

Holy Apostles, Rossendale

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th September, 2024

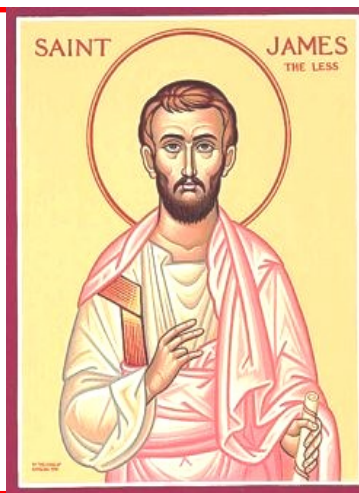
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 10th September Holy Mass 9.30am
Thursday 12th September Holy Mass 9.30am
Saturday 14th September Holy Mass 9.30am

Sunday 15th September Holy Mass 9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 14th September 10.00am - 11.00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 14th September 10.00am - 11.00am

Reader at Mass 15th September

9.00am Fiona Heppleston

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 9th September Holy Mass 9.30am
Wednesday 11th September Holy Mass 9.30am
Friday 13th September Holy Mass 9.30am

Saturday 14th September Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sunday 15th September Holy Mass 11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 14th September 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass 14th & 15th September

6.30pm Bohdan Horbaczewskyj
11:00am Paul Swarbrick

Masses Received

Sick: Bobbie McNerny; Roger & Ruth Dawes; Ian Butterworth; Andrew Wakerley; Jean Ashworth; David Maguire; Jean Lewin; Hattie Bowes; Canon David Ryder, Frances Mahon; Claire Seymour.

Anniversaries: Fred Richardson; Mary Higgins.

Birthday Anniversary: Michael Farry.

Other: Mary and Peter Connolly - September Masses
RIP: Special Intention for David Wickham; Special Intention for Bernard Walker.

Journey in Faith

The next Journey in Faith session for the new term will be on Wednesday, 18th September, at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall at St Peter's. All are welcome to come and learn more about our Catholic Faith.

Autumn Quiz Night

Our next quiz night will take place at St Peter's parish hall on Friday, 27th September, at 7.30pm (doors and bar open from 7pm). Tickets cost £5 pp, including home made supper, maximum 6 per team. Tickets are now on sale!

Autumn Duck Derby

Our annual Summer Fayre and Duck Derby takes place this year on **Sunday, 15th September, at St James the Less**. Could I ask parishioners to begin bringing in items for the Fayre, especially bottles, fancy goods, toiletries, toys and children's games etc. Raffle tickets will be handed out after all three Masses this weekend - please do your best to sell or buy some raffle tickets as the Grand Raffle is always a big part of the final amount raised. I understand that the date for the Duck Derby is a little awkward this year because of the work which has been going on in the Parish Centre, but next year we will go back to normal with a date in the early summer. However, please support this year's Duck Derby. I am also requesting sponsorship. If anyone could donate some money towards the burgers for the BBQ and the skip we need to hire, this would be greatly appreciated!

Welcome Mass - St Joseph's

This Tuesday, 10th September, there will be a welcome Mass in St Joseph's Primary School, Stacksteads at 10.30am as we welcome back our children and staff to school. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Congratulations

We offer our warmest congratulations to the staff, children, governors and parents of our Primary School, St Joseph's, Stacksteads on their Section 48 Religious Inspection which took place just before the summer holidays. The Catholic Life and Mission of the School was judged to be 'Outstanding' and the overall judgement was 'Good'. The report speaks so highly of our School and the Staff should be very proud of themselves for all their hard work in securing such a positive result. You can find the full Inspection Report on the St Joseph's website

Parish Rambling Club

The next walk, which is the Waterfoot Tunnel Walk, takes place next Sunday, 8th September, beginning at 1.00pm. All are welcome:

Start Point: Car Park at Bottom of Cowpe Road, Waterfoot. The distance is approximately 2.5 to 3 miles. This is a moderately easy walk with one hill. We walk through the tunnels to Blackwood Road in Stacksteads. Proceed up Blackwood Road for approximately 300 yards. Turn right at the end, then sharp left onto Royds Road. The path is now flat with good views of the opposite valley hillside. At the end of Royds Road, we cross a field to meet Cowpe Road which leads us back to the start of our walk.

