



## Christmas Mass Times

Please find below the Christmas Mass Times for St James the Less and St Peter's

### Tuesday 24th December

6.30pm First Mass of Christmas in St James the Less with Carols from 6pm  
7.00pm First Mass of Christmas in St Peter's with Carols from 6.30pm

### Wednesday 25th December

12.00am Midnight Mass in St James the Less

9.00am Mass of Christmas Day in St Peter's

11.00am Mass of Christmas Day in St James the Less

Father Tony has kindly agreed to come back and celebrate the 6.30pm Mass in St James the Less. I know you will all be happy to see him so please make him very welcome.

### 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.'

### **Holy Apostles Children's Choir Christmas Dates!**

We're excited to announce that the Holy Apostles Children's Choir will be singing at the 6.30 PM Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at St James the Less! Join us as we celebrate this special night with beautiful carols and festive joy. Open to all ages. If you would like to come along to sing, please fill in the form below!

#### Rehearsals:

Weds 18th Dec, 5.30-6.30  
Fri 20th Dec 5.30-6.30  
Sun 22nd Dec, 5.30-6.30  
24th Dec 5.30-6  
all in St James the Less church

If you have any questions, please contact May: 07539344275  
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form:



### CAFOD Coffee Morning

This Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, the CAFOD Group will be hosting their monthly coffee morning after the 11am Mass in St James the Less, in the Parish Centre. Please come along for a coffee and a catch-up and support the work of our CAFOD Group. This weekend, the CAFOD Group have also produced a little Christmas greeting as a thanks to everyone for all the money raised over the past year in the Parish. Please take one.

### Thank You

A big THANK YOU to Fr Stamp, the Sisters and all the parishioners for all their support enabling the St James the Less school Y3/4 Christmas production to be held in Church.

The refreshments provided afterwards were hugely popular.

Fr Stamp's secret hot chocolate recipe was certainly a crowd pleaser!!

### Parish Centre Coffee Morning

Next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December, the newly formed Parish Centre Committee would like to invite all parishioners to a free coffee morning in the Parish Centre after the 11am Mass in St James the Less to say thank you for all the work over the past year. There will be minced pies, Irish Coffee and mulled wine. Please do call in after the 11am Mass next Sunday.

### Diocesan Synod

Unfortunately, no one was able to attend the meeting on Thursday, 5th December, for the Diocesan Synod - although it was awful weather! So, I have produced some sheets with questions for reflection for each of the themes of the Synod. I have also placed a box at the back of both churches. Please submit any written responses to the questions by placing them into the box so that I can send a response from our Parish to the Synod organisers at the Diocese. You do not have to respond to all of the questions, you might just want to respond to one or two. Many thanks.