

Holy Apostles, Rossendale

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th August, 2024

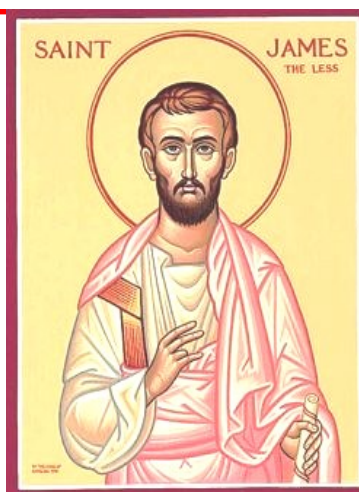
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 27th August Holy Mass 9.30am
 Thursday 29th August Holy Mass 9.30am
 Saturday 31st August Holy Mass 9.30am
Funeral Service 12.30pm
 Sunday 1st September Holy Mass 9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 31st August 10.00am - 11.00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 31st August 10.00am - 11.00am

Reader at Mass 1st September

9.00am Tony Ronnan

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 26th August Holy Mass 9.30am
 Wednesday 28th August Holy Mass 9.30am
 Friday 30th August Holy Mass 9.30am
 Saturday 31st August Vigil Mass 6.30pm
 Sunday 1st September Holy Mass 11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 31st August 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass 31st August & 1st September

6.30pm Michael Purcell
 11:00am Mary Fish

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.

Other: Mass for the intentions of Frances Mahon; Mass for a Special Intention.

Lately Dead: Father Derek Woodhead; Graham Broadbent; Michael Scott; Anthony McDermott; Jim Holt;

Anniversaries: Daniel Paul Collins; Peter Keough; Gerard Keough; James Farragher; Mary Connolly; Matilda McCann; Richard Tyrrell; Gerald Tyrrell

Children's Choir Concert

I am pleased to announce that our recently formed Children's Choir will be performing a little concert for parishioners to show what they have learnt over the summer months. The concert will take place on **Tuesday 27th August at 6.00pm** in St James the Less church. All are very welcome to attend and entry is free. Many thanks to Charlotte May for giving her time whilst on holiday from University to make all of this possible.

Please do come along this Tuesday to support our children!

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. They will be on sale at both churches from Sunday 25th August.

Autumn Duck Derby

Our annual Summer Fayre and Duck Derby takes place this year on **Sunday 15th September at St James the Less**. I would like to invite any parishioners who would like to help with the Fayre to come along to a meeting this **Thursday 29th August at 7.00pm in the Old School Room**. 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!

Teaching Sisters of St Dorothy - Daughters of the Sacred Heart

We extend a very warm welcome to Sister Suni who arrived here in Rossendale after a very long flight with delays on Friday. Sister Biji has come over from the community in Blackburn to stay with Sister Suni until the other two Sisters are able to join her from the Provincial House in India. Please make the Sisters very welcome here in our Parish. I am sure they will be a great blessing for us. Initially, the Sisters will need some help settling in. If anyone is able to pick the Sisters up to bring them to Mass on the week days when it is in St Peter's that would be a great help. If we have enough volunteers, we could work on a rota week by week. The Sisters will also need some help in getting to know the local area and people in the Parish who can be a point of contact. I would like to offer a sincere thank you to all those parishioners who came last Tuesday to get the house ready.

This weekend, Canon David Ryder will be coming with his nieces to pack up his belongings in the Presbytery ready for a move to the Cathedral Centre Flats for retired Priests. I would like to say thank you to Canon Ryder - even though he was only with us for a short time before he fell ill, he made a big impact on parishioners with his gentle and prayerful manner and I know you will miss him. We keep him in our prayers as he begins this new chapter in his priestly life.

Now that the Sisters are in the Presbytery, we will begin leaving the church open during the day.

Parish Rambling Club

Sincere thanks to those parishioners who came along to the walk to Snig Hole led by Harry. It was a lovely afternoon and we ended with a cup of tea and cake in the café at Irwell Vale. **The next walk, which is the Waterfoot Tunnel Walk, takes place on 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.

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace **Amelia Holt** and **Evie Journey** who will be Baptised this coming Saturday 31st August at 12.30pm in St James the Less. We also welcome **Alice Evelyn Hall** who will be Baptised next Sunday 1st September at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. In order to book a Baptism, please ask Father Stamp for a booklet which we have produced and which explains all of the requirements and the Diocesan policy for Baptism.

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy groups in both churches are currently on a break for the summer. The Children's Liturgy will begin again on **Sunday 8th September at the 9am Mass in St Peter's and the 11am Mass in St James the Less**. 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.

Theresa Delaney RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Theresa Delaney who has died. Theresa's Funeral Service will be on **Thursday 29th August at 12.30pm in St Peter's**. Please also keep Theresa's family in your prayers at this time.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

We have decided to introduce a sign-up sheet which you can find at the back of both churches for our Baptism Preparation Sessions. Please sign up if you intend to attend the next session as this will give us an idea of how many helpers and copies of resources we will need for each of the sessions. Many thanks to Louise and the volunteers for their help with this. The next Baptismal preparation session will take place on Tuesday, 3rd September at 6:30pm.

Parish Centre Committee

The next meeting of the Committee will take place this **Tuesday 3rd September** at 7.00pm in the Presbytery at St James the Less.

Siobhan On Leave

Siobhan will be on annual leave from 15th August - 30th August. If anyone has any news articles/notices that they would like going in the newsletter, please email: simon.stamp@dioceseofsalford.org.uk