

# Holy Apostles, Rossendale

## Feast of the Holy Family

29th December, 2024

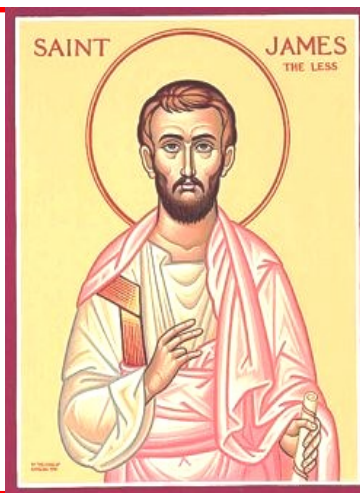
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### Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 31st December	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 2nd January	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 4th January	Holy Mass	9.30am
<b>Sunday 5th January</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.00am</b>

### Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 4th January 10.00am - 11.00am

### Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 4th January 10.00am - 11.00am

### Readers at Mass

5th January 9.00am Sue Casey

### Masses in St James the Less

Monday 30th December	Holy Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 1st January	Holy Mass	9.30am
Friday 3rd January	Holy Mass	9.30am
<b>Saturday 4th January</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Sunday 5th January</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>11.00am</b>

### Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 4th January 5.30pm - 6.30pm

### Readers at Mass

4th January 6.30pm Bohdan Horbaczewskyj  
5th January 11.00am Pat McAleese

### Masses Received

**Sick:** Roger & Ruth Dawes; Ian Butterworth; Andrew Wakerley; Jean Ashworth; David Maguire; Jean Lewin; Hattie Bowes; Canon David Ryder; Claire Seymour; Lily Smith; Norma Blackburn.

**Lately Dead:** Kalbinder Cheema; Annie Ashworth.

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Lane; Marion Dawson; Michael Hannon; Michael Toman; Mary Toman; Helen Nixon; Emily Knights; William Staniforth; Brien McDermott; Harold and Mary Sinclair; Father Vincent Lang.

**Christmas Mass Intentions:** Frank & Vera O'Neill; Harry & Hilda Fletcher; Deceased members of the Nixon & McNulty families; Mark Andrew Cronshaw; Clarke, Moran & Molloy families; James & Elizabeth Moran; William & Teresa Mary Boyle; Deceased members of the Boyle & Beesley families; Moira & Michael Darcy; Lol Dempsey; Deceased members of the Darcy, Dempsey & McConville families; Katie Davies; Deceased members of the Wilkinson & Lawrenson families; Barbara Grace; Deceased members of the McDonald & Roman families; The Tinker family; Bernard Langstaffe; Eric Townsend; Dennis Wills; Rhona & John Crooks; Margaret Smith; Jo Promfret; The Melia Family; Clifford & Mollie Barcroft; Sylvia Barcroft; Catherine Barcroft; Bob & Barbara Holt; Stephen Clark; Susan Fisher; Kathleen & Francis Caine; Bernie & Kevin Lancaster; Joan & Thomas Whitehead; Mary Capell; Theresa & Jack Phillips; Brian & Margaret Ticehurst; Ellen Lord; John Gaughan; Deceased members of the Molloy & McCarthy families; Jean Leonard; Carol Griffiths; John & Norah Mulderrig; Clare & David Atherton; Jack & Nora Roberts; Peter & Joan Nightingale; Baby Thomas Cavill; Deceased members of the Rush Family; Deceased members of the Ashall; Dixon & Griffin Families; Bill & Mary Mitchener; Kathleen & Frances Caine; Deceased members of the Caine, Whitehead & Entwistle Families; Christmas Mass for a Special Intention.

### A Sincere Thank You!

I wanted to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who helped in any way to prepare for our celebration of Christmas in the Parish of Holy Apostles. My thanks to the church cleaners; to those who prepared the cribs, Christmas trees and decorations in both churches; the flower arrangers; the musicians and singers; the Readers; the Altar Servers and anyone else who gave of their time and talents to ensure our churches and Liturgies were beautiful. You all had a special memento in my Christmas Masses this year. My thanks to all of the parishioners who came to the Masses on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. The numbers had increased this year, especially at the Christmas Eve Masses when both churches were full, so let's give thanks to Almighty God for all of the blessings we received this year during our celebration of the Feast. Of course, for many in the world around us, the celebration of Christmas is well and truly over, but not so for us. The celebration of Our Lord's Incarnation continues this Sunday with the Feast of the Holy Family, then with the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God on New Year's Day which ends the Christmas Octave. After the Octave has finished, we continue to celebrate Christmastide with the Epiphany of Our Lord next Sunday.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the kind gifts and cards I received this year. I think the dogs received as many presents as I did! May God bless you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

### Sunday Missals

I have a number of Sunday Missals from CTS with all of the Readings and Prayers for the Mass throughout the year which parishioners can buy. The price is £20.

**Apologies for the delay in getting the Missals to people - I am picking them on the Epiphany next Sunday from Oswaldtwistle after which they will be available to collect.**

### Annie Ashworth RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Annie Ashworth who died before Christmas. Annie's body will be received into the church at St Peter's on Wednesday 8th January at 7.00pm for the Vigil and Rosary. Annie's Requiem Mass will be on **Thursday 9th January at 10.30am in St Peter's**. May she rest in peace.

### Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy groups in both churches are taking a break over the Christmas holidays and will be back in the New Year. **This is an appeal for new volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy in both churches.** We are in need of more volunteers at the 9am Mass in St Peter's and at the 11am Mass in St James the Less. If you would be willing to help, you would not be expected to lead the group, only to assist. Safeguarding requirements insist that there are at least two volunteers who have had a DBS check (done through the Parish) for each session. If you would be willing to help in either church, please let Father Stamp know. Many thanks.

### Baptism Preparation Sessions

The next Baptism Preparation session will be on Tuesday, 28th January 2025, at 6.30pm in St James the Less Church. Signup sheets can be found at the back of both churches.

**Please note: we are already fully booked for Baptisms on Sundays in the month of January.**

### An Apology in Advance!

Can I apologise in advance if you handed me a Mass intention to go into the newsletter over the Christmas period and it has not appeared! Siobhan is currently on holiday, so I tried to sort through intentions and Christmas cards before this weekend to ensure nobody was missed, but it is entirely possible (indeed probable!) that I have missed one or two. Can I assure you that if the names are not in this weekend, by next weekend I will have sorted through everything and will make sure they are included.

### Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace those children who will be Baptised in St James the Less next weekend, at 12.30pm on Saturday 4th and 12.30pm on Sunday 5th January. Please keep all of the children who will be Baptised in the coming month and their families in your prayers.

### Gift Aid Envelopes

Please find at the back of both churches the Gift Aid Envelopes for the New Year. Many thanks to those who are signed up for Gift Aid - it makes a big difference to our Parish finances. If you are a UK tax payer and would be willing to sign up for envelopes, please e-mail Siobhan at [siobhan.wood@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:siobhan.wood@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Please take the envelopes with your name on the top - the numbers have changed!**

### Post Christmas Break

Because the diary for the New Year is already filling up, I wanted to give advanced notice that I will be taking a break from Monday 27th January until Saturday 8th February. During that time, Father Seamus Quigley will be staying in the Presbytery at St Peter's and supplying the Masses in the Parish. Please welcome him!