



### Jean Leonard RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Leonard who has died. Jean's Requiem Mass is on Thursday 7th November at 1.00pm in St James the Less. May she rest in peace.

### Marian Voyage Rosary

**This Tuesday 29th October at 11.00am in St James the Less,** Jesus Youth UK will be bringing a blessed statue of Our Lady of Walsingham to the Parish and praying the Rosary. All parishioners are warmly invited to come to St James the Less to join in praying the Rosary for families and for our Parish.

Marian Voyage is a Jesus Youth UK initiative that takes place annually in October. The blessed statue of Our Lady of Walsingham travels throughout various parts of the country, where local area Jesus Youth organise a continuous 24 hour Rosary. If any parishioners would like the Jesus Youth to come and pray the Rosary in their home after the 11am Rosary in church, please let Father Stamp know so this can be arranged.

This has been arranged through the Sisters who have links to the Jesus Youth movement.

### Deanery Session for Readers

A session for readers from within the Deanery will take place at St Mary's Parish Rooms, Burnley, on Saturday 9th November, beginning at 11.45am and finishing at 1.00pm. The focus will be on the importance of the Ministry of Reader and a chance to become acquainted with the translation found in the new Lectionary which comes into use this Advent. Tea/coffee/cakes will be served from 11.15am. All readers are welcome to attend.

### Children's Liturgy

This is an appeal for more volunteers to help with our Children's Liturgy at St James the Less. The Children's Liturgy meets in the Parish Centre during the 11am Mass. If you would be willing to help, you would not necessarily need to lead the session since there will be two volunteers for each session. If you would be willing to help, **please come to the Parish Centre on Thursday 7th November at 7.00pm.** At the moment our Children's Liturgy at St James the Less is paused while we recruit more volunteers, but should hopefully begin again very soon. Children's Liturgy as normal at the 9am Mass in St Peter's.

### Sacramental Programme 2024-2025

It is that time of year again when we prepare for the beginning of the Sacramental Programme. There are introductory meetings for parents and children in the school at St James the Less on Tuesday, 5th November at 3.30pm and in the school at St Peter's on Tuesday 12th November at 3.30pm. If your child does not attend one of the 3 Parish Primary Schools but you wish them to receive First Holy Communion in the coming year, please see Father Stamp.

### 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.

### Important Note on Times of Sunday Mass on 24th November

On Sunday, 24th November, Masses in both churches will be at 10.00am, rather than 9:00am and 11:00am. I have asked the Bishop's permission just for that Sunday to move the Mass times so that parishioners from both St Peter's and St James the Less can enjoy the Parish Christmas Fayre and he has granted the request just for that Sunday. Both our summer Fayre at St James the Less and our Christmas Fayre at St Peter's are joint Parish events and it is important that parishioners from both places are able to support on the day.

### Red Mission Boxes

This weekend, 26th & 27th October, please can you bring your Red Mission Boxes to the sacristy at St James the Less after the 6.30pm Vigil Mass and the 11am Sunday morning Mass so that the money can be counted and sent off to the Missions. Many thanks

### Parish Centre Committee

The next meeting of the Parish Centre Committee will take place in the Parish Centre at St James the Less on **Tuesday 29th October at 7.00pm.** All who wish to be involved in the organisation and running of the Centre are welcome to come and get involved.

### Blessing of Graves

The annual blessing of graves will take place once again this November in Rawtenstall and Stacksteads.

**Sunday 17th November at 2.00pm: Blessing of Graves in Rawtenstall Cemetery.**

**Saturday 23rd November at 12 noon: Blessing of Graves in Bacup Cemetery (Stacksteads).**

If you would like me to bless your family graves, please come along on those dates and times and stand by the graves so I can come and pray for your loved ones during the month of the Holy Souls.

### November Names of the Faithful Departed

At the back of both churches are some blank envelopes and a box. Please place your offering inside the envelope and write clearly on the front the names of those you wish to be remembered in the Masses throughout November, the month of the Holy Souls. These boxes with the names will be placed on the Altar throughout November and your loved ones will be remembered at each of the Masses. Throughout the month, we pray especially for all parishioners and Parish Priests of our Parish who have died. May they rest in peace.