



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

3rd Week of Advent
14th December 2025

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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 16th December	NO Holy Mass	
Thursday 18th December	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 20th December	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 21st December	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 20th December 10:00am - 11:00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 20th December 10:00am - 11:00am

Reader at Mass

21st December 9.00am Sue Casey

Masses Received

Sick: Rosanna Taylor; Roger & Ruth Dawes; Ian Butterworth; Andrew Wakerley; Jean Ashworth; Jean Lewin; Claire Seymour; Lily Smith; Norma Blackburn; Derek Stephens; Beatrice Lacey; Carole Rowbottom; Kate Cotton; Trevor Collinge

Anniversaries: Rita Pilling; Michael Farry; George & Ellen Manning

Lately Dead: Cathy Belardinelli

Birthday Anniversary: Katie Davis

Christmas Masses: Liz Entwistle; Francis & Kathleen Caine; Joan Thomas Whitehead; Kevin & Bernie Lancaster; Mary Capell

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 15th December	Holy Mass	9:30am
Tuesday 16th December	Requiem Mass	10:15am
Wednesday 17th December	Holy Mass	9:30am
Friday 19th December	Holy Mass	12:00noon
Saturday 20th December	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 21st December	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 20th December 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass

20th December 6.30pm Racheal Wilson
21st December 11.00am Bill Wilkinson

Bohdan Horbaczewskyj RIP

Please pray for the repose of Bohdan Horbaczewskyj who has died. Bohdan's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 16th December at 10.15am in St James the Less. May he rest in peace.

Christmas Masses

A couple of weeks ago I published a sheet explaining a change to the times of the Christmas Masses in the Parish this year. Please note the times for Masses this Christmas.

Wednesday 24th December

5:00pm Carols in St James the Less
5.30pm First Mass of Christmas in St James the Less
7:00pm Carols in St Peters
7.30pm First Mass of Christmas in St Peter's

Mass on Friday

This coming Friday 19th December, Mass will be at 12 noon in St James the Less and not at 9.30am. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Thursday 25th December

9.00am Christmas Day Mass in St Peter's
11.00am Christmas Day Mass in St James the Less
Please note: there will be no Mass at Midnight this year.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

Our next Baptism Preparation Session will take place on Tuesday, 20th January 2026 at 6.30pm in the church at St James the Less. Any parents wishing to book a Baptism need to collect a booklet from Father Stamp which explains the process.

Journey in Faith

Many thanks to all who have attended the Journey in Faith sessions over the past year. We begin again on Thursday 8th January at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less when we will be looking together at the Sacrament of Confession. This is a beautiful Sacrament which many Catholics today find difficult to make part and parcel of their regular practise of the Faith. I will be including some practical tips on how to make a good Confession, so please make a note in your diaries and come along to find out more.

David Hartley Smith RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Hartley Smith who has died. David's Funeral Service will be on Monday 22nd December at 11.30am in St Peter's. May he rest in peace. We offer our sincere condolences to David's family.

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace Noah McIntyre who was Baptised on Saturday at St Peter's and Elijah Paul Heaton who will be Baptised this Sunday 14th December at 12.30pm in St Peter's. Please pray for the children and their families.

Children's Liturgy

Next weekend, 21st December, will be the last Children's Liturgy in both churches before the break for Christmas. Many thanks to our kind volunteers for their dedication throughout the past year. If you would be willing to help with the Children's Liturgy in the New Year ahead in either church, please have a word with Father Stamp or with one of our volunteers.

Double Newsletter

Next weekend, a double newsletter will be issued covering the weekend of the 20th/21st and 27th/28th December with all of the times of Masses for Christmas week and the New Year.

Parish Lotto

This week's winner drawn on Saturday, 6th December, is number 40 - Christine Hodgeson. Congratulations Christine! Please collect your winnings from Father Stamp.

Parish Centre at St James the Less

The Parish 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 07960977464
Or email: jeanettepritchard5@gmail.com

PPTA Coffee Morning

This Sunday 14th December, the PPTA of our Primary School at St James the Less will be hosting their monthly Coffee Morning after the 11am Mass in the Parish Centre. Please call in and support.

Church Cleaning at St James the Less

On Monday, 22nd December, after 9:30am Mass, parishioners will be cleaning the church at St James the Less. If you can spare the time, please do come along and help keep our church clean and tidy.

Parish Coffee Mornings

Next week, on Sunday 21st December, there will be a Christmas Coffee Morning after the 9am Mass in St Peter's in the Church Hall, and also after the 11am Mass in St James the Less in the Parish Centre. Both of these Coffee Mornings are completely free to say thank you to all parishioners for their support of the Parish over this past year. Please do make a note in your diary and call in after Mass. Many thanks to the Social Committee at St Peter's and the Parish Centre Committee at St James the Less for organising.

Congratulations

We offer our warmest congratulations to Isabella Shuttleworth who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday evening in St James the Less. Isabella was unable to be Confirmed with the other young people in the summer so the Bishop gave permission for me to Confirm her here. May the Holy Spirit strengthen and guide her.

Thank you from Newchurch Village Community Association.

Thank you to all who braved the weather on Monday evening for The Walking Nativity in Newchurch. It was a great turn out and brilliant atmosphere. Thank you to Fr Stamp and St Peters Social Committee for the use of church and hall greatly appreciated.