



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

First Sunday of Lent

9th March, 2025

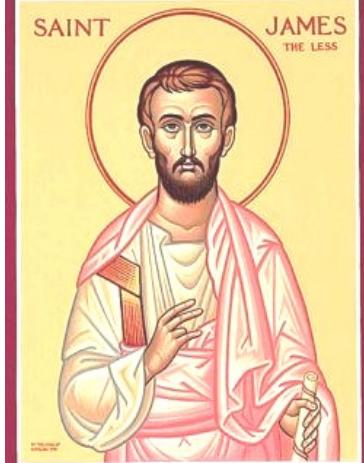
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 11th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 13th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 15th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 16th March	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 15th March	10.00am - 11.00am
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Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 15th March	10.00am - 11.00am
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Readers at Mass

16th March 9.00am	Ann Goy
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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; Matt Simpson; Derek Stephens;

Lately Dead: Elaine Marsden; Roland Norman

Anniversaries: Michael John Toman; Philip & Chinnamma; Michael David Morris.

Other: Grace Dunn; Joseph Dunn; Janice Pilling

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.

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 10th March	Holy Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 12th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Friday 14th March	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 15th March	Vigil Mass	6:30pm
Sunday 16th March	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 15th March	5.30pm - 6.30pm
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Readers at Mass

15th March 6.30pm	Michael Purcell
16th March 11.00am	Mary Fish

CAFOD Lent Appeal

The Parish CAFOD Group will be handing out envelopes this weekend for the CAFOD Family Fast Day which takes place on Friday 14th March. Envelopes can be returned to both churches after the Masses next weekend. Also, this weekend, a representative of the Parish CAFOD Group will be speaking briefly at all of the Masses to explain the Lenten sponsored walk on behalf of CAFOD.

The CAFOD Big Lent Walk Just Giving page is now setup. If you would like to donate please scan the QR code on your mobile phone.



Journey in Faith

Many thanks to those who came along to our first 'Journey in Faith' session in St James the Less Parish Centre. Our next session will take place on Thursday, 13th March, at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less when we will be looking at 'Creation and the Fall'. All are welcome to attend.

Exposition and Adoration on Wednesdays

Next Wednesday, as well as our period of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday evening, the Sisters will lead a period of Exposition and Adoration on Wednesday mornings in St James the Less from 8.30am until 9.15am before the morning Mass. Please be aware that during Exposition we are asked to keep a respectful silence in the church and spend that time conversing with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We can then catch up with each other after Mass.

Sacramental Programme

During the Season of Lent, all of our children on the Sacramental Programme will be making their First Confessions. For the children of St Joseph's and St Peter's RC Primaries, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday, 11th March, at 6.00pm in St Peter's church. For the children of St James the Less RC Primary, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in St James the Less church on Tuesday, 18th March, at 4.30pm. There will be a practice in St Peter's church on Friday, 7th March, at 3.40pm and in St James the Less church on Tuesday, 11th March, at 3.40pm. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they make the final preparations to receive this beautiful Sacrament of healing and forgiveness for the first time. Let it be an encouragement to all of us to make a good Confession in this Season of Lent, especially if it has been some time since we last made our Confession.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

The next Preparation Session will be on 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 jeanettepitchard5@gmail.com

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.

Marriage Enquiry

Recently, a couple came to book a wedding in the Parish for August 2026. I don't seem to have your contact details so could I ask you to get in touch with me again. Many thanks.

St Peter's Monthly Coffee Morning

Raffle winners for the March coffee morning are:

£25 - Louisa Boardman

£10 - Michael O'Neill

Chocolates - Bernie Riley

Wine - Louisa Boardman

Thanks to all who support and attend the coffee mornings. Raffle tickets for April will be on sale after Mass each Sunday in March at St Peter's.

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 14th March in St Peter's - 6.15pm Adoration; 7.00pm Stations

Friday 21st March in St James the Less - 6.15pm Adoration; 7.00pm Stations

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