



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd March, 2025

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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 4th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Ash Wednesday 5th March	Holy Mass	7:00pm
Thursday 6th March	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 8th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 9th March	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 8th March	10.00am - 11.00am
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Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 8th March	10.00am - 11.00am
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Readers at Mass

9th March 9.00am	Shirley Whittaker
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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; **Lately Dead:** Liz Entwistle **Anniversaries:** Bernadette Andrew **Other:** March Masses for Mary & Peter Connolly

St Patrick's Night

There will be an Irish Night celebration in the Parish Centre at St James the Less on Saturday, 8th March, with Irish music and food, as well as a bar (**cash only**). Tickets will be on sale this weekend at the back of church. Thanks to the Parish Centre Committee for organising this event.

Journey in Faith

Many thanks to those who came along to our first 'Journey in Faith' session in St James the Less Parish Centre. Our next session will take place on Thursday, 13th March, at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less when we will be looking at 'Creation and the Fall'. All are welcome to attend.

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 3rd March	Holy Mass	9.30am
Ash Wednesday 5th March	Holy Mass in St James the Less Primary School	9:00am
Friday 7th March	Holy Mass	12:00noon
Saturday 8th March	Vigil Mass	6:30pm
Sunday 9th March	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 8th March	5.30pm - 6.30pm
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Readers at Mass

8th March 6.30pm	Alan Wilson
9th March 11.00am	Paola Coe

Baptism Preparation Sessions

The next Preparation Session will be on Tuesday, 25th March, 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.

CAFOD Lent Appeal

The Parish CAFOD Group will be handing out envelopes next weekend for the CAFOD Family Fast Day which takes place on Friday 14th March. Envelopes can be returned to both churches after the Masses next weekend. Also, next weekend, a representative of the Parish CAFOD Group will be speaking briefly at all of the Masses to explain the Lenten sponsored walk on behalf of CAFOD. Many thanks for your support and generosity.

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace Brock McTernan and Paisley McTernan who will be Baptised on Saturday, 8th March, in St James the Less. Please keep Brock, Paisley and their family in your prayers.

Programme for Ash Wednesday – 5th March

9.00am Mass with imposition of Ashes in St James the Less Primary School

10.30am Liturgy with imposition of Ashes in St Joseph's Primary School

12 noon Mass with imposition of Ashes in St James the Less church

2.45pm Liturgy with imposition of Ashes in St Peter's Primary School

7.00pm Mass with imposition of Ashes in St Peter's church

Parishioners are very welcome to attend one of the Masses in the churches or one of the Masses or Liturgies in the Primary Schools.

Sacramental Programme

During the Season of Lent, all of our children on the Sacramental Programme will be making their First Confessions. For the children of St Joseph's and St Peter's RC Primaries, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday, 11th March, at 6.00pm in St Peter's church. For the children of St James the Less RC Primary, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in St James the Less church on Tuesday, 18th March, at 4.30pm. There will be a practice in St Peter's church on Friday, 7th March, at 3.40pm and in St James the Less church on Tuesday, 11th March, at 3.40pm. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they make the final preparations to receive this beautiful Sacrament of healing and forgiveness for the first time. Let it be an encouragement to all of us to make a good Confession in this Season of Lent, especially if it has been some time since we last made our Confession.

Sign up Sheet for Parish Sisters

Sister Princy will shortly begin driving lessons, but in the meantime, the Sisters need transport to St Peter's on those days when Mass is in Newchurch. It is really important that the Sisters are able to attend daily Mass so could I ask parishioners to please be generous in volunteering to help. I have placed at the back of both churches a sign up sheet for the coming weeks. Once the slots have been filled, we will draw up a rota for the month ahead. Many thanks.

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

Sincere Thanks

My sincere thanks to those kind volunteers who met in the Old School Room on Tuesday this past week and began sorting through things in preparation for beginning our Parish Charity Shop. Everyone worked very hard and made a lot of progress, so on behalf of all of us, thank you. Thanks also to the kind parishioners who took all of the rubbish to the tip on Wednesday morning!

Quiz Night

The next Parish Quiz Night will take place on Friday, 4th April, in the Parish Hall at St Peter's, including supper and a licensed bar. Thanks to the Parish Social Committee for organising this event.

Adoration and Stations of the Cross

Throughout the Season of Lent there will be an extra period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Stations of the Cross. Adoration with the Rosary will begin at 6.15pm followed by the Stations at 7.00pm.

Friday 7th March in St James the Less – 6.15pm Adoration; 7.00pm Stations

Friday 14th March in St Peter's – 6.15pm Adoration; 7.00pm Stations

Friday 21st March in St James the Less – 6.15pm Adoration; 7.00pm Stations

Friday 28th March in St Peter's – 6.15pm Adoration; 7.00pm Stations

Friday 4th April in St James the Less – 6.15pm Adoration; 7.00pm Stations

Friday 11th April in St Peter's – 6.15pm Adoration; 7.00pm Stations