



# Holy Apostles, Rossendale

## Advent 4 & Octave of Christmas

### 21st December 2025

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#### Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 23rd December	Holy Mass	9:30am
<b>Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve</b>		
First Mass of Christmas (Carols from 7.00pm)		7.30pm
<b>Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day</b>		
Christmas Day Mass		9:00am
Saturday 27th December	No Holy Mass	
<b>Sunday 28th December</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
Tuesday 30th December	Holy Mass	9:30am
<b>Thursday 1st January</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
Saturday 3rd January	Holy Mass	9:30am
<b>Sunday 4th January</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.00am</b>

#### Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday	10:00am - 11:00am
<b>Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	

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Please note, on Saturday, 27th December, there will be no Confessions or Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed

#### Sacrament Reader at Mass

Wednesday 24th December	Ann Goy
Thursday 25th December	Chris Thomas
Sunday 28th December	Tony Ronnan
Sunday 4th January	Shirley Whittaker

#### Masses in St James the Less

Monday 22nd December	Holy Mass	9:30am
<b>Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve</b>		
Advent morning Mass		9.30am
First Mass of Christmas (Carols from 5.00pm)		5.30pm
<b>Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day</b>		
Christmas Day Mass		11:00am
Friday 26th December	Holy Mass	9:30am
<b>Saturday 27th December</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday 28th December</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Monday 29th December	Holy Mass	9:30am
Wednesday 31st December	Holy Mass	9:30am
<b>Thursday 1st January</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Friday 2nd January	Holy Mass	9:30am
<b>Saturday 3rd January</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday 4th January</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>11.00am</b>

#### Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday	5.30pm - 6.30pm
<b>Readers at Mass</b>	
Wednesday 24th December	Dawn Winfield
Thursday 25th December	Paul Swarbrick
Saturday 27th December	Michael Purcell
Sunday 28th December	Paola Coe
Saturday 3rd January	Heather Purcell
Sunday 4th January	Paul Swarbrick

#### 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  
**Anniversaries:** Angela Clarke; Jack Riley; Betty Hanson; Kathleen McDonnell

**Christmas Masses:** Liz Entwistle; Francis & Kathleen Caine; Joan Thomas Whitehead; Kevin & Bernie Lancaster; Mary Capell; Moira & Michael Darcy; Lol Dempsey; Deceased members of the Darcy & Dempsey families; The Rhodes family; Mollie & Clifford Barcroft; Sylina Barcroft; Catherine Barcroft; Deceased members of the Barcroft, Hart, Holt & Clark families; Bob & Barbara Holt; Murray Birnie, Deceased members of the Birnie family; John & Norah Mulderrig; Harry & Norah Whitehead; Margaret & Eddie Burke; Bob & Eunice Walker; Mary, Pat & Willie Burke; Lizzie & Ownie Harrington; Deceased members of the Easton, Bagshaw, Dunn, Higham, Thomas & Hobson families; Sister Anthony; Deceased family & friends; Ronald & Daniel Collins

**Other:** Mass Offering for a Special Intentions X 2

### Baptism Preparation Sessions

Our next Baptism Preparation Session will take place on Tuesday, 20th January 2026 at 6.30pm in the church at St James the Less. Any parents wishing to book a Baptism need to collect a booklet from Father Stamp which explains the process.

### Journey in Faith

Many thanks to all who have attended the Journey in Faith sessions over the past year. We begin again on Thursday 8th January at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less when we will be looking together at the Sacrament of Confession. This is a beautiful Sacrament which many Catholics today find difficult to make part and parcel of their regular practise of the Faith. I will be including some practical tips on how to make a good Confession, so please make a note in your diaries and come along to find out more.

### David Hartley Smith RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Hartley Smith who has died. David's Funeral Service will be on Monday 22nd December at 11.30am in St Peter's. May he rest in peace. We offer our sincere condolences to David's family.

### Children's Liturgy

This weekend, 21st December, will be the last Children's Liturgy in both churches before the break for Christmas. Many thanks to our kind volunteers for their dedication throughout the past year. If you would be willing to help with the Children's Liturgy in the New Year ahead in either church, please have a word with Father Stamp or with one of our volunteers.

### Parish Lotto

This week's winner drawn on Saturday, 13th December, is number 59 - Father Stamp!. Congratulations Father. Please collect your winnings from Father Stamp.

### 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 on 07960977464  
Or email: [jeanettepritchard5@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettepritchard5@gmail.com)

### Gift Aid Envelopes

From this weekend, offertory envelopes for 2026 will be available at the back of both churches.. For those who have been allocated offertory envelopes, please note that you may not be given the same number as previous years. If anyone would like to be part of the Gift Aid scheme, please email :

[siobhan.wood@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:siobhan.wood@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

### Church Cleaning at St James the Less

On Monday, 22nd December, after 9:30am Mass, parishioners will be cleaning the church at St James the Less. If you can spare the time, please do come along and help keep our church clean and tidy.

### Parish Coffee Mornings

This Sunday, 21st December, there will be a Christmas Coffee Morning after the 9am Mass in St Peter's in the Church Hall, and also after the 11am Mass in St James the Less in the Parish Centre. Both of these Coffee Mornings are completely free to say thank you to all parishioners for their support of the Parish over this past year. Please call in after Mass. Many thanks to the Social Committee at St Peter's and the Parish Centre Committee at St James the Less for organising.

### Charity Shop Christmas Opening Times

Tuesday 23 December	Open 10am to 4pm
Tuesday 30 December	Open 10am to 4pm
Wednesday 31 December	Open 10am to 1pm
Friday 2 January	Open 10am to 4pm
Saturday 3 January	Open 10am to 1pm
Tuesday 6 January onwards	Normal opening hours Tuesday to Friday 10am to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 1pm