Walk Leaders: Peter and Sheelagh Tracey.

Parish Centre

Now that the works on the Parish Centre at St James the Less are complete, we need some assistance in the coming week to prepare it for the grand re-opening at the Duck Derby which will entail some moving of furniture etc and also some cleaning. Parishioners really stepped up to the plate and gave their time so generously earlier in the summer to clear the conservatory, so I am requesting your generosity again! Could I ask anyone who is able to come to the Parish Centre this Wednesday 11th September after the 9.30am Mass to begin getting everything ready. We will also need help setting up for the Duck Derby on Friday morning, 13th, after the 9.30am Mass and similarly on Saturday 14th, from 12 noon. I apologise in advance that on the Wednesday, after starting the clearing after Mass, I will have to leave it to parishioners as I am hosting the Diocesan Clergy Hiking Group that day!

St Peter's September Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended the September Coffee Morning and bought tickets for the monthly raffle. Winners are:

£25 - Jacqui Sarker

£10 - P Hopkinson,

Bottle wine - P Smith (Yellow ticket 221-225 - we understand there are 2 P Smiths in the parish so could you please bring your ticket)

Chocolates - Victoria Johnson

Tickets for the October raffle will be on sale after Mass every Sunday in September at St Peter's.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

The next Baptism Preparation session will be on Tuesday, 19th November 2024, at 6.30pm in St James the Less Church. Signup sheets can be found at the back of both churches.

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy will begin again this Sunday, 8th September, at the 9am Mass in St Peter's in the Parish Hall and the 11am Mass in St James the Less in the Old School Room. Many thanks to the kind volunteers who make this possible at both of our Sunday morning Masses. If anyone would be willing to help at either Mass, we are always on the lookout for new volunteers. Please let Father Stamp or one of our volunteers know you would like to help and they can tell you how to get involved.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sunday 22nd September

10am - 12 noon in St Peter's Hall.

Donations of cakes would be welcome, these can be brought to the Hall on Saturday, 21st September, between 10am and 11am or can be brought to church on the morning of the 22nd.

Last year's Coffee Morning was a great success, please do try to support again this year!!

Pilgrimage to York

There will be a meeting for those travelling on our Pilgrimage to York this Tuesday, 10th September, at 7.00pm in the Old School Room at St James the Less. The final amount is now owed. The total amount for those in double rooms or twin rooms is £199. The total amount for those in single rooms is £249 (£50 supplement). If you have already paid the £75 deposit, the amount now owed is £124 for those in double or twin rooms and £174 for those in single rooms. Due to health issues, there have been a couple of late cancellations for twin rooms. If you would like to come to York but haven't yet booked, or if you know of anyone else who is interested, please get in touch with me asap, or come along to the meeting on Tuesday. I will be travelling with the pilgrims and it sounds a brilliant programme. The coach will pickup at 8.30am from St James the Less on Monday, 23rd September. We will stop at Harrogate to explore, have lunch or maybe afternoon tea at the famous Betty's. After leaving Harrogate we will travel on to our hotel where we will celebrate Holy Mass and have our evening meal. On Tuesday, we leave the hotel at 9.15am and travel to York where we will celebrate Mass in the Bar Convent, after which we will enjoy the wonderful exhibition there (there is also a good coffee shop!) We will then walk the short distance to the Shrine of St Margaret Clitherow. There will be some free time on Tuesday to explore York before we will meet at the Bar Convent to travel back to the hotel. On Wednesday 25th, we will leave the hotel after breakfast and Holy Mass to travel to Thirsk, a lovely market town where we can enjoy the James Herriot experience. After lunch and a visit to the many lovely shops, we will leave at around 1.30pm for the journey home.