



# Holy Apostles, Rossendale

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
21st September 2025

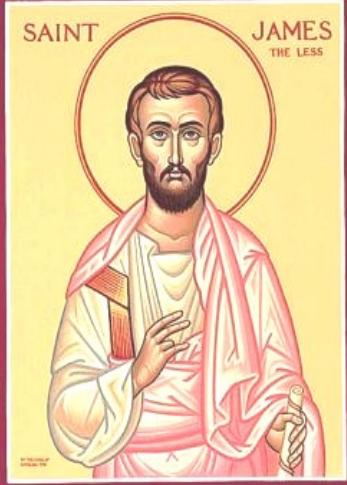
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## Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 23rd September	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 25th September	No Holy Mass	
Saturday 27th September	No Holy Mass	
Sunday 28th September	Holy Mass	9.00am

## Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 27th September No Confessions today

## Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 27th September No Exposition today

## Readers at Mass

28th September 9.00am Sue Casey

## Masses in St James the Less

Monday 22nd September	Holy Mass	9:30am
Wednesday 24th September	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 25th September	Holy Mass	7.30am
Friday 26th September	No Holy Mass	
Saturday 27th September	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 28th September	Holy Mass	11.00am

## Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 27th September No Confessions today

## Readers at Mass

27th September 6.30pm Paul Higginbottom  
28th September 11.00am Paul Swarbrick

## Masses Received

**Sick:** Rosanna Taylor; Roger & Ruth Dawes; Ian Butterworth; Andrew Wakerley; Jean Ashworth; Jean Lewin; Hattie Bowes; Claire Seymour; Lily Smith; Norma Blackburn; Derek Stephens; Beatrice Lacey; Carole Rowbottom; Anthony Whittaker.

**Birthday Anniversary:** Richard McCarthy

**Lately Dead:** Anthony Whittaker

**Anniversaries:** Frances Mahon; Bridget & James Davey; Margaret & John Fortune.

**Other:** Intentions for Lily Smith; Repose of Charlie Kirk's soul & help for his kids & wife; The Molloy & McCarthy Families; The Whittaker and Nicolls Families.

## CAFOD Coffee Morning

This Sunday, 21st September, is the monthly Coffee Morning for CAFOD after the 11:00am Mass in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. Please do call in after Mass and support.

The CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day for the autumn takes place on Friday 3rd October. At the Masses this weekend, a representative of our Parish CAFOD Group will speak after Holy Communion. Next weekend, envelopes for the Fast Day will be handed out at the back of church to be returned after the Fast Day on 3rd October.

## Parish Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne

This Thursday, 25th September, I am accompanying a group of parishioners on pilgrimage to Holy Island. Mass will be at the very early time of 7.30am in St James the Less that morning before we depart. Please note: there are no morning Masses on Friday or Saturday in the Parish, but we will be praying and offering Mass for all parishioners while we are on pilgrimage. We hope to return at 4pm on Saturday 27th.

## Parish Lottery

This week's winner, drawn on 13th September, is number 10 - Michael Hanson. Well done Michael!!

Please bring Envelope no 4, dated 27/28th September, to church next weekend

### Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy has begun again for the autumn term. Please note: **next weekend, 28th September, there will be no Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass in St James the Less.** Children's Liturgy as usual in St Peter's. Thanks once again to our volunteers who make this possible for our children and families. If you would like to help as a volunteer with our children, please let Father Stamp know.

### Journey in Faith

Our Journey in Faith Group will meet again on Thursday, 2nd October, at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. We will begin to look at 'Mary and the Four Last Things' in the next session. All are welcome and refreshments are provided. The sessions are self contained so even if you have not attended before you are welcome to jump onto the programme.

### Parish Suggestion Box

Sincere thanks to all parishioners who made suggestions for the Parish going forward over the summer via the suggestion boxes at the back of both churches. I have produced a response sheet to a number of the suggestions which you can find at the back of both churches this weekend. I will leave the boxes at the back of church in case parishioners want to make any further comment after reading the sheet.

### Date for the Diary

We have set a date for our Parish Christmas Fayre which will take place up at St Peter's on Sunday 30th November. Although it may seem a long way off it will soon be here so please make a note in your diaries! I intend to ask the Bishop's permission again to celebrate the Sunday Mass in both churches at 10am that morning so this is advanced notice!

### Annual Leave

As the diary fills up fairly quickly and far in advance nowadays, I wanted also to give some notice of the fact that I will be away on holiday at the end of October. As I didn't manage to get away in the summer this year, I will be away from Monday 20th October until Friday 31st October. During that time, Father Seamus Quigley will be coming to supply the Masses during my absence. I am very grateful to him for giving his time.

### The Old School Charity Shop

Our Parish Charity Shop is up and running. The Shop opening hours are currently:  
Tuesday - Friday 10am - 4pm  
Saturday 10am - 1pm

### Parish Centre at St James the Less

The Parish 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 07960977464 Or email: [jeanettepritchard5@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettepritchard5@gmail.com)

### Baptism Preparation Sessions

Many thanks to those families who attended our Baptism Preparation on Tuesday last week. We are having a lot of Baptisms in the Parish which is lovely. The Sundays in October are now fully booked, and almost fully booked for November. Saturdays at 12.30pm are available. Our next Baptism Preparation Session will take place on Tuesday 18th November at 6.30pm in the church at St James the Less. Any parents wishing to book a Baptism need to collect a booklet from Father Stamp which explains the process.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sunday 12th October, 10am - 12 noon in St Peter's Hall. Donations of cakes would be welcome, these can be brought to the Hall on Saturday, 11th October, between 11am and 12noon. Last year's Coffee Morning was a great success, please do try to support again this year!!

### Parish Centre Committee

The next meeting of the Parish Centre Committee at St James the Less will be on Tuesday 7th October at 7.00pm. All are welcome to come along and have a say in the running of the Parish Centre and social events at the Rawtenstall end of the Parish.

### Parish Banking

Following the amalgamation of the Parishes of St Joseph and St Peter Newchurch and St James the Less Rawtenstall into the one Parish of Holy Apostles, Rossendale, the Diocesan Finance Office have now unified the bank accounts belonging to both Parishes into one account and this account has been renamed. Any cheques written from now on must be made payable to 'The Holy Apostles'. If you are making a direct transfer from your bank account to the Parish account, the details are now as follows:

Account name: TSDT The Holy Apostles  
Account number: 80005614  
Sort Code: 20 - 55 - 34

There is no need for anyone who currently has a standing order into the account at St James the Less to do anything as apart from the new name, the details of the account are the same as the old St James the Less account. Could I ask anyone with a standing order at St Joseph and St Peter's to collect a new mandate form from me.