



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

4th Sunday of Easter

11th May 2025

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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 13th May	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 15th May	No Holy Mass	
Saturday 17th May	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 18th May	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 17th May	10.00am - 11.00am
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Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 17th May	10.00am - 11.00am
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Readers at Mass

18th May	9.00am	Sue Casey
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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;

Lately Dead: Margaret Dempsey

Anniversaries: Kate Fletcher; Jack Guest; Sheila Guest; Eddie Purcell; Thomas & Eileen O'Beirne; Kelly Adams; Alice Paul; Ellen Tyrrell; William Christie; Betty Christie; Shaun Testa

Birthday Mass Intention - Margaret Moffatt (96th)

Mass on Friday

Please note the change of the Mass time on Friday in St James the Less. Mass will be at the earlier time that day of 9.00am rather than the usual 9.30am. This is to facilitate interviews for a new Head Teacher at St James the Less Primary School. Please pray for our Governors throughout the coming week as they make this important decision on behalf of our children and staff.

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 12th May	Holy Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 14th May	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 15th May	Requiem Mass	11:00am
Friday 16th May	Holy Mass	9.00am
Saturday 17th May	Vigil Mass	6:30pm
Sunday 18th May	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 17th May	5.30pm - 6.30pm
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Readers at Mass

17th May	6.30pm	Michael Purcell
18th May	11.00am	Paola Coe

Sheila Haile RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila Haile who has died. Sheila's Requiem Mass will be on **Thursday 15th May at 11.00am** in St James the Less. May she rest in peace. **No Mass in St Peter's on that morning.**

Sacramental Programme

This Sunday, 11th May, we welcome our children and families from St Joseph's Primary and St Peter's Primary to the 9am Mass in St Peter's. In St James the Less, we welcome our children and families at the 11am Mass. Having made their First Confessions during the Season of Lent, the children are now approaching their First Holy Communion in the month of June. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. This weekend, the Parish Sisters have prepared a little gift for each of the children!

Baptism Preparation Sessions

The next Baptism Preparation Session will be this Tuesday, 13th May, at 6.30pm in the church at St James the Less for any parents preparing for the Baptism of their child. Many thanks to the volunteers who lead these sessions.

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

May - the Month of Mary

This Sunday, 11th May, there will be May Devotions at 3.00pm in St James the Less. On Sunday 18th May, there will be Rosary and May devotions and hymns at 3.00pm in St Peter's. Please do come along on those afternoons as we dedicate this month afresh to Our Blessed Lady and ask her to pray for our Parish. May is a good month for each one of us to rediscover the beauty of the Rosary and to renew our devotion to Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother.

Parish Pilgrimage to Holy Island

There will be a meeting this coming Wednesday 14th May at 7.00pm in St James the Less church for those who have booked onto the Parish Pilgrimage to Holy Island in September. If you are unable to attend this meeting but have booked on, could I ask you to e-mail me letting me know you won't be there and also indicating whether you have booked a Single or Twin room. Many thanks. This is just an initial brief meeting to ensure I have got all of the bookings correctly recorded!

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace Millie Denny who will be Baptised this Sunday, 11th May, at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please pray for Millie and for her family.

Journey in Faith

Many thanks to those who came to the Journey in Faith session this past Thursday when we looked together at 'The Incarnation'. The next session will be on Thursday, 15th May, at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less when we will look together at 'The Life of Christ'. All are welcome and refreshments are provided.

Sacrament of Confirmation

If you know of any young people in Year 8 or above who would like to be Confirmed this year, please could you ask them to contact me as soon as possible. The enrolment of the candidates for Confirmation will take place at the Parish Masses on 17th and 18th May.

Parish Shop

Could I invite those who have volunteered to help with the running of the Parish Shop to come along to a meeting on Tuesday 20th May at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less.

Rosary for the month of May

The Sisters have volunteered to lead a Parish Rosary on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am before the 9.30am Mass in St James the Less which will be offered for the Parish and all of our intentions. Please do join the Sisters half an hour before Holy Mass on those mornings to pray the Rosary. Many thanks to the Parish Sisters for this initiative.



Habemus Papam! Pope Leo XIV

We give thanks to Almighty God this weekend for the election of the 267th Pope, Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost who has taken the name Pope Leo XIV. We saw how throughout the days of the past week, the eyes of the whole world have been on Rome as the Cardinals of the Conclave met to elect the new Pope. I know many of you were watching with excitement for the smoke coming from the chimney on the roof of the Sistine Chapel. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, 'The Pope, Bishop of Rome and Peter's successor, is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful'. In his opening remarks from the balcony, Pope Leo gave the greeting of the Risen Lord, 'Peace be with you' and prayed that we may advance in unity as disciples of the Risen Lord and as beloved by God. Pope Leo XIV was born in Chicago, USA, but he also has Peruvian citizenship and spent a number of years there as a missionary Bishop before being called to Rome to undertake a variety of important tasks on behalf of the Holy See. He is a Religious, a Friar of the Order of St Augustine and is fluent in a number of languages, including English, Italian and Spanish (as well as Latin). It is the solemn duty of each one of us to pray each day for the Pope, and especially to pray for Pope Leo as he begins his ministry as Vicar of Christ and successor to St Peter. May God bless and keep him.