



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

1st Sunday of Advent

1st December, 2024

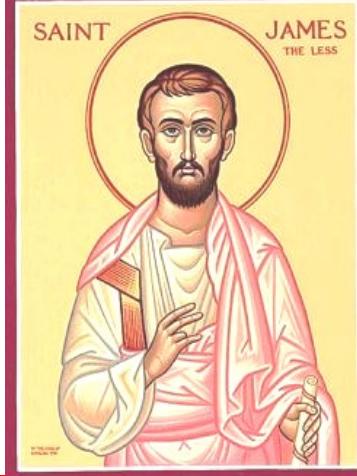
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 3rd December	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 5th December	No Holy Mass	
Saturday 7th December	Holy Mass	9.30am
Sunday 8th December	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 7th December	10.00am - 11.00am
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Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 7th December	10.00am - 11.00am
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Reader at Mass 8th December

9.00am	Ann Goy
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Masses Received

Sick: Roger & Ruth Dawes; Ian Butterworth; Andrew Wakerley; Jean Ashworth; David Maguire; Jean Lewin; Hattie Bowes; Canon David Ryder; Claire Seymour, Lily Smith, Betty Wright **Anniversaries:** Michael Farry, Kathleen Phillips, Donald Clough. **Lately Dead:** Roger Jones, Michael Hayes, Tom Pilling **Other:** John Scott (RIP)

Journey in Faith

Our Journey in Faith Group met this past Wednesday to look at the practice of Confession. In the next couple of weeks, all of our Christmas Nativity plays begin in the Primary Schools, so we will now take a break for the Christmas period before beginning again in January. Thank you to all who have come to the group over the past year and taken part. We are about to reach the end of the course we have been following and getting ready to begin again, so if you are interested, joining after Christmas would be a very good time to begin!

Anthony O'Neill RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony O'Neill who has died. Anthony's Funeral Service will be in Burnley Crematorium Chapel at 11.30am on Tuesday 3rd December. May he rest in peace.

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 2nd December	Holy Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 4th December	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 5th December	Advent Mass in St James the Less School	9.00am
Friday 6th December	Holy Mass	9.30am

Saturday 7th December	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 8th December	Holy Mass	11:00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 7th December	5.30pm - 6.30pm
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Readers at Mass 7th & 8th December

6.30pm	Alan Wilson
11:00am	Sue Casey

Parish Christmas Fayre

I want to take this opportunity to say a sincere thank you to all who were involved in our Parish Christmas Fayre last Sunday in the Hall at St Peter's. The Fayre raised the amazing amount of £5000.25 for Parish funds. I know a lot of hard work and preparation went into making the Fayre the great success it was, so many thanks to those who organised and set everything up as well as those who ran stalls on the day. My thanks also to everyone who donated goods, bought raffle tickets and came along on the day amidst some very uncertain weather conditions with flooding just the day before! I want to thank the Primary Schools for their support and the goods they donated, especially the chocolate tombola which was made up from non-uniform days in St Peter's Primary. My thanks to the staff from St Joseph's Primary and St Peter's Primary for running stalls on the day itself. It was a great joint Parish effort this year and I was really pleased to see so many helpers from St James the Less running stalls this year and helping in the setting up of the Fayre. The 10am Mass times also meant more parishioners from the Rawtenstall end could come and enjoy! God bless everyone involved!

Baptism Preparation Sessions

The next Baptism Preparation session will be on Tuesday, 28th January 2025, at 6.30pm in St James the Less Church. Signup sheets can be found at the back of both churches.

Annual Walking Nativity

Newchurch Village Community Association are holding their Annual Walking Nativity on Monday, 9th December at 6pm, starting from St Peter's Church. We will walk from church up onto the Green in Newchurch acting out the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem. We will sing carols along the way accompanied by Water Band and end up in the little Park in Newchurch.

At the end of the Nativity we will go into St Peter's Hall for Mulled Wine and mince pies.

If the weather is against us we will hold the Nativity inside church. If you are able to donate any mulled wine/mince pies we would be extremely grateful. Children can get into the part and dress up as Angels, Shepherds and animals!

Fred Hamers Funeral Directors

One of our local Funeral Directors, Fred Hamers in Rawtenstall, have decided to support again this year the 'Kids in Rossendale Toy Appeal' which donates Christmas presents to children in need in the local community. They have sent the following message: 'We appreciate times are tough this year more than ever but we would be eternally grateful if our families, colleagues and community could come together to support us to support our local children. We will be collecting gifts in our reception area and these will be collected up until Tuesday 17th December. No need to wrap the presents, we will take care of that. We will match each donation received for this amazing local charity. Let's make Christmas special for these children. Thank you, as always, for your support.'

Dawn has also asked me to advertise that this Thursday, 5th December, there is a Coffee Morning in Fred Hamers Rawtenstall with Coffee and Mince Pies where people can remember their loved ones and place a star on the memorial tree. The Coffee Morning runs from 10am to 12 noon and all are welcome.

Children's Liturgy

Unfortunately, there will be no Children's Liturgy in St James the Less during the 11am Mass this weekend. We really do need more people to volunteer to help with our Children's Liturgy - please consider helping out. There will be the usual Children's Liturgy in St Peter's this Sunday during the 9am Mass. Many thanks to all our volunteers.

New Lectionaries

This weekend, we begin to use the new translation of the Readings at Mass which is being introduced throughout England and Wales. The new lectionaries have arrived and are in use from this weekend. Many thanks to those who have offered to donate £177 which is the price of each of the Lectionaries - there are four for each church. Could I ask the kind donors to e-mail Siobhan clearly stating the name they want the inscription in the front to be dedicated to and whether it is in memory of someone who has died or someone who is still living. If you would like to donate one of the Lectionaries we use at Mass, please let me know.

Parish Centre Committee

This Tuesday, 3rd December, there will be a meeting of the new Parish Centre Committee in the Centre at St James the Less beginning at 7pm. If you would like to be involved please come along, all are welcome.

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace **Sydney Elwyn Taylor** who will be Baptised this Sunday, 1st December, at 12.30pm in St Peter's. Please keep Sydney and her family in your prayers.

Sacramental Programme

This Sunday, 1st December, we welcome the children and families on the Sacramental Programme at St James the Less during the 11am Mass. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they begin this exciting journey of faith!

Advent Liturgies in Schools

This week, as we begin the Season of Advent, we will be celebrating Advent Liturgies in all of our Primary Schools. On Tuesday, we have an Advent Liturgy in St Peter's at 1.15pm; on Wednesday we have an Advent Liturgy in St Joseph's at 10.30am; on Thursday we have a Mass for the beginning of Advent in St James the Less school at 9am.

Coffee Morning at St Peter's

This Sunday, 1st December, there will be the monthly coffee morning in the Parish Hall at St Peter's after the 9am Mass. Raffle tickets for the monthly raffle are still on sale at the back of church.