



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
28th September 2025

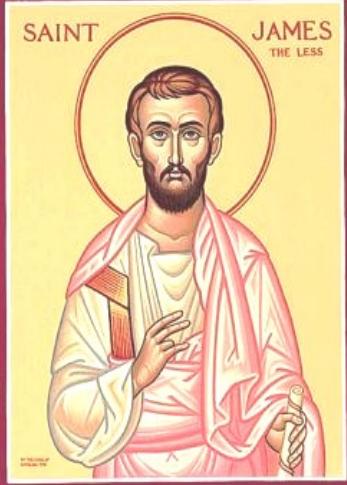
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 30th September	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 2nd October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 4th October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 5th October	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 4th October 10.00am - 11.00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 4th October 10.00am - 11.00am

Readers at Mass

5th October 9.00am Ann Goy

Masses Received

Sick: Rosanna Taylor; Roger & Ruth Dawes; Ian Butterworth; Andrew Wakerley; Jean Ashworth; Jean Lewin; Hattie Bowes; Claire Seymour; Lily Smith; Norma Blackburn; Derek Stephens; Beatrice Lacey; Carole Rowbottom; Anthony Whittaker;

Rosanna Taylor Birthday Anniversary: Richard McCarthy

Lately Dead: Anthony Whittaker

Anniversaries: Margaret Burke; Michael Whittaker; Granville & Ellen Boardman; Marina Pace

Other: John, Vicky & Anna Whittaker

Monthly Parish Diary

The Parish diary for the month of October is now available at the back of both churches. Many thanks to Joe for putting it all together.

The Old School Charity Shop

Our Parish Charity Shop is up and running. The Shop opening hours are currently:

Tuesday - Friday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 29th September	Holy Mass	9:30am
Wednesday 1st October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Friday 3rd October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 4th October	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 5th October	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 4th October 5:30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass

4th October 6.30pm Heather Purcell
5th October 11.00am Bill Wilkinson

Parish Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne

Many thanks to all parishioners who came on our mini pilgrimage to Holy Island. We had a fantastic few days following in the footsteps of the Northern Saints, and everyone was in really good spirits throughout. We remembered the Parish and all parishioners at home each day at Mass and in our prayers at the tombs of St Cuthbert and St Bede. We are hoping to plan another pilgrimage again next year, so details will be in the newsletter before too long. Watch this space! Many thanks to Ann Tipper from St Bernard's, Burnage in Manchester for planning and co-ordinating these mini pilgrimages for our Parish.

Parish Lottery

This week's winner, drawn on 20th September, is number 22 - Kathleen McEvoy. Well done Kathleen!

Please bring Envelope no 4, dated 27/28th September, to church this weekend

Children's Liturgy

Please note: this weekend, 28th September, there will be no Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass in St James the Less. Children's Liturgy as usual in St Peter's.

Journey in Faith

Our Journey in Faith Group will meet again on Thursday, 2nd October, at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. We will begin to look at 'Mary and the Four Last Things' in the next session. All are welcome and refreshments are provided. The sessions are self contained so even if you have not attended before you are welcome to jump onto the programme.

Parish Centre Committee

The next meeting of the Parish Centre Committee at St James the Less will be on Tuesday 7th October at 7.00pm. All are welcome to come along and have a say in the running of the Parish Centre and social events at the Rawtenstall end of the Parish.

Saturday Vigil Mass

Last weekend, I produced and printed a sheet with some of the suggestions which came in via the suggestion boxes over the summer. Perhaps the most important suggestion made was a change to the time of the Saturday evening Vigil Mass. Parishioners who made this suggestion expressed the feeling that for many elderly people, 6.30pm in winter especially is too late. Since I printed the suggestion last week, others have said they feel it also too late for families with young children. I can honestly say I have no strong personal preference on this since I am happy to celebrate the Mass later or earlier. I can only say from observation that of the three Parish Masses, the 6.30pm Vigil Mass currently has the lowest numbers by a fair margin, the 9am in St Peter's and the 11am in St James the Less regularly and consistently have considerably more people attending. Could the time be a factor in this? I know that Parishes that have moved to an earlier time for the Vigil Mass generally experience an increase in numbers. However, I am happy to be guided by parishioners on this point. Any change to the Sunday Masses, including the Vigil Mass, requires permission from the Bishop. Before approaching him, I wanted to consult properly with parishioners. So far, all of the comments I have received have been in favour of requesting an earlier time. Could I ask parishioners over the next few weeks to make known to me their feelings on this matter? Perhaps you could either place your comments in the suggestion boxes at the back of church or email me with your thoughts.

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

Baptism Preparation Sessions

Our next Baptism Preparation Session will take place on Tuesday 18th November 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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sunday 12th October, 10am - 12 noon in St Peter's Hall. Donations of cakes would be welcome, these can be brought to the Hall on Saturday, 11th October, between 11am and 12noon. Last year's Coffee Morning was a great success, please do try to support again this year!!

Henry Harrison

Parishioners may remember that last year, one of our young people, Henry Harrison, made an appeal for funds to support his plan to travel to Africa to undertake voluntary work. This summer, Henry did travel and spent time working voluntarily for poor communities. This weekend, he will be speaking at all of our Masses about his trip.

Date for the Diary

Our Parish Christmas Fayre will take place up at St Peter's on Sunday 30th November. Although it may seem a long way off it will soon be here so please make a note in your diaries! I intend to ask the Bishop's permission again to celebrate the Sunday Mass in both churches at 10am that morning so this is advanced notice!

Parish Banking

Following the amalgamation of the Parishes of St Joseph and St Peter Newchurch and St James the Less Rawtenstall into the one Parish of Holy Apostles, Rossendale, the Diocesan Finance Office have now unified the bank accounts belonging to both Parishes into one account and this account has been renamed. Any cheques written from now on must be made payable to 'The Holy Apostles'. If you are making a direct transfer from your bank account to the Parish account, the details are now as follows:

Account name: TSDT The Holy Apostles
Account number: 80005614
Sort Code: 20 - 55 - 34

There is no need for anyone who currently has a standing order into the account at St James the Less to do anything as apart from the new name, the details of the account are the same as the old St James the Less account. Could I ask anyone with a standing order at St Joseph and St Peter's to collect a new mandate form from me.