

Holy Apostles, Rossendale

3rd Sunday of Advent

15th December, 2024

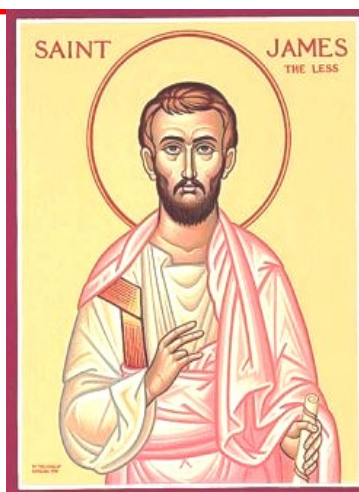
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 17th December	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 19th December	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 21st December	Holy Mass	9.30am
Sunday 22nd December	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 21st December 10.00am - 11.00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 21st December 10.00am - 11.00am

Reader at Mass 22nd December

9.00am Sue Casey

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 16th December	Holy Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 18th December	Holy Mass	9.30am
Friday 20th December	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 21st December	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 22nd December	Holy Mass	11:00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 21st December 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass 21st & 22nd December

6.30pm	Paul Higginbottom
11:00am	Bill Wilkinson

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, Norma Blackburn

Anniversaries: Norah & Harry Whitehead; James Farragher; Michael & Alice Manning; Peter & Kathleen Boardman; Winifred Herrity; Ellen & George Manning, Kathleen McDonnell,

Birthday Anniversaries: Frances Mahon; Moira Preston; Katie Davies,

Lately Dead: Gayleen Horsfield; Anthony O'Neill; Betty Wright

Other: The deceased members of the Toman & Keough families; Teresa & Bill Bamber; Agnes & James Riley; Terry McNamee; Jane & Jame Bamber

Welcome

This weekend, we welcome Father Peter Hopkinson VG who is kindly supplying the Saturday evening Vigil Mass in St James the Less. Please give Father a warm welcome.

Sunday Missals

I have a number of Sunday Missals from CTS with all of the Readings and Prayers for the Mass throughout the year which parishioners can buy. The price is £20. If you would like to purchase one of these Missals please let me know.

Salford Diocesan Yearbook

This year, the Diocese have combined the Almanac with all the details of Parishes and Priests, and the Diocesan Ordo which includes the Liturgical calendar for the year, in one book which is on sale for £5 per copy. If you would like a copy please let me know.

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.

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.'

CAFOD Coffee Morning

This Sunday, 15th 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, 22nd 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 mince 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.

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

form:



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