



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

1st Week of Advent

30th November 2025

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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 2nd December	No Holy Mass	
Thursday 4th December	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 6th December	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 7th December	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 6th December	10:00am - 11:00am
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Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 6th December	10:00am - 11:00am
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Reader at Mass

7th December	9.00am	Fiona Heppleston
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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

Anniversaries: Roger Jones; James Francis Levi

Lately Dead: Brian Cordy

Other: For the Intentions of Lily Smith; Mass in Thanksgiving; Mass for the Holy Souls; Mass for all on our November List; For the Intentions of Chris Newton

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 1st December	Holy Mass	9:30am
Wednesday 3rd December	Holy Mass	9:30am
Friday 5th December	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 6th December	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 7th December	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 6th December	5.30pm - 6.30pm
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Readers at Mass

6th December	6.30pm	Alan Wilson
7th December	11.00am	Sue Casey

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.

Parish Christmas Fayre

The weekend of our Parish Christmas Fayre has arrived! Please come along to the Hall at St Peter's and enjoy some festive fun. As an added bonus this year, the children's choir from St Peter's Primary will be singing for us, and of course Father Christmas will be there! The Fayre opens on Sunday at 11.00am after the 10am Masses in both churches. Many thanks to those who have been working hard in the Hall over these days to make sure everything is ready. If you haven't yet bought any raffle tickets for the Grand Raffle or for Father Stamp's Raffle, these are still available before the big draw on the day. Along with the Summer Fayre at St James the Less, the Christmas Fayre at St Peter's is one of our major Parish fundraisers of the year, so please do make every effort to support!

Sacramental Programme

This Sunday, 30th November, we welcome our children on the Sacramental Programme from St Joseph's and St Peter's for their Presentation Mass at the 10am Mass in St Peter's. Next Sunday, 7th December, we will welcome our children on the Sacramental Programme from St James the Less for their Presentation Mass at the 11am Mass in St James the Less. Please welcome the children and their families and pray for them as they begin this journey of Faith, Hope and Love.

Advent Liturgies

This Tuesday, 2nd December, there will be an Advent Mass in St James the Less Primary School beginning at 9.00am. Following Mass, I will bless the Advent Wreaths around school and also judge the best Advent Wreath for 2025! In the afternoon on 2nd December at 2.30pm, there will be an Advent Liturgy in St Peter's Primary School where I will also bless the Advent Wreath. Please note: there will be no 9.30am Mass on Tuesday 2nd December in St Peter's church.

Parish Centre Committee

Our Parish Centre Committee will meet this Wednesday, 3rd December, at 7.00pm in St James the Less Parish Centre. If you would like to get involved in planning social events at the Rawtenstall end of the Parish and also in the running of the Centre, please come along to the meeting as all are very welcome.

Parish Charity Shop Committee

There will be a meeting of our Parish Shop Committee this Wednesday, 3rd December, at 12 noon at St James the Less. Many thanks to all who are working in our shop to make it a great success!

The Old School Charity Shop

Is your wardrobe bursting with clothes you no longer wear? Your Parish Shop continues to need good quality freshly cleaned donations - especially both men's and women's winter clothing - so please have a look for anything you no longer want. We can accept pre-loved items including tops and jumpers, suits and shirts, trousers and jeans, coats and jackets, hats, gloves and scarves. We could also do with a few more volunteers - can you help to cover a morning or an afternoon (10am-1pm, or 1pm-4pm) once a week? Why not call in and have a chat with any of our volunteers on duty, or ring Anna Mai on 01706 226909 for more details. Please donate and/or volunteer and help support your Parish.

Children's Liturgy

There will be **NO** Children's Liturgy at St James the Less on Sunday, 7th December

Parish Lotto

This week's winner drawn on Saturday, 22nd November, is number 35 - Lynn Pegg. Congratulations Lynn! 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

Church Cleaning at St James the Less

This coming Wednesday, 3rd 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.

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace Francesco and Giulietta Turano-Capstick who were Baptised this Saturday 6th December at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please pray for them and their 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

CAFOD Coffee Morning

Next 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. We're looking forward to a wonderful evening.

Diocesan Yearbook

Last year, the Diocese combined the Diocesan Almanac which contains all of the information on the different Parishes throughout the Diocese, and the Diocesan Ordo which contains the liturgical calendar for the year, into one new volume called the 'Diocesan Yearbook'. I have some copies available for £5 per copy.