



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

2nd Week of Advent

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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 9th December	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 11th December	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 13th December	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 14th December	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 13th December 10:00am - 11:00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 13th December 10:00am - 11:00am

Reader at Mass

14th December 9.00am Ann Goy

Masses Received

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

Anniversaries: Michael & Alice Manning; Alan Fishwick; Agnes Farrell; Mary Maguire; William & Teresa Mary Boyle;

Other: For a successful operation; December Masses for Mary & Peter Connolly

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.

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace Alice who was Baptised on Saturday 6th December in St James the Less, Herbie and Penny who will be Baptised in St Peter's this Sunday 7th December at 1.00pm and Noah who will be Baptised in St James the Less on Saturday 13th December at 12.30pm. Please pray for them.

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 8th December	Holy Mass	9:30am
Wednesday 10th December	Requiem Mass	10:30am
Friday 12th December	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 13th December	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 14th December	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 13th December 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass

13th December 6.30pm Dawn Winfield

14th December 11.00am Mary Fish

Angela Edgington RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Angela Edgington who has died. Angela's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 10th December, at 10.30am in St James the Less. May she rest in peace. Sincere condolences to Angela's family.

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

5.30pm First Mass of Christmas in St James the Less
7.30pm First Mass of Christmas in St Peter's

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.

Parish Coffee Morning

This Sunday, 7th December, the monthly Parish Coffee Morning will take place after the 9.00am Mass in St Peter's Hall. Please call in for a cuppa and a catch up. As well as the usual raffle, there are also some items from the Christmas Fayre which are on sale during the Coffee Morning.

Have a look in our Parish Shop

This Sunday, 7th December, after the 11am Mass in St James the Less, our Parish Charity Shop will be open for an hour so that people can call in and have a look around. We were conscious that during the week, families have very busy lives and you might not have had a chance to look at our new shop. Please call in today after Mass to have a look around. Many thanks to the volunteers who have worked so hard to make our new shop a great success.

Christmas Fayre

My sincere thanks to all who came to our Parish Christmas Fayre in the Hall at St Peter's last Sunday. Along with donations, the Fayre raised the amazing amount of £4177. Well done to all of the parishioners who helped organise and set up the Fayre as well as running it on the day. A special thank you to the staff from St Peter's and from St Joseph's who came and helped and to the children from St Peter's school choir who sang and entertained us on the day. Everyone who came said what a lovely atmosphere there was all afternoon despite the Hall being packed! Well done everyone! I would also like to say a special thank you to those businesses who donated money, prizes or provided other things necessary for the Fayre and the raffles, especially Anthony Johnson Funeral Directors; Fred Hamers Funeral Directors; Julie's Sandwich Shop and Rowan's Butchers.

Children's Liturgy

Please note: there will be no Children's Liturgy this Sunday 7th December in St James the Less. Children's Liturgy as normal in St Peter's. Could I also make an appeal for more volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy. You would not be expected to lead a session, but we need at least two volunteers for each Sunday in both churches. If you would be willing to help, please see Father Stamp or have a word with one of the volunteers on a Sunday to see what is involved. Many thanks to the volunteers who make this possible in both churches.

Parish Lotto

This week's winner drawn on Saturday, 29th November, is number 46 - Catherine Day. Congratulations Catherine! Please bring in Envelope number 6, dated 6th/7th December.

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

St Joseph's Christmas Fayre

This Friday, 12th December, our Parish Primary School St Joseph's, Stacksteads will be holding their Christmas Fayre in school from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Please do call in and support, there will be lots of things for all the family.

Newchurch Village Community Association

Walking Nativity

Monday, 8th December, 6pm from St Peter's Newchurch
Walking from Church arriving at the little park on Church Street

All welcome to come along and act out the journey to Bethlehem singing carols along the way!

Refreshments back in St Peter's Hall

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This Monday 8th December is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Lady. Mass is at 9.30am in St James the Less.

CAFOD Coffee Morning

This Sunday, 7th December, is the monthly CAFOD Coffee Morning after the 11am Mass in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. Please call in and support our CAFOD Group.

Christmas Performance

Saint James the Less Primary School will hold their Y3/Y4 Christmas performance in St James the Less Church on Wednesday, 10th December, at 6pm. Parishioners are invited to attend. There are some tickets in church. Please help yourself to a ticket and come along.

Journey in Faith

Our next Journey in Faith session is this Thursday, 11th December at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. This time we will be looking at the Sacrament of the Mass. All are very welcome and refreshments are provided. This will be the last session before Christmas and we will break until the New Year