

Holy Apostles, Rossendale

Third Sunday of Lent

23rd March, 2025

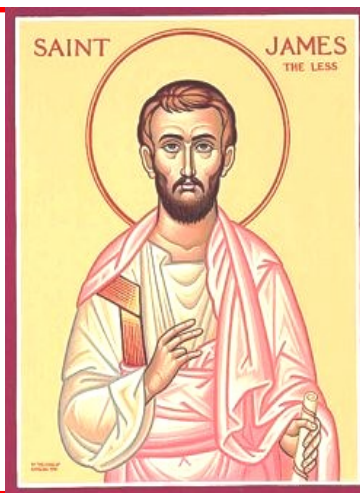
Telephone: 01706 614532

Parish Priest: Father S. D. Stamp

email: simon.stamp@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Parish Administrator: Mrs Siobhan Wood

email: siobhan.wood@dioceseofsalford.org.uk



Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 25th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 27th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 29th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 30th March	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 29th March	10.00am - 11.00am
---------------------	-------------------

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 29th March	10.00am - 11.00am
---------------------	-------------------

Readers at Mass

30th March 9.00am	Tony Ronnan
-------------------	-------------

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 24th March	Holy Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 26th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Friday 28th March	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 29th March	Vigil Mass	6:30pm
Sunday 30th March	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 29th March	5.30pm - 6.30pm
---------------------	-----------------

Readers at Mass

29th March 6.30pm	Paul Higginbottom
30th March 11.00am	Pat McAleese

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 **Lately Dead:** Dixon Charlton; Beatrice Lacey; Eileen Payton; Martin Joseph Holt **Anniversaries:** Michael Farry; Mary Wilkinson; Michael Lupton; James Rush; Neville Oates; Theresa Phillips; Ronald Collins; Daniel Collins; Catherine Barcroft; Sylvia Barcroft; Clifford Barcroft **Birthday Anniversary:** Margaret & Michael Grant; William & Teresa Mary Boyle **Other:** For the Intentions of Lily Smith; For the deceased members of the Phillips & Maxfield families.

Martin Joseph Holt RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Martin Joseph Holt who has died. Martin's Funeral Service will take place at 1.00pm on Thursday 27th March in St James the Less. May he rest in peace.

Sacramental Programme

This Sunday, 23rd March, we welcome the children and families from St Joseph's and St Peter's to our 9am Mass and the children and families from St James the Less to our 11am Mass. We congratulate all of our children on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time over the past two weeks.

Journey in Faith

There will be no Journey in Faith this coming Thursday because of the Deanery Station Mass at St Mary's Burnley. The next Journey in Faith session will take place on Thursday 3rd April at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less when we will look at 'Salvation History'. All are welcome and refreshments will be provided.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk

The total this week for the Big Lent Walk is 62km (38.5miles). Total to date, 108.75km (67.5 miles).

If you would like to donate towards the Big Lent Walk, please scan the QR code on your mobile phone.



Parish Mini Pilgrimage to Holy Island and Durham

Following the success of our mini pilgrimages to Walsingham and York, there will be another pilgrimage this year from Thursday 25th September to Saturday 27th September to Holy Island and Durham, visiting Ripon Cathedral on the way to Newcastle. We will be staying in the Holiday Inn in Newcastle, Gosforth Park. The cost of the pilgrimage is £240 per person sharing a twin room, or £290 for a single room. A non-refundable deposit of £75 secures a booking. There are limited places on this Pilgrimage so don't miss out! I have placed some flyers at the back of both churches.

Coffee Morning Bingo

There will be a coffee morning with bingo, every Friday morning 10:00am—12:00noon in St James the Less parish centre from 4th April. £5 per game and a small charge for tea/coffee. There will also be Victoria sponge, toast and currant teacakes on offer from £1 - £3. All parishioners and members of the community welcome.

Deanery Station Mass

The Bishop will be celebrating our Deanery Station Mass this year which will take place in St Mary's, Burnley on Thursday 27th March at 7.00pm followed by refreshments. Please make a note of this in your diary.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

The next Preparation Session will be this Tuesday, 25th March, at 6.30pm in the church at St James the Less for any parents preparing for the Baptism of their child. Many thanks to the volunteers who lead these sessions.

Quiz Night

The next Parish Quiz Night will take place on Friday, 4th April, in the Parish Hall at St Peter's, including supper and a licensed bar. Thanks to the Parish Social Committee for organising this event. **Tickets are now on sale at the back of both churches.**

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

An Appeal for School Governors

We have vacancies for Foundation Governors in two of our three Primary Schools, St Joseph's, Stacksteads and St Peter's, Newchurch. The only qualification required is that you are a practising Catholic and want to support our children and staff, everything else can be picked up along the way! Those who volunteer as Foundation Governors in our schools find it very rewarding and it is a good way to live out the call of the Lord to follow Him. Perhaps the Season of Lent would be a good time for you to consider offering some time and energy to the Lord by coming forward to help in our schools.

Sacrament of Confirmation

This year, the Bishop will be confirming our young people on Tuesday, 1st July at 7.00pm in St Mary's, Burnley. I would like to invite any young people and their parents to an introductory meeting on Tuesday 22nd April at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less where the programme will be explained. The Sacrament of Confirmation is open to any of our young people who are in Year 8 or above.

Fred Hamers Easter Egg Collection

This year, the local Funeral Directors, Fred Hamers, will be supporting the Rossendale Easter Egg appeal so that all children in Rossendale are able to receive an Easter Egg. If anyone could pop an Easter Egg into Fred Hamer's, they are starting their collection next week and this would be greatly appreciated.

Adoration and Stations of the Cross

Throughout the Season of Lent there will be an extra period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Stations of the Cross. Adoration with the Rosary will begin at 6.15pm followed by the Stations at 7.00pm.

Friday 28th March in St Peter's - 6.15pm Adoration; 7.00pm Stations

Friday 4th April in St James the Less - 6.15pm Adoration; 7.00pm Stations

Friday 11th April in St Peter's - 6.15pm Adoration; 7.00pm Stations