



# Holy Apostles, Rossendale

3rd Week of Easter

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## Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 6th May	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 8th May	Holy Mass	6.30pm
Saturday 10th May	Holy Mass	9.30am
Sunday 11th May	Holy Mass	9.00am

## Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 10th May	10.00am - 11.00am
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## Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10th May	10.00am - 11.00am
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## Readers at Mass

11th May	9.00am	Chris Thomas
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## Masses in St James the Less

Monday 5th May	Holy Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 7th May	Holy Mass	9.30am
Friday 9th May	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 10th May	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 11th May	Holy Mass	11.00am

## Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 10th May	5.30pm - 6.30pm
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## Readers at Mass

10th May	6.30pm	Alan Wilson
11th May	11.00am	Sue Casey

## Masses Received

**Sick:** Roger & Ruth Dawes; Ian Butterworth; Andrew Wakerley; Jean Ashworth; Jean Lewin; Hattie Bowes; Claire Seymour; Lily Smith; Norma Blackburn; Matt Simpson; Derek Stephens; Jean Wearden; Beatrice Lacey; Margaret Moffatt; Carole Rowbottom;

**Lately Dead:** Judy Allerton; Sheila Haile; Margaret Dempsey

**Anniversaries:** Patrick & Alice Batt; Patrick Junior; Dolores & Brian Riley; Thomas & Eileen O'Beirne; Kelly Adams

**Other:** May Masses for Mary & Peter Connolly;  
For the Deceased Members of the Batt and Collis Families - Easter Mass ; Mass for a Special Intention

## Prayers for the Conclave

We pray especially this weekend at all of our Masses for the Papal Conclave which begins on Wednesday 7th May to elect a new Pope. Please pray for the Cardinals of the Conclave, especially over these next few days, that they will be guided and enlightened by the Holy Spirit. May they be granted the gift of wisdom to vote for the good of the whole Church.

## Sheila Haile RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila Haile who has died. Sheila's Requiem Mass will be on **Thursday 15th May at 11.00am** in St James the Less. May she rest in peace.

## Monthly Calendar

Beginning for the month of May, at the beginning of each month, we will produce a monthly calendar with events happening in the two churches and in the Parish Hall at St Peter's and the Parish Centre at St James the Less. The back of the calendar has the details of our Parish schools and booking details for the Centre. Thanks to Joe Oliver for developing the calendar. Please feel free to take a copy from the back of both churches this weekend along with the usual weekly newsletter.

## School Mass for Our Lady

This Thursday, 8th May, there is a Mass in honour of Our Lady for month of May in St James the Less Primary School at 9am. As a result, the Mass in St Peter's church that morning has been moved to 6.30pm in the evening. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### **Parish Centre at St James the Less**

The newly renovated Parish Centre at St James the Less is available for bookings. I am grateful to the newly formed Parish Centre Committee who have decided on and produced a booking form and policy for the use of the Centre. The 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 07960 977464 or [jeanettepritchard5@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettepritchard5@gmail.com)

### **Baptism Preparation Sessions**

The next Baptism Preparation Session will be on Tuesday, 13th May, at 6.30pm in the church at St James the Less for any parents preparing for the Baptism of their child. Many thanks to the volunteers who lead these sessions.

### **May - the Month of Mary**

This weekend is the first Sunday in May, a month dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. Next Sunday, 11th May, there will be Rosary and May devotions and hymns at 3.00pm in St James the Less. On Sunday 18th May, there will be Rosary and May devotions and hymns at 3.00pm in St Peter's. Please do come along on those afternoons as we dedicate this month afresh to Our Blessed Lady and ask her to pray for our Parish. May is a good month for each one of us to rediscover the beauty of the Rosary and to renew our devotion to Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

If you know of any young people in Year 8 or above who would like to be Confirmed this year, please could you ask them to contact me as soon as possible. The enrolment of the candidates for Confirmation will take place at the Parish Masses on 17th and 18th May.

### **Welcome**

We welcome into the new life of grace Athena who will be Baptised this Sunday, 4th May, at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please pray for Athena and for her family.

### **St George's Night**

Sincere thanks to all who helped organise the St George's Night which took place last Saturday in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. Special thanks to the 2nd Rossendale Scout Band who entertained us for the evening. A very good night was had by all, and we also raised £400 for the Band and £400 for the Parish. Many thanks to all parishioners who supported the night.

### **Sacramental Programme**

Next Sunday, 11th May, we welcome our children and families from St Joseph's and St Peter's who are on the Sacramental Programme to the 9am Mass in St Peter's, and the children and families from St James the Less to the 11am Mass. Please pray for our children, especially in this month of May as the day for First Holy Communion draws ever closer!

### **CAFOD Collection**

Following the final results for the Big Lent Walk undertaken by our Parish CAFOD Group and also by the Riley Family, there will be a final bucket collection at the end of our weekend Masses for any donations which have not yet come in. Well done to our CAFOD Group and please do give generously.

### **Coffee Morning in St Peter's**

This Sunday 4th May, the monthly Coffee Morning in support of the Parish will take place in the Parish Hall at St Peter's after the 9am Mass. Please come along and support our Parish as well as catching up with other parishioners. Raffle tickets for the monthly raffle are still on sale at the back of the church and in the Parish Hall at the Coffee Morning and the raffle will be drawn for the month of May. You've got to be in it to win it!

### **Journey in Faith**

Many thanks to those who came to the Journey in Faith session this past Thursday when we looked together at 'The Incarnation'. The next session will be on Thursday, 15th May, at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less when we will look together at 'The Life of Christ'. All are welcome and refreshments are provided.

## **Appeal for School Governors**

We really need volunteers from the Parish to volunteer as Foundation Governors in our Primary School, St Joseph's, Stacksteads. St Joseph's is a lovely welcoming school and anyone who volunteers will find it very rewarding to support the children and staff in this way. You don't have to be from that area of the Parish or to have any previous links with the school. The only requirement is to be a practising Roman Catholic as Foundation Governors represent the Bishop in the running of the school. Acting as a Foundation Governor is one way in which to live out the calling we each received at our Baptism to live the Gospel and spread the Catholic Faith. If you would be interested, please let me know so that I can give you more information.