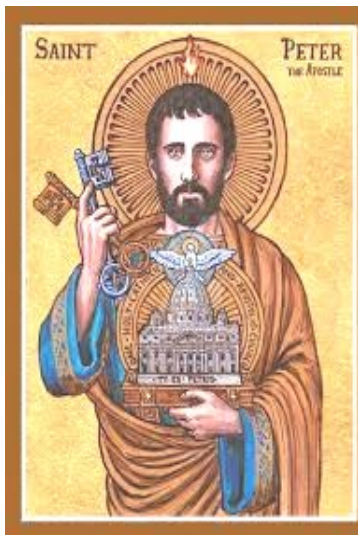




Holy Apostles, Rossendale

Fifth Sunday of Lent

22nd March 2026

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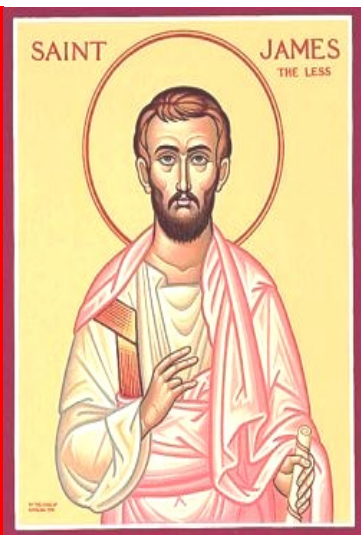
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 24th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 26th March	No Holy Mass	
Saturday 28th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 29th March	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 28th March 10.00am - 11.00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 28th March 10.00am - 11.00am

Readers at Mass

29th March 9.00am Fiona Heppleston,
Sue Casey,
Tony Ronnan

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 23rd March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Wednesday 25th March	Requiem Mass	10:00am
Thursday 26th March	Funeral Service	10:15am
Friday 27th March	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 28th March	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 29th March	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 28th March 5:30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass

28th March 6.30pm Dawn Winfield, Paul Higginbottom
Alan Wilson
29th March 11.00am Mary Fish, Bill Wilkinson,
Paola Coe

Masses Received

Sick: Rosanna Taylor; Roger & Ruth Dawes; Ian Butterworth; Andrew Wakerley; Jean Ashworth; Jean Lewin; Claire Seymour; Lily Smith; Derek Stephens; Beatrice Lacey; Carole Rowbottom; Kate Cotton; Trevor Collinge; Eleanor Diver; Carole Rowbottom; Fr. Peter Houghton; Peter Durst; Mary Nightingale

Lately Dead: Michael Regan, Christopher Langstone; Anthony Kelly; Neville Oates; Brian Riley; Eamon Gaughan

Anniversaries: Joan Nightingale; Patrick Conboy;

James Rush Birthday Anniversary: Dorothy Kerrone

Easter Masses: Patrick Batt; Alice Batt; Patrick Junior; Margaret Grant; Michael Grant

Welcome

We welcome into the church those children Baptised this weekend: Matilda who was Baptised on Saturday 21st March and Remi who will be Baptised on Sunday 21st March, both at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please pray for the children and their families.

Stations of the Cross with Exposition and Rosary

Each Friday in in Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross. Before the Stations begin at 7pm, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.15pm during which we will pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

Friday 27th March 7.00pm in St James the Less
Please come along and make the Stations one of your Lenten spiritual commitments.

Journey in Faith

Many thanks to those who attended our session last Thursday when we completed looking at the Sacraments with the Sacrament of Holy Orders. As our next session would have fallen in Holy Week, the group will take a break for Easter, and our next session will be on Thursday 16th April at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less when we will begin looking at the Church's moral teaching. All are welcome to attend.

Michael Regan RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Regan who has died. Michael's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 25th March at 10.00am in St James the Less. May he rest in peace.

Philip Kushnew RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Philip Kushnew who has died. Philip's Funeral Service will be on Thursday 26th March at 10.15am in St James the Less. May he rest in peace.

Michael Gaffey RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Gaffey who has died. Michael's Funeral Service will be on Wednesday 1st April at 10.30am in St James the Less. May he rest in peace.

Parish Lotto

This week's winner is number 59: Father Stamp. Congratulations Father!

Please bring Envelope No 9 dated 21/22nd March, to Church this weekend.

Holy Week in Holy Apostles

Monday 30th March 9.30am Mass in St James the Less church

Tuesday 31st March 9.30am Mass in St Peter's church

Spy Wednesday 1st April 9.00am Mass in St James the Less School
10.30am Funeral Service for Michael Gaffey in St James the Less church

Maundy Thursday 2nd April 9.00am Holy Week Assembly in St Peter's School
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper in St James the Less church with watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm

Good Friday 3rd April 9.00am Stations of the Cross in St James the Less church
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion in St Peter's church
4.00pm Confessions in St Peter's church

Holy Saturday 4th April 5.30pm Confessions in St James the Less church
6.30pm Solemn Easter Vigil in St James the Less church

Easter Sunday 5th April 9.00am Easter Mass in St Peter's church
11.00am Easter Mass in St James the Less church

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

Baptism Preparation Sessions

Our next Baptism preparation session will take place on Tuesday, 24th March, 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.

PPTA Spring Fayre

The PPTA from St James the Less Primary will be holding a Spring Fayre in the Parish Centre at St James the Less after the 11am Mass this Sunday 22nd March.

SPRING QUIZ NIGHT

at

ST PETER'S CHURCH HALL

Friday 27th March 7:30 till 11pm maximum 6 per team

£5 per person including supper

Doors and BAR (CASH ONLY) open from 7pm

Tickets on sale at back of church

Sacramental Programme

This Sunday, we welcome all of our children on the Sacramental Programme to both morning Masses. Congratulations to the children from St Peter's who made their First Confessions last Tuesday. This coming week, on Tuesday 24th March from 5.30pm - 6.30pm our children from St James the Less will make their First Confessions in St James the Less church. Please keep all of our children and families in your prayers.

Meningitis Research Fundraiser

As many of you will know, one of our students at All Saints, Isabel Connolly Wellock, sadly passed away three years ago with meningitis. St Anne's Community Choir are holding a fundraising concert in memory of Isabel with all proceeds going to Meningitis Research. The concert takes place at St Anne's church, Edgeside BB4 9JE on Friday 8th May from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Tickets are £12 with refreshments included. You can obtain tickets for this event from Isabel's mum, Geraldine, who is one of our parishioners. Please contact Geraldine at gerryconn41@sky.com