



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

The Baptism of the Lord

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Masses in St Peter's

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| Tuesday 13th January | Holy Mass | 9:30am |
| Thursday 15th January | Holy Mass | 9.30am |
| Saturday 17th January | Holy Mass | 9:30am |
| Sunday 18th January | Holy Mass | 9.00am |

Confessions in St Peter's

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

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| Saturday 17th January | 10.00am - 11.00am |
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Readers at Mass

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| 18th January 9.00am | Chris Thomas |
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Masses Received

Sick: Rosanna Taylor; Roger & Ruth Dawes; Ian Butterworth; Andrew Wakerley; Jean Ashworth; Jean Lewin; Claire Seymour; Lily Smith; Norma Blackburn; Derek Stephens; Beatrice Lacey; Carole Rowbottom; Kate Cotton; Trevor Collinge; Eleanor Diver.

Lately Dead: Michael Bryan

Anniversaries: Peter Connolly; Mark Brown; Alice Brown; Bernard Murphy; P J McEvoy; Stephen John Daly; John Holden; Willian Staniforth; Beatrice Hill; Father Gerard Duffy; Maureen Griffin;

Other: January Masses for Mary & Peter Connolly; Birthday Mass for Liz Entwistle; Mass for the Holy Souls

Birthday Anniversaries: Mark Cronshaw; Andrew Cronshaw

Red Mission Boxes

Thank you to all those from St James the Less who sent in their red mission boxes. A grand total of £452.21 was sent to the Mission in December.

Masses in St James the Less

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| Monday 12th January | Holy Mass | 9.30am |
| Wednesday 14th January | Holy Mass | 9.30am |
| Friday 16th January | Holy Mass | 9:30am |
| Saturday 17th January | Vigil Mass | 6.30pm |
| Sunday 18th January | Holy Mass | 11.00am |

Confessions in St James the Less

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| Saturday 17th January | 5:30pm - 6.30pm |
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Readers at Mass

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| 17th January 6.30pm | Paul Higginbottom |
| 18th January 11.00am | Sue Casey |

Baptisms in January and February

As I noted in the newsletter last weekend, we are fully booked on Sundays throughout January and February for Baptisms. Could I ask anyone who has booked a Baptism in January and February to send me an email at simon.stamp@dioceseofsalford.org.uk We are missing a few details for those children who are to be Baptised over the next two months and it would be good to begin printing certificates to be given on the day rather than on request afterwards. Many thanks.

Parish Centre Committee

This Tuesday, 13th January, there will be a meeting of the Parish Centre Committee at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. All are welcome to attend and get involved in planning social events and in the running of the Centre.

Parish Centre at St James the Less

The Parish 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 Pritchard on 07960977464. Or email at: jeanette.pritchard5@gmail.com

Baptism Preparation Sessions

Our next Baptism preparation session will take place on Tuesday, 20th January at 6.30pm in the church at St James the Less. There are Baptisms each weekend in the Parish at 12.30pm in both churches on Saturdays and Sundays. Please note: all Sundays are fully booked throughout the months of January and February. If you would like to book a Baptism, please contact Father Stamp who will send you a booklet explaining the process. Many thanks to our Baptism catechists who lead the sessions.

Nite of Nostalgia - 60s, 70s & 80s Music

On Saturday 31st January, there will be a live music night with 'No Returns' live act in the Parish Centre at St James the Less beginning at 8.00pm, including a licensed bar. The tickets are £10 per head and are available on 01706 217360, at the back of both churches and in the parish Shop. Please buy a ticket and support this social night in the Parish.

The Old School Charity Shop

Is your wardrobe bursting with clothes you no longer wear? Your Parish Shop continues to need good quality freshly cleaned donations - especially both men's and women's winter clothing - so please have a look for anything you no longer want. We can accept pre-loved items including tops and jumpers, suits and shirts, trousers and jeans, coats and jackets, hats, gloves and scarves. We could also do with a few more volunteers - can you help to cover a morning or an afternoon (10am-1pm, or 1pm-4pm) once a week? Why not call in and have a chat with any of our volunteers on duty, or ring Anna Mai on 01706 226909 for more details. Please donate and/or volunteer and help support your Parish.

Our opening hours are:

Tuesday - Friday: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Saturday: 10.00am - 1.00pm.

PPTA Coffee Morning

This Sunday, 11th January, there is the monthly PPTA Coffee Morning after the 11am Mass in St James the Less Parish Centre. Please call in and support our primary school.

Journey in Faith

Apologies to all for the cancellation of the session last Thursday. The weather forecasts were looking fairly grim for that evening so it was thought better to postpone. Rather than go out of sequence again, the next session will be on Thursday 22nd January at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less when we will look together at the Sacrament of Confession. All are very welcome and refreshments are provided.

St Peter's Coffee Morning

January raffle winners are:

£25 - Peter Smith; £10 - Michelle Hornsby

Chocolates - Ruby Balmain; Wine - Lynn Howarth

Thank you for your support. February raffle tickets are on sale during January, after 9am Sunday Mass at St Peter's

Sacramental Programme

Next Sunday, 18th January, we welcome our children and families on the Sacramental Programme to the 9am Mass in St Peter's and the 11am Mass in St James the Less. Please keep our children and families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Parish Lotto

This week's winner is number 4: Catherine Wallwork. Congratulations Catherine. Please collect your winnings from Father Stamp. You have to be in it to win it!

Gift Aid Envelopes

Offertory envelopes for 2026 are now available at the back of both churches. For those who have been allocated envelopes, please be aware they might not be the same number as last year. If anyone would like to be a part of the Gift Aid scheme and register for a set of envelopes, or if anyone is already registered and has not received their envelopes for this year, could I ask you to contact Siobhan at her email address at the top of the newsletter. Many thanks.

CAFOD Coffee Morning

Next Sunday, 18th January, after the 11am Mass, there will be the monthly CAFOD Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. Please come along after the 11am Mass and support our Parish CAFOD Group.