

Holy Apostles, Rossendale

The Baptism of the Lord

12th January, 2025

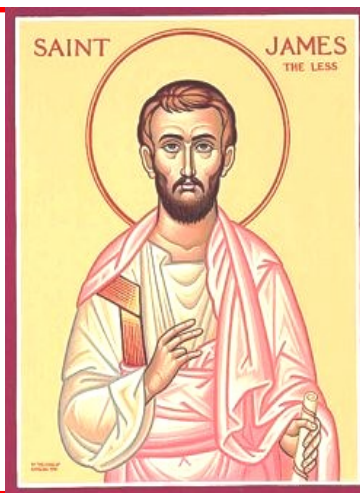
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 14th January	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 16th January	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 18th January	Holy Mass	9.30am
Sunday 19th January	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 18th January 10.00am - 11.00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 18th January 10.00am - 11.00am

Readers at Mass

19th January 9.00am Fiona Heppleston

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 13th January	Holy Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 15th January	Holy Mass	9.30am
Friday 17th January	Requiem Mass	11.30am
Saturday 18th January	Vigil Mass	6:30pm
Sunday 19th January	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 18th January 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass

18th January 6.30pm	Alan Wilson
19th January 11.00am	Paola Coe

Masses Received

Sick: Roger & Ruth Dawes; Ian Butterworth; Andrew Wakerley; Jean Ashworth; Jean Lewin; Hattie Bowes; Claire Seymour; Lily Smith; Norma Blackburn.

Lately Dead: David Maguire; Annie Ashworth; Janice Pilling; Sarah Chadwick Carter; Steve Selby; John Conlon; Lynn Nolan

Anniversaries: Betty Conlon

Other: A Mass for a Special Intention—for a successful operation.

Mass in All Saints

On Monday, 13th January, I will be celebrating Mass with Year 8 in All Saints High School at 1.40pm to celebrate the Epiphany and the return to school after Christmas.

Janice Pilling RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Janice Pilling who has died. Janice's Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 17th January, at 11.30am in St James the Less. May she rest in peace.

Journey in Faith

I have decided to wait until after I have been away at the end of January to begin once again the Journey in Faith group. It didn't seem to make much sense to begin again for a week or so and then take another break before beginning again. Once I return, we will begin again. This will be a good opportunity for anyone who wants to begin the course to come along. We use a resource called 'Evangelium' which is a series of Power Point presentations, using Christian art throughout the centuries to explain the Teachings of the Catholic Church. It is a good resource for anyone who might be considering becoming a Catholic, but it also good for Catholics who want to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith. I know a number of those who have attended the Course over the past 18 months are going to come again and start once more from the beginning. Any new people who are interested are most welcome, and refreshments too are always provided!

Sacramental Programme

This Sunday, 12th January, we welcome our children and families on the Sacramental Programme in the Parish of Holy Apostles. The children from St Joseph's and St Peter's Primaries will be at the 9am Mass in St Peter's. The children from St James the Less Primary will be at the 11am Mass in St James the Less. We are always happy to give a very warm welcome to young families and children in our Parish. Please make them very welcome because we want to keep them once the programme is completed! In the coming week, the children will be beginning their preparation sessions in school. Please pray for them as they begin this journey of faith.

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy begins again this weekend after the Christmas holidays. At the 9am Mass in St Peter's, please take your child down to the Parish Hall before Mass begins. At St James the Less, please take your child to the Parish Centre (not the Old School Room). I want to sincerely thank the volunteers who help facilitate this in both churches. Please consider helping them as a volunteer as we are in need of more help at both Masses. The Children's Liturgy can only run each weekend if we have enough volunteers. I have always supported the Children's Liturgy in all of the Parishes I have been in because I believe it attracts young families to Mass who otherwise would find it difficult to keep young children occupied for the whole Mass. For this reason, could I make a special appeal to any parishioners who would be willing to help. You would not have to lead or run the sessions. All of the resources are provided by me and you would only need to support the leaders who are already in place. Many thanks.

Sunday Missals

Unfortunately, I have to give my apologies once again for the delay in receiving the Sunday Missals. I was supposed to go and collect them from Oswaldtwistle last Sunday, the Epiphany, in the afternoon at a Deanery Clergy gathering. However, the gathering was cancelled due to the snow and so I have not yet collected them. Hopefully we should have them here by next weekend! Apologies.

John Cahill RIP

Please pray for the repose of John Cahill who has died. John's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 21st January, at 10.00am in St James the Less. May he rest in peace.

Sarah Frances Chadwick Carter RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sarah Chadwick Carter who has died. Sarah's Funeral Service will be on **Thursday, 16th January, at 12.15pm in the Crematorium Chapel at Burnley.** May she rest in peace.

Accommodation

One of the Sisters of St Dorothy will be working full time as a nurse and will be living out of community whilst undertaking this work in the year ahead. As a result, she will need to rent accommodation. If anyone knows of anyone renting a flat or a house, or even a room in their house for a reasonable rent, could you let me know. It could be a single or elderly woman who perhaps would like someone else trustworthy to live in the house with them.

Coffee Morning in St Peter's

Last weekend, due to the inclement weather, the coffee morning in St Peter's was postponed and will now take place this Sunday, 12th January, after the 9am Mass. Please do make your way down to the Parish Hall after Mass to enjoy a cuppa and a catch up. I want to encourage especially our children and parents on the Sacramental Programme to come along. Raffle tickets for the monthly raffle which supports Parish funds are available at the back of church and in the Hall after Mass.

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. **Please note: we are already fully booked for Baptisms on Sundays in the month of January.**

PPTA Coffee Morning in St James the Less

This Sunday, 12th January, the monthly PPTA Coffee Morning will take place after the 11am Mass in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. Please come along and support our Primary School.

Parish Sisters

Our Parish Sisters, the Teaching Sisters of St Dorothy, Daughters of the Sacred Heart, are settling well into our Parish and I know many of you are already getting to know them. Sister Princy will be working mostly with me in Parish work. Over the coming weeks and months, she will be getting involved with meeting with parents enquiring about Baptism, the Sacramental Programme children, catechesis for our young people preparing for Confirmation, visits to the sick and housebound and also involvement with our three Primary Schools and our High School. This is an appeal for Parish volunteers to help me ensure Sister can get fully involved in all of this. Currently, she has a provisional driving license. If anyone knows of a local, friendly and patient driving instructor who they could recommend, could you please pass his or her details onto me. Also, in the meantime, whilst Sister learns to drive over here, could I ask for any volunteers who would be able to help from time to time with transporting Sister. Once I have taken her around myself, she will need in the short term some help getting to our Primary Schools and being collected; coming up to some of the 9am Sunday Masses in St Peter's; visits to the sick and housebound in the Parish covering the areas of Crawshaw Booth, Rawtenstall, (mostly in the Balladen) Newchurch and Stacksteads. If any parishioners would be able to help with this, please do let me know. Your help would be much appreciated. This would only be in the short term because, as stated above, Sister will be learning to drive herself in the coming months. Please keep our Sisters in your prayers. I am very pleased they are here with us and I know they will be a blessing to our Parish.