

Holy Apostles, Rossendale

Solemnity of Christ the King

24th November, 2024

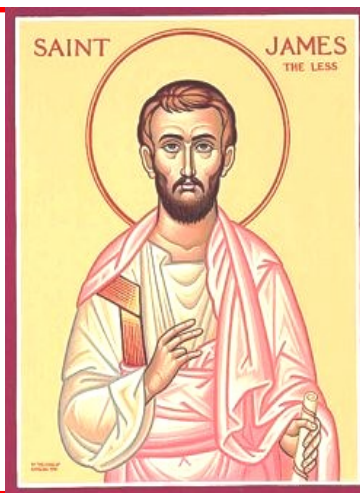
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 26th November	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 28th November	No Mass today	
Saturday 30th November	Holy Mass	9.30am
Sunday 1st December	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 30th November 10.00am - 11.00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 30th November 10.00am - 11.00am

Reader at Mass 1st December

9.00am Chris Thomas

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 25th November	Holy Mass	9.00am
Wednesday 27th November	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 28th November	Requiem Mass	11.00am
Friday 29th November	Holy Mass	9.30am

Saturday 30th November	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 1st December	Holy Mass	11:00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 30th November 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass 30th November & 1st December

6.30pm	Michael Purcell
11:00am	Paul Swarbrick

Christmas Fayre

The weekend of our Parish Christmas Fayre has arrived! Thank you to everyone who donated goods to be sold, prizes for the raffle and donations and sponsorship in advance to cover costs. Your generosity is much appreciated. A particular thank you to those who took on the organisation and planning of the Christmas Fayre this year. I know a lot of hard work has gone into preparing everything up in the Hall at St Peter's. It really has been a joint effort between parishioners at St Peter's and parishioners at St James the Less which I am really pleased about because these events can be occasions which bring us closer together as a single Parish. Please do come along to the Fayre after the 10am Mass and grab yourself a bargain for Christmas. The Hall is looking wonderful, so don't miss out. Father Christmas will be there of course to tell you whether you have been naughty or nice! Many thanks also to our Primary Schools!

Masses Received

Sick: Roger & Ruth Dawes; Jean Ashworth; David Maguire; Jean Lewin; Hattie Bowes; Canon David Ryder; Claire Seymour, Roger Jones; Betty Wright.

Anniversaries: John Moffatt; Patricia Morris; John McIntyre; Michael Gregson; Michael Anderson

Birthday Anniversaries: Isabel Connolly Welock; Christopher Moffatt

Lately Dead: Trevor Mark Baines; Terence Ward; Allen Wheatley; Jean Leonard.

Other: For the intentions of Maria Savin & David Wickham; For the success of our Christmas Fayre; For all those entered on our November List.

Welcome Back and Thank You

My sincere thanks to Canon David Lupton for returning to St James the Less this Sunday to celebrate the 10am Mass. I know you will give him a warm welcome and will be very pleased to see him back!

Sacramental Programme 2024-2025

A very warm welcome to the children and families on our Sacramental Programme from St Joseph's and St Peter's who will be presented to the Parish during our 10am Mass this Sunday in St Peter's. Next Sunday, 1st December, our children on the Sacramental Programme in St James the Less will be presented at the 11am Mass in St James the Less church. Please pray for them all.

New Lectionaries

Next weekend, we begin to use the new Lectionaries for our Readings at Mass. Many thanks to those who have agreed to donate £177 to sponsor one of the Books. If you would like to sponsor one of the Books used during Mass, we can have an inscription placed in the front.

Trevor Mark Baines RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Trevor Mark Baines who has died. Trevor's Funeral Service will be on **Monday 25th November at 10.20am in Accrington Crematorium Chapel**. This is the reason for the earlier Mass at St James the Less on Monday morning. May he rest in peace.

Help Needed

We have a few parishioners who kindly collect the Sisters from St James the Less on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and bring them up to St Peter's for Mass at 9.30am. However, since it is only a few, there are times when the Sisters have been unable to attend Mass because on that particular day the volunteer has not been able to collect them. I have put at the back of both churches a rota for the month ahead - if you would be able to cover just one of those dates, that would be a big help in making sure we can help the Sisters to get to Mass until they are driving. Many thanks.

Diocesan Synod

I am very pleased to announce from our meeting last Tuesday that **Shauna Bowes** has volunteered to act as a Representative for the Parish at the Diocesan Synod. I am grateful to Shauna for agreeing to do this, especially as she is about to have her third baby!

I would like to invite all parishioners, both from St Joseph and St Peter and St James the Less, to a meeting in the Parish Centre at St James the Less on Thursday 5th December at 7.00pm.

During this meeting, we will discuss the four themes which have been developed as a result of the 'Big Listen' which took place earlier in the year. I will lead this meeting until Shauna is ready to take on the task. Please do come along so that we can feedback to the Diocese any thoughts from parishioners here in Rossendale.

Next weekend, I will place at the back of the church a box and also a list of questions for consideration. Anyone who is not a 'meeting person' will then be able to submit any written responses that we can feedback. These responses can be anonymous. I haven't put them out this weekend due to everything going on with the Christmas Fayre.

Journey in Faith

Our Journey in Faith Group will meet this coming Wednesday, 27th November at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall at St Peter's when we will be looking at the Practice of Confession. All welcome!

Terence Ward RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Terence Ward who has died. Terence's Requiem Mass will be on **Thursday 28th November at 11.00am in St James the Less**. May he rest in peace.

Allen Wheatley RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Allen Wheatley who has died. Allen's Funeral Service will be on **Friday 29th November at 12.15pm in St Peter's**. May he rest in peace.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

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

Children's Liturgy

There will be the usual Children's Liturgy this Sunday during the 10am Mass in St James the Less. Please take the children to the Parish Centre for 10am. **Please note: there will be no Children's Liturgy this weekend at the 10am Mass in St Peter's due to preparations in the Hall for the Parish Christmas Fayre.** Many thanks to our volunteers who make this possible.

An Appeal for Help

Can I appeal again for more volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy in St James the Less at the 11am Mass. If you are a parent of a child who regularly attends, could you please consider helping on the rota. You would not need to lead the sessions, one of the more experienced helpers would always lead. We need more volunteers to accompany and to commit to the rota. Many thanks!

Saint Cecilia - Patron of Musicians

On Friday this past week, we celebrated the Feast of St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr who is also the Patron Saint of musicians. I remembered a special prayer on that day for all of our musicians and singers in the Parish. We are very blessed to have musicians and singers at all of our weekend Masses in the Parish. This is not common across the Parishes any more so we really are blessed. It is a good opportunity for me to say a sincere thank you to all of our musicians and singers, and especially those who lead the music at our three Sunday Masses. Many thanks to Marie Fishwick who leads the music at our 6.30pm Vigil Mass, to Colette Boardman who leads at our 9am Mass and to Andrew Oliver who leads at our 11am Mass. The music groups and choirs are always looking for new members, so please feel free if you would like to be involved to approach them in the organ loft after Mass.