



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 20th October	NO Holy Mass	
Thursday 22nd October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 24th October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 25th October	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

On Saturday 24th October 10:00am-11:00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Saturday 24th October 10:00am-11:00am

Readers at Mass

25th October 9.00am Chris Thomas

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 19th October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Tuesday 20 th October	Holy Mass	5:30pm
Wednesday 21st October	Holy Mass	5:30pm
Friday 23rd October	Holy Mass	5:30pm

Saturday 24th October	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 25th October	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 24th October 5:30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass

24th October 6.30pm Alan Wilson

25th October 11.00am Paul Swarbrick

Masses Received

Sick: Rosanna Taylor; Roger & Ruth Dawes; Andrew Wakerley; Jean Ashworth; Jean Lewin; Claire Seymour; Lily Smith; Norma Blackburn; Derek Stephens; Beatrice Lacey; Kate Cotton; Eleanor Diver; Fr. Peter Houghton; Madeline Doherty; Norman Robinson; Paul Collins;

Lately Dead: Michael Corley; Philip English; Kim English; Callum English; Jayden English

Anniversaries: Daniel Collins; Stephen Bentley; David Crabtree; Rita Bones; Frank & Annie Tracey; Gregory Michael Patterson

Other: For the Intentions of Chris Newton;

A Special Intention for Lily Smith; A Mass for a Special Intention; For Prayers Unanswered

Journey in Faith

Our next session is this coming Thursday 22nd October when we will look together at 'The Incarnation'. These meetings form the RCIA for those who are wishing to become Catholic, but they are also open to Catholics who wish to deepen their knowledge and love of the Faith. All are welcome, and questions are also welcomed. Refreshments are provided.

Weekday Masses

There is some disruption this week to the usual weekday Masses. As well as the change on Tuesday, on Wednesday morning I have interviews for a new Head Teacher at St Joseph's, Stacksteads beginning at 9am. For that reason, on Wednesday 21st, Mass in St James the Less will be at the later time of 5.30pm. Then, on Friday 23rd, All Saints High School are celebrating the Feast of All Saints early because the children and staff will be on half term holiday when the Feast falls. I am celebrating Masses throughout the morning in All Saints on Friday, so Mass on Friday in St James the Less will also be at the later time of 5.30pm. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

Parish Lotto

This week's lottery winner is Mary Rodaway - number 51. Congratulations Mary! Please collect our 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 Pritchard on 07960977464. Or email at: jeanette.pritchard5@gmail.com

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace Killian who will be Baptised this Sunday 18th October at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please keep Killian and his family in your prayers. We also welcome Sienna who will be Baptised on Saturday 24th October at 12.30pm. Please pray for Sienna and her family.

Parish Charity Shop

Many thanks to all of our volunteers who attended the meeting on Tuesday to discuss a way forward in terms of the running of our Shop. There were some good suggestions, and some volunteers have emailed or messaged me with their ideas. If you would like to express an opinion, please do send me an email or message in the next couple of days as we will be making a decision before the end of the week. If you would be willing to give a little time to volunteer in the shop, please do feel free to call in and give your details. All help is very gratefully received.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Hosted by Newchurch Village Association Sunday 25th October at 10:00am in St Peter's Hall. Donations of cakes would be gratefully received. Please do come along for Coffee/Tea and cake to support the work of Macmillan

Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday 29th November after 9am Mass in St Peter's Church Hall. We would be very grateful for donations of (new) toys, items for chocolate, bottle and gift tombolas, Christmas gifts/cards/wrapping paper. Please leave them at the back of either church

Raft Foundation Food Bank

There are currently two food banks at the back of both churches for donations to the Raft Foundation Food Bank. At St Peter's the collection point is in the entrance. At St James the Less the collection box is under the table next to the hymn books shelf. Just an item or two extra in your regular shop would make such a difference to those who are struggling to care for themselves or their families.

We have been asked to thank everyone who has already donated towards the food bank. It is much needed and appreciated. Thank you also to John who collects the donations to take to Raft

Baptism Preparation Sessions

Our next Baptism preparation session will take place on Tuesday, 17th November, at 6.30pm in the church at St James the Less. If you wish to attend please sign one of the sign-up sheets at the back of either church. Any parents wishing to book a Baptism need to collect a booklet from Father Stamp which explains the process.

Autumn Quiz Night

Unfortunately, due to renovation work at St Peter's and other commitments it has not been possible to arrange this autumn's quiz night in the time available. We're sorry about this but hope to be back on track in the spring.

Prayer Sponsors for Sacramental Programme Children

We would like to invite parishioners to become Prayer Sponsors for our children who will be presented on the Sacramental Programme later this year. At the back of both churches are sign-up sheets for any parishioner willing to undertake the commitment to pray each day for one of our children preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion.

St Maria Bertilla

Our Parish Sisters belong to a Congregation named 'The Teaching Sisters of St Dorothy, Daughters of the Sacred Hearts'. One of their Sisters, Maria Bertilla Boscardin, was canonised by Pope St John XXIII in 1961. We are celebrating the Feast Day of St Maria Bertilla this Tuesday 20th October. This is a very special day for the Sisters and they would like to invite all parishioners to join them for the celebration of this Feast of a Saint of their own Religious Congregation. Therefore, on Tuesday, there will be no morning Mass in St Peter's. Mass will be at 5.30pm in St James the Less on that day and will be a Mass of St Maria Bertilla.

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday, 18th October, is World Mission Sunday when we give thanks and pray for missionaries who spread the Faith around the world. This year marks the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. The theme of this year's Sunday, declared by Pope Leo, is 'One in Christ, united in mission.' The first part of the theme echoes the papal motto "In Illo uno unum" (In Christ we are one), emphasizing that the shared mission of spreading the Gospel flows directly from the spiritual unity of believers with Christ. In England and Wales, there is a retiring collection at all Masses, the proceeds of which go to the APF, which we know as the 'Red Boxes', to support our missionaries. There will be envelopes available at the back of both churches next weekend.

St Peter's October Coffee Morning Raffle Results

£25 Ann Goy, £10 Joy Bryan, Wine Maureen Ashworth, Box Biscuits Liam Boardman. Many thanks for your continued support, we really appreciate it. Tickets for the November raffle are on sale at the back of St Peter's church after 9am Mass each Sunday in October.