noon
Friday 30th May	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 31st May	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 1st June	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 31st May	5.30pm - 6.30pm
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Readers at Mass

31st May	6.30pm	Dawn Winfield
1st June	11.00am	Pat McAleese

The Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation

This coming Thursday, 29th May, is the Solemnity of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation when all Catholics are obliged to attend Holy Mass. There will be 3 Masses in the Parish at 6.30pm on Wednesday 28th May in St Peter's, at 9.30am on Thursday 29th May in St Peter's and at 12 noon on Thursday 29th May in St James the Less.

Congratulations

As I announced last weekend, the Governors have appointed Mrs Jessica Bell-Shaw as the new Head Teacher at St James the Less RC Primary School. Mrs Bell-Shaw is a familiar face as she is already the Associate Assistant Head and Year 6 teacher in our school. We offer our warmest congratulations to Mrs Bell-Shaw on her appointment and assure her of our prayers and support as she undertakes this important task for our children and families. Please keep Mrs Bell-Shaw in your prayers.

Parish Centre at St James the Less

The newly renovated Parish Centre at St James the Less is available for bookings. I am grateful to the newly formed Parish Centre Committee who have decided on and produced a booking form and policy for the use of the Centre. The Centre is open for bookings for family parties and other events, as well as longer term bookings for groups/sessions, both in the daytime and in the evening. If you would like to book the Centre, please contact Jeanette on 07960 977464 or jeanettepritchard5@gmail.com

Parish Charity Shop

Many thanks to those who came to the meeting last Tuesday evening to plan the opening of our Parish Charity Shop in the Old School Room at St James the Less. I am delighted to announce that Arthur and Anna-Mai Marriott have agreed to lead and co-ordinate the setting up and starting of the Parish Shop. As Parish Priest, it would not be possible for me to manage this myself, so I am very grateful to Arthur and Anna-Mai for coming forward to co-ordinate this. All enquiries about the Shop can be directed to them. Of course, they will need the help and support of all the volunteers who have kindly offered to help. The volunteers will be meeting this coming Wednesday in the Old School Room after the 9.30am in St James the Less to sort and organise. All are very welcome to help.

Journey in Faith

As a number of people who normally attend the Journey in Faith Sessions have informed me they will be away this coming Thursday for the Half Term, we will not meet this coming week. The next session will be on Thursday, 5th June when we will look together at 'The Paschal Mystery'. All are very welcome to attend and refreshments are provided.

Parish Summer Fayre and Duck Derby

The date of the Summer Fayre and Duck Derby this year will be Sunday 6th July, beginning after the 11am Mass at St James the Less. I am delighted to announce that the Primary School will be sending some dancers along this year to entertain us during the afternoon along with all of the usual attractions and stalls. Could I ask people to begin bringing in, either to the back of church or the porch of the Presbytery, goods to be sold. We especially need bottles for the tombola, fancy goods, toiletries and toys/games. Please make a note in your diary! Nearer the time I will be asking bakers of the Parish to sign up to provide some baked goods.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne

Our Parish mini pilgrimage to Holy Island and Durham will take place from Thursday 25th September to Saturday, 27th September. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn in Newcastle for the two nights and visiting Ripon Cathedral on the way up North, which has the oldest Cathedral Crypt in the country, dating from the 7th Century. We will be following the footsteps of the Northern Saints. It is now time to pay deposits of £75 if you have not yet done so. We do have a few twin rooms available still, so please spread the word!

Sacrament of Confirmation

Many thanks to those young people who came to our first session last Tuesday evening to look at Creation and the meaning of life. I want to commend these young people for coming forward for the Sacrament and ask everyone to pray for them as they prepare to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Our next session is after the Half Term on Tuesday, 3rd June at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. I am just finalising numbers with the Dean, so if there is anyone who wasn't at the first session but wants to go forward for Confirmation, please let me know asap.

Red Mission Boxes

This weekend, 24th & 25th May, please can you bring your Red Mission Boxes to the sacristy at St James the Less after the 6.30pm Vigil Mass or the 11.00am Sunday morning Mass so that the money can be counted and sent off to the Missions. Many thanks

Parish Centre Committee

The next meeting of the Parish Centre Committee is on Tuesday, 3rd June at 7.30pm after the Confirmation Session in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. Anyone who wishes to get involved is very welcome to come along.

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace Santino Musso Stoneman who will be Baptised this Sunday, 25th May at 12.30pm in St James the Less and Harry Holder and Romy Holder who will be Baptised also this Sunday, at 1.15pm in St James the Less. Please keep Santino, Harry, Romy and their families in your prayers.

Thank you

I want to say thank you to our three Parish Primary Schools for each inviting me this year during this month of May to celebrate May Devotions in honour of Our Blessed Lady. All three of the celebrations have been beautiful occasions.