



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

First Sunday of Lent
22nd February, 2026

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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 24th February	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 26th February	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 28th February	Funeral Service	10:00am

Sunday 1st March	Holy Mass	9.00am
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NO Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 28th February

NO Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 28th February

Readers at Mass

1st March	9.00am	Fiona Heppleston
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Masses in St James the Less

Monday 23rd February	Holy Mass	9:30am
Wednesday 25th February	Holy Mass	9.30am
Friday 27th February	Holy Mass	9:30am
	Funeral Service	12:30pm

Saturday 28th February	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 1st March	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 28th February	5:30pm - 6.30pm
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Readers at Mass

28th February 6.30pm	Paul Higginbottom
1st March 11.00am	Sue Casey

Masses Received

Sick: Rosanna Taylor; Roger & Ruth Dawes; Ian Butterworth; Andrew Wakerley; Jean Ashworth; Jean Lewin; Claire Seymour; Lily Smith; Norma Blackburn; Derek Stephens; Beatrice Lacey; Carole Rowbottom; Kate Cotton; Trevor Collinge; Eleanor Diver; Carole Rowbottom

Lately Dead: Bill Ashworth; David Holloway; Tess Sullivan

Anniversaries: Michael Cordey

Other: Mass for the Intentions of Helen Sullivan

Tess Sullivan RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tess Sullivan who has died. Tess is the daughter of our Head Teacher at St Peter's, Helen Sullivan, so please also keep Helen and the family in your prayers at this time. Tess's Funeral Service will be on Saturday 28th February at 10.00am in St Peter's. May she rest in peace.

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 February 7.00pm in St James the Less
Friday 6th March 7.00pm in St Peter's
Friday 13th March 7.00pm in St James the Less
Friday 20th March 7.00pm in St Peter's
Friday 27th March 7.00pm in St James the Less
Please come along and make the Stations one of your Lenten spiritual commitments.

Sunday and Weekday Rosary

On Sundays, before the 9am Mass in St Peter's, beginning at 8.15am, one of our parishioners, Paul Topping, will lead the Rosary. On weekdays during Lent, before the 9.30am Mass, beginning at 9am, the Sisters will lead the Rosary. Please make praying the Parish Rosary one of your Lenten observances.

Dennis Chadwick RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dennis Chadwick who has died. Dennis' funeral service will be on Friday, 27th February, at 12.30pm in St James the Less. May he rest in peace. We also pray for Dennis' family.

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

Deanery Station Mass

Our Lenten Deanery Station Mass will take place on Thursday 5th March at 7.00pm in the church of St John the Baptist, Padiham. The Bishop will be celebrating this Mass and parishioners from around the Deanery are warmly invited to attend. There will also be the opportunity for Confession before Mass. As I will be attending, this means our usual session of Journey in Faith will be postponed. I will put the new date in the newsletter next weekend. Please do come to the Deanery Station Mass.

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace Cora Coyle who will be Baptised this Sunday 22nd February at 12.30pm in St James the Less. We also welcome Cecilia and Jasper Testa who will be Baptised on Saturday 28th February at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please pray for the children and their families.

Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

I have had a request from a parishioner at St James the Less to begin monthly Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on a Sunday afternoon. We currently have a weekly simple Benediction after the Holy Hour from 10am to 11am in St Peter's on a Saturday morning. Solemn Benediction is a beautiful ceremony and I would be happy to introduce it on one Sunday afternoon a month if more parishioners indicated they would attend. Perhaps you could let me know in the coming weeks if you would be interested in attending. It would probably be around 3pm.

St Patrick's (Irish) Night 2026

Our Parish St Patrick's (Irish) Night will take place on Saturday 21st March beginning at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. Tickets are £10 each or a family ticket for £25. There will be a live band on the night, as well as supper and a licensed bar. Please support this social event in the life of the Parish. Tickets are on sale at the back of both churches.

Parish Lotto

This week's winner is number 14: Shirley McCarthy Ward. Congratulations Shirley. Please collect your winnings from Father Stamp.

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.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk 2026

This Lent, a number of our parishioners have signed up to take part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. The aim is to cover 200km over Lent in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who have to walk each day to access clean drinking water, to raise money for CAFOD. We have set up a parish fundraising page for everyone taking part to use for sponsorship. From the <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/> page type Holy Apostles in the 'Find a Fundraiser' search box. If you would like to join the parish team and take part in the challenge as an individual or a group then please drop Catherine Wilson a message cath.wilson@yahoo.co.uk

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



BREW WITH THE CREW

Wednesday 11th March 2026
10am - 12 noon



Come and join us here at Fred Hamer, Rawtenstall for a friendly brew and a slice of cake as we raise funds for this amazing charity.

Every cup enjoyed and every slice shared helps support the vital, lifesaving work carried out across the Northwest.

 Tea & Coffee

 Cake

 Community

ALSO Jessie and I will be walking 100 miles throughout March to raise even more funds and support this incredible cause. Donations welcome via the QR code below.

