



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

2nd Week of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 29th April	No Holy Mass	
Thursday 1st May	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 3rd May	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 4th May	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 3rd May	10.00am - 11.00am
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Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 3rd May	10.00am - 11.00am
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Readers at Mass

4th May	9.00am	Tony Ronnan
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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.

Lately Dead: Margaret Dempsey; Michael Sedgwick

Anniversaries: Ken Broderick; John Whitehead; Thomas and Eileen O'Beirne; Kelly Adams; Katie Davies

Journey in Faith

Sincere apologies for the cancellation of the Journey in Faith Session which should have taken place last Thursday evening. That session will now take place this coming Thursday 1st May at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less when we will look together at 'The Incarnation.' All are welcome and refreshments will be provided.

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 28th April	Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 29th April	Requiem Mass	11:00am
Wednesday 30th April	Holy Mass	9:30am
Friday 2nd May	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 3rd May	Vigil Mass	6:30pm
Sunday 4th May	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 3rd May	5.30pm - 6.30pm
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Readers at Mass

3rd May	6.30pm	Racheal Wilson
4th May	11.00am	Pat McAleese

Margaret Mary Dempsey RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Dempsey who has died. Margaret's Requiem Mass will be this Tuesday 29th April at 11.00am in St James the Less. May she rest in peace. **Please note: there will be no 9.30am Mass in St Peter's on that morning.**

CAFOD Big Lent Walk

The final weekly total for the Parish CAFOD Group on the Big Lent Walk was 41Km (25.48 miles) making the total to date 400.95Km (249.15 miles).

The Riley family also added to their total this past week, walking 22km between them, taking their final total to 471km.

Well done to everyone who took part!

You can still donate to the Big Lent Walk by either using the QR Code printed above on your mobile phone or visiting the Just Giving Page for Holy Apostles, Rossendale.



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

Parish Centre Committee

This coming Tuesday, 29th April, there will be a meeting of the Parish Centre Committee at St James the Less beginning 7.00pm. All are welcome to come along and get involved in plans for the Centre.

Sheila Haile RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila Haile who has died. Sheila's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 15th May at 11.00am in St James the Less. May she rest in peace.

St George's Night

Sincere thanks to all who have helped to organise the St George's Night on Saturday evening in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. My thanks to the 2nd Rossendale Scout Band for the entertainment for the night and to all who helped set up and run the bar. If you are reading this on Saturday evening at the Vigil Mass, there is still time to get a ticket on the door. The night starts at 7.30pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Many thanks to those young people and parents who attended the introductory session for Confirmation preparation this past Tuesday. 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.

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy begins again this weekend after the Easter break. At the 9am Mass, if you would like your child to take part, please take them down to the Parish Hall at St Peter's before the beginning of Mass. For the 11am Mass at St James the Less, please take your children into the Parish Centre. Many thanks to our kind volunteers who make this possible in both churches. If you would be interested in helping as a volunteer, please see Father Stamp or one of the other volunteers.

Pope Francis RIP

We pray especially in these days of Easter for the repose of the soul of our Holy Father Pope Francis. In the coming days, there will be lots of speculation in the media about who the next Pope will be, whether he will be African, or Asian or European or American. There will also be speculation about whether he will be 'progressive' or 'traditional'. However, these terms are often not very helpful in the life of the church. An African Bishop summed it up very well this past week when he was interviewed by the BBC and said the most important thing is that we pray for a 'good and holy Pope'. So let's also pray at this time for precisely that. Our Risen Lord has promised to be with us until the end of time!

Appeal for School Governors

We really need volunteers from the Parish to volunteer as Foundation Governors in our Primary School, St Joseph's, Stacksteads. St Joseph's is a lovely welcoming school and anyone who volunteers will find it very rewarding to support the children and staff in this way. You don't have to be from that area of the Parish or to have any previous links with the school. The only requirement is to be a practising Roman Catholic as Foundation Governors represent the Bishop in the running of the school. Acting as a Foundation Governor is one way in which to live out the calling we each received at our Baptism to live the Gospel and spread the Catholic Faith. If you would be interested, please let me know so that I can give you more information.