



### Congratulations

We offer our warmest congratulations to Nora McCarthy who will be celebrated her 90th birthday on 23rd July. We assure Nora of our prayers and best wishes on this happy occasion. Happy Birthday Nora!

### Duck Derby

Thank you to all those who have bought a race or duck for our annual Duck Derby. If anyone has not yet paid, we would be grateful if you could do so as soon as. You can either give your money to Father Stamp or post through the letter box at either presbytery.

### Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace **Louis Ralph Walker** who will be Baptised this Sunday, 28th July, at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please keep Louis and his family in your prayers.

### Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy at St James the Less will be running their last session before summer on Sunday, 28th July. The Children's Liturgy at St Peter's has already finished for the summer. Both groups will return on Sunday, 8th September.

### Cheques

I would like to emphasise that all cheques paid to the Parish should be made payable either to 'St James the Less' or 'St Joseph and St Peter' and NOT to 'Holy Apostles'. Although in Canon Law, the Parish has amalgamated and is now called 'Holy Apostles, Rossendale', the bank accounts have not yet been joined together. This is a process which will take a bit longer because all direct debits etc must be migrated from one account to another until we go down to just one new bank account. In the meantime, please continue to pay cheques to the individual churches using the previous names. Many thanks for your generosity. If you have recently paid a cheque to the Parish under the title, 'Holy Apostles' we will return the cheque so that it can be cancelled and re-issued either to 'St James the Less' or to 'St Joseph and St Peter'.



### Holy Apostles Children's Choir

The number of children taking part in our new Children's Choir is growing each week and there is a good spread of ages. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 6th August at 6.00pm at St James the Less**. If you haven't yet signed up, you can still sign up using the QR code or the link. <https://forms.gle/nczMCMk9SBrZhdB7>

### Baptism Preparation Sessions

We have decided to introduce a sign-up sheet which you can find at the back of both churches for our Baptism Preparation Sessions. Please sign up if you intend to attend the next session as this will give us an idea of how many helpers and copies of resources we will need for each of the sessions. Many thanks to Louise and the volunteers for their help with this. The next Baptismal preparation session will take place on Tuesday, 3rd September at 6:30pm.

### Newsletter Items

Please note, Siobhan normally prints the newsletter on Friday mornings, so any items for the newsletter need to be submitted to her by Thursday at the latest, including any Mass intentions you wish to go into the newsletter that weekend.

If you have an item you would like to go into the newsletter, could I ask you to e-mail the parish administrator, Siobhan Wood at:

[siobhan.wood@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:siobhan.wood@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or place a note through the front door of the Presbytery at St James the Less with her name on.

### St Peter's Coffee Morning

#### July raffle prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> prize £25 John Dempsey

2<sup>nd</sup> prize £10 Christine Sagar

3<sup>rd</sup> prize Bottle of wine Dominic Collis

4<sup>th</sup> prize Box of biscuits Ann Goy.

Thanks to all who support by attending the coffee morning and buying raffle tickets throughout the month. Tickets for the monthly raffle are on sale each Sunday at the back of church.

### Parish Centre Committee

Many thanks to those parishioners who came along this past week to the meeting for the newly formed Committee which will assist Jeanette in running the Parish Centre at St James the Less once it is re-opened. We made a lot of progress at this meeting in beginning to put together a policy for the hiring and use of the Hall. We decided, as a group, that we should aim to re-open for the Duck Derby on Sunday 15th September and that this event would mark the official re-opening of the Centre. This will allow the carpets to be laid and the lime-plastered walls to be re-decorated as well as the new sound system installed. The next meeting of the Committee will take place on Tuesday 20th August at 7.00pm in the Presbytery at St James the Less.