



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

Second Sunday of Christmas

4th January, 2026

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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 6th January	Epiphany Mass	10:30am
Thursday 8th January	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 10th January	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 11th January	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 10th January 10.00am - 11.00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10th January 10.00am - 11.00am

Readers at Mass

11th January 9.00am Fiona Heppleston

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 5th January	Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 6th January	Epiphany Mass in School	9:00am
Wednesday 7th January	Epiphany Mass	6.30pm
Friday 9th January	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 10th January	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 11th January	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 10th January 5:30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass

10th January 6.30pm Alan Wilson
11th January 11.00am Bill Wilkinson

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; Eleanor Diver.

Lately Dead: Joyce and Fred Heyworth;

Anniversaries: Margaret Lane; Arthur & Marian Dawson; Alan & Eileen Fenton; Peter Connolly; Annie Ashworth; Angela Clarke, Jack Riley; Betty Hanson; Kathleen McDonnell; Alice Heron; Baby Catherine Milnes; Jim & David Maguire; Father Vincent Lang; Frank Fish; Harry & Norah Whitehead.

Christmas and New Year Masses: Harold & Mary Sinclair; Frank & Vera O'Neill; Harry & Hilda Fletcher; James Rush; Mary Rush; Mark Rush; Margaret Moffatt; John & Christopher Moffatt; The Ruane Family; The Haworth Family; The Mayt Family; Jack & Nora Roberts; Peter & Joan Nightingale; Clare & David Atherton; Baby Thomas Cavill; For the Batt, Collis, Grant & Riley Families; For the deceased members of the Toman & Keough Families; For a very Special Intention; For the deceased members of the Parsons Family; For a Special Intention; Katie Davies; For a Special Intention; For Mary, Tommy, James & Annie Higgins; For Helen, James & John Steed; For Tommy & Megan Rourke; William & Mary Teresa Boyle & Boyle & Beesley Families; For the intentions of Lily Smith & for Michael Farry; Mary & Peter Connolly.

Happy New Year and Many Thanks!

I want to take this opportunity to wish all parishioners and their families a very Happy New Year and many blessings for 2026. I also want to say a big thank you to all who made our celebration of Christmas so beautiful this year, especially our church cleaners and those who set up our cribs and Christmas trees; flower arrangers; singers and musicians; Readers; Altar Servers; Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion; our Parish Sisters and any who contributed to preparing for the celebration. Thank you also for all the kind gifts and cards given by parishioners to me. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness. May God bless you always.

The Epiphany of the Lord - 6th January

Holy Day of Obligation

The Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on Tuesday 6th January this year and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be three Masses in the Parish this coming Tuesday: at 9am in St James the Less Primary School; at 10.30am in St Peter's church and at 6.30pm in St James the Less church.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

Our next Baptism preparation session will take place on Tuesday, 20th January at 6.30pm in the church at St James the Less. There are Baptisms each weekend in the Parish at 12.30pm in both churches on Saturdays and Sundays. Please note: all Sundays are fully booked throughout the months of January and February. If you would like to book a Baptism, please contact Father Stamp who will send you a booklet explaining the process. Many thanks to our Baptism catechists who lead the sessions.

The Old School Charity Shop

Since our Parish Charity Shop opened on 6th July 2025, up to the end of the year, it raised an amazing £9658.72 for Parish funds. This is a wonderful achievement and I am very pleased with how this new project has taken off. I want to say a special thank you to Arthur and Anna-Mai Marriott who managed the setting up and running of the shop throughout these first months. I know it has been more or less a full time job for them and they have given so much of their time and energy to making it a success, so thank you very much! Many thanks also to Ann Mulderrig who has worked hard selling online the books which have been donated - these have raised a large chunk of the money. I also want to thank all of the Parish volunteers who along with the Marriots have worked hard since we opened in July. Thanks to all who have supported the beginnings of our shop, either by calling in and buying things, or donating goods. If you haven't yet been in, or donated anything, please could I encourage you to do so. Our opening hours are back to normal after Christmas:

Tuesday - Friday: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday: 10.00am - 1.00pm.

Children's Liturgy (Little Church)

Our Children's Liturgy begins again this weekend at the 9am and 11am Masses in both churches. Many thanks to our volunteers who give their time and talents to make this possible.

Parish Coffee Morning

This Sunday, 4th January, there is the monthly Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall after the 9am Mass in St Peter's. The monthly raffle will also be drawn. Please call in and catch up.

Journey in Faith

Our next session is this coming 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. If you would like to know more about this wonderful Sacrament, please come along as all are welcome. Refreshments are provided.

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace Quinn Cordey who will be Baptised this Sunday, 4th January at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please pray for Quinn and his family.

Parish Lotto

Last week's winner was number 47: Margaret Burton. This week's winner is number 21: Anne Moore. Congratulations Margaret and Anne. You have to be in it to win it!

Nite of Nostalgia - 70s & 80s Music

On Saturday 31st January, there will be a live music night with 'No Returns' live act in the Parish Centre at St James the Less beginning at 8.00pm, including a licensed bar. The tickets are £10 per head and are available on 01706 217360 or at the back of both churches. Please buy a ticket and support this social night in the Parish.

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 Pritchard on 07960977464. Or email at: jeanette.pritchard5@gmail.com

Gift Aid Envelopes

Offertory envelopes for 2026 are now available at the back of both churches. For those who have been allocated envelopes, please be aware they might not be the same number as last year. If anyone would like to be a part of the Gift Aid scheme and register for a set of envelopes, or if anyone is already registered and has not received their envelopes for this year, could I ask you to contact Siobhan at her email address at the top of the newsletter. Many thanks.