



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

Second Sunday of Lent

16th March, 2025

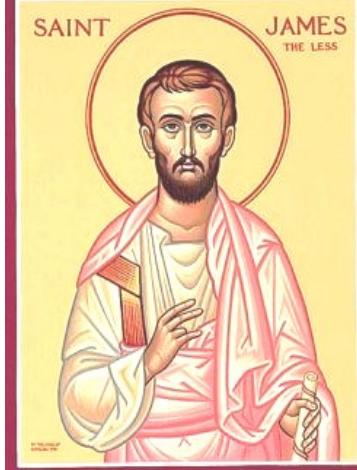
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 18th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 20th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 22nd March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 23rd March	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 22nd March	10.00am - 11.00am
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Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 22nd March	10.00am - 11.00am
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Readers at Mass

23rd March 9.00am	Chris Thomas
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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; Jean Wearden; Beatrice Lacey
Lately Dead: John McLoughlin

Anniversaries: Peggy Purcell; Chris Parkinson; Michael John Toman

Other: A Mass for Thanksgiving & Remembrance; A Mass in Thanksgiving to the Holy Family

St James the Less RC Primary

As many of you will have already heard, our Head Teacher at St James the Less, Gary Hall, will be retiring at the end of the academic year. Mr Hall has been Head for 14 years so we wish him all the best in his retirement and thank him for all his hard work over those years. Please pray for the Governors as they begin the task of recruiting a new Head Teacher for our school.

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 17th March	Holy Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 19th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Friday 21st March	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 22nd March	Vigil Mass	6:30pm
Sunday 23rd March	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 22nd March	5.30pm - 6.30pm
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Readers at Mass

22nd March 6.30pm	Bohdan Horbaczewskyj
23rd March 11.00am	Pat McAleese

CAFOD Family Fast Day and Big Lent Walk

Many thanks to our Parish CAFOD Group for handing out the envelopes last weekend for the Family Fast Day which took place on Friday. Envelopes can now be returned to the back of both churches. Many thanks to Tony who spoke at each of our Masses last weekend about the Big Lent Walk and how we can sponsor the work of CAFOD during this Season of Lent.

This Sunday, 16th March, the monthly CAFOD Coffee Morning will take place in the Parish Centre at St James the Less after the 11am Mass where the volunteers will have their sponsor forms for the Big Lent Walk.

Each week we will publish the running total of distance walked by our Group. For the first week of Lent, the total is **50km (29 miles)**.

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.



Exposition and Adoration on Wednesdays

Each 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

Our children from St Joseph's and St Peter's received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Tuesday - a beautiful celebration of the Lord's mercy and forgiveness. This coming Tuesday, 18th March, the children from St James the Less will make their First Confession at 4.30pm, so please pray for them as take this important step on their journey to First Holy Communion in June. The First Confession of the children is a good reminder to each one of us to make a good Confession in this Season of Lent. Just as the Church asks us to attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days, so also each of us is expected to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year, and to attend the Sacrament if we are conscious of a serious sin before we receive Holy Communion again. If you have not been to Confession for a long time, there is no need to be anxious - I will help and guide you through the Sacrament. Regular use of this beautiful Sacrament brings a lot of peace and joy to our lives and gives us the opportunity for a fresh start and a new beginning.

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

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 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

St Patrick's Night

I want to say a sincere thank you to all who were involved in planning and organising the St Patrick's Night which took place in the Parish Centre at St James the Less last Saturday, especially the Parish Centre Committee, the band and the Irish dancers. Thanks also to the Social Committee from St Peter's who provided practical help and assistance. Many thanks to all parishioners who attended. Everyone had a really good night. After all of the expenses, the evening raised £814 for the Parish. The next event in the Parish Centre will be the St George's Night on Saturday 26th April. More information about that in the coming weeks!

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.**

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 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