



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th January, 2025

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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 21st January	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 23rd January	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 25th January	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 26th January	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 25th January	10.00am - 11.00am
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Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 25th January	10.00am - 11.00am
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Readers at Mass

26th January 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.

Lately Dead: Ken Mansfield, John Cahill; Annie Ashworth

Anniversaries: Frank Fish; Maureen Griffin; Norah Mulderrig; John Holden; Stan & Agnes Lord; Michael & Alice Manning; Mary Rush

Other: Bill & Mary Mitchener;

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 20th January	Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 21st January	Requiem Mass	10:00am
Wednesday 22nd January	Requiem Mass	12:00noon
Friday 24th January	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 25th January	Vigil Mass	6:30pm
Sunday 26th January	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 25th January	5.30pm - 6.30pm
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Readers at Mass

25th January 6.30pm	Michael Purcell
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26th January 11.00am	Sue Casey
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Break

I will be away on annual leave from Monday 27th January until Saturday 8th February. During that time, Father Seamus Quigley will be supplying the Masses in the Parish and staying in the Presbytery at St Peter's, Newchurch. Please give Father a warm welcome. He was my predecessor as Parish Priest in Accrington and was very kind to me when I took over as a new Parish Priest in St Anne's, Accrington.

Journey in Faith

I have decided to wait until after I have been away at the end of January to begin once again the Journey in Faith group. It didn't seem to make much sense to begin again for a week or so and then take another break before beginning again. Once I return, we will begin again. This will be a good opportunity for anyone who wants to begin the course to come along. We use a resource called 'Evangelium' which is a series of Power Point presentations, using Christian art throughout the centuries to explain the Teachings of the Catholic Church. It is a good resource for anyone who might be considering becoming a Catholic, but it also good for Catholics who want to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith. I know a number of those who have attended the Course over the past 18 months are going to come again and start once more from the beginning. Any new people who are interested are most welcome, and refreshments too are always provided!

Parish Centre Committee

The Committee for the Parish Centre at St James the Less met last Tuesday, and I am pleased to announce that, following the Parish Christmas Coffee Morning, they are now planning some social events for the months ahead. In March, there will be the annual St Patrick's Night; in April there will be a St George's Night with a full brass band; later on in the year they are planning a Bingo Night and looking at a German Night too. Many thanks to all who are getting involved.

CAFOD Coffee Morning

This Sunday, 19th January, there will be the monthly CAFOD Coffee Morning after the 11am Mass in St James the Less. Please call in and support our Parish CAFOD Group. The group are always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining them, please let me know so I can pass on your details.

John James Lee RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John James Lee who has died. John's Funeral Service will be on Wednesday 22nd January at 10am in Burnley Crematorium Chapel. May he rest in peace.

Bernard Murphy RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernard Murphy who has died. Bernard's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 22nd January at 12 noon in St James the Less. May he rest in peace.

John Cahill RIP

Please pray for the repose of John Cahill who has died. John's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 21st January, at 10.00am in St James the Less. May he rest in peace.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

The next Baptism Preparation session will be on Tuesday, 28th January 2025, at 6.30pm in St James the Less Church. Signup sheets can be found at the back of both churches. Please note: we are already fully booked for Baptisms on Sundays in the month of January.

Accommodation

One of the Sisters of St Dorothy will be working full time as a nurse and will be living out of community whilst undertaking this work in the year ahead. As a result, she will need to rent accommodation. If anyone knows of anyone renting a flat or a house, or even a room in their house for a reasonable rent, could you let me know. It could be a single or elderly woman who perhaps would like someone else trustworthy to live in the house with them.

St Peter's Coffee Morning

Thanks to all who attended January's coffee morning.

Raffle winners were as follows:

£25 S. Horkin

£10 C. Sagar

Wine C Boardman

Chocolates L. Pegg

Tickets for February's raffle will be on sale every Sunday after Mass at St Peter's.

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 Sisters

Our Parish Sisters, the Teaching Sisters of St Dorothy, Daughters of the Sacred Heart, are settling well into our Parish and I know many of you are already getting to know them. Sister Princy will be working mostly with me in Parish work. Over the coming weeks and months, she will be getting involved with meeting with parents enquiring about Baptism, the Sacramental Programme children, catechesis for our young people preparing for Confirmation, visits to the sick and housebound and also involvement with our three Primary Schools and our High School. This is an appeal for Parish volunteers to help me ensure Sister can get fully involved in all of this. Currently, she has a provisional driving license. If anyone knows of a local, friendly and patient driving instructor who they could recommend, could you please pass his or her details onto me. Also, in the meantime, whilst Sister learns to drive over here, could I ask for any volunteers who would be able to help from time to time with transporting Sister. Once I have taken her around myself, she will need in the short term some help getting to our Primary Schools and being collected; coming up to some of the 9am Sunday Masses in St Peter's; visits to the sick and housebound in the Parish covering the areas of Crawshaw Booth, Rawtenstall, (mostly in the Balladen) Newchurch and Stacksteads. If any parishioners would be able to help with this, please do let me know. Your help would be much appreciated. This would only be in the short term because, as stated above, Sister will be learning to drive herself in the coming months. Please keep our Sisters in your prayers. I am very pleased they are here with us and I know they will be a blessing to our Parish.