



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th November, 2024

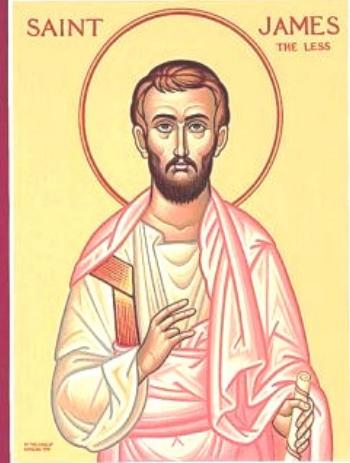
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 19th November	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 21st November	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 23rd November	Holy Mass	9.30am

Sunday 24th November **Holy Mass** **10.00am**

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 23rd November 10.00am - 11.00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 23rd November 10.00am - 11.00am

Reader at Mass 24th November

9.00am Tony Ronnan

Masses Received

Sick: Roger & Ruth Dawes; Ian Butterworth; Andrew Wakerley; Jean Ashworth; David Maguire; Jean Lewin; Hattie Bowes; Canon David Ryder; Claire Seymour, Roger Jones

Anniversaries: Alice & Patrick Batt, Baby Patrick, John McCann, Patricia Morris, Michael Gregson

Birthday Anniversaries: Isabel Connolly-Welock

Lately Dead: Michael Stevenson

Other: For all contained in our November list.

Important Note on Times of Sunday Mass on 24th November

On Sunday, 24th November, Masses in both churches will be at 10.00am, rather than 9:00am and 11:00am. I have asked the Bishop's permission just for that Sunday to move the Mass times so that parishioners from both St Peter's and St James the Less can enjoy the Parish Christmas Fayre.

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 18th November	Holy Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 20th November	Holy Mass	9.30am
Friday 22nd November	Holy Mass	9.30am

Saturday 23rd November **Vigil Mass** **6.30pm**
Sunday 24th November **Holy Mass** **10.00am**

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 23rd November 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass 23rd & 24th November

6.30pm Racheal Wilson
11:00am Paola Coe

Christmas Fayre

Next Sunday, 24th November, we are holding our Christmas Fayre in the Parish Hall at St Peter's after Mass at 10.00am in both churches. Please do come along to support the Parish and to grab yourself a bargain for Christmas! This weekend is the last weekend for bringing goods to be sold. Gemma has been in touch with those parishioners who have volunteered to help to arrange setting up stalls etc. I am very grateful to all who have been involved in organising for the Fayre - I know a lot of work has already been done in preparation for the day and the Hall is looking amazing already! Thanks also for all the goods donated. The two Fayres, Summer and Christmas, are a really important source of income and a boost to the Parish finances as well as being lovely social events when parishioners from both churches can get to know each other better.

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

Some time ago, our Parish Synod Rep moved to another part of the country, and as a result, our participation in the Synod ground to a bit of a halt! In the meantime, a few parishioners have approached me to say they would be interested in getting involved in the Synod and representing the Parish. Being a rep means facilitating some Parish meetings and drawing up responses from parishioners. I would like to invite anyone interested in getting involved to a meeting in the **Parish Centre at St James the Less on Tuesday 19th November at 7.00pm**. We can chat through how to approach this next stage of the Diocesan Synod and how we co-ordinate our response.

Children's Liturgy

I am delighted to announce that our Children's Liturgy is back on during the 11am Mass at St James the Less. Please take the children to the Parish Centre. Children's Liturgy as usual at St Peter's during the 9am Mass. Many thanks to our kind volunteers!

Blessing of Graves

This Sunday 17th November, there will be the annual blessing of graves in the cemetery at Rawtenstall, beginning at 2.00pm. This is a lovely tradition in the month of November whereby we remember and pray for those loved ones who have gone before us and are buried in the cemetery here. If you would like the grave of a loved one blessed, please come to the cemetery for 2.00pm and stand by the grave of your loved one. I will come around individually and bless each grave. If the weather is inclement, please feel free to sit in your car until I reach the section where your loved one is buried. I will make sure that I do not miss anyone out before leaving the cemetery.

This coming Saturday 23rd November, I will bless the graves in Bacup Cemetery in Stacksteads beginning at 12 noon.

All are welcome to attend.

Sacramental Programme - Presentation Masses

The introductory meetings for our children have taken place in our schools, the children have enrolled and are now ready to be presented to the Parish at Mass. Next Sunday, 24th November, the children from St Joseph's and St Peter's will be presented at the 10.00am Mass in St Peter's. Then, on Sunday 1st December, the children from St James the Less will be presented at the 11am Mass in St James the Less. Please make our children and families very welcome at these Masses and please keep the children in your prayers as they begin this beautiful journey to the reception of the Greatest Gift!

November List of the Faithful Departed

So many names have come in for our November List that I have not included it in the newsletter this weekend, but have printed it on a separate sheet. I have placed some of these sheets at the back of both churches so that everyone can see their loved ones have been added and are remembered at each Mass during this month of November. I will continue to add any names which come into the boxes at the back of both churches throughout this month. May they rest in peace.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

The next Baptism Preparation session will be on Tuesday, 19th November 2024, at 6.30pm in St James the Less Church. Signup sheets can be found at the back of both churches.

CAFOD Coffee Morning

This Sunday, 17th November, there is the monthly Coffee Morning in support of CAFOD in the Parish Centre after the 11:00am Mass in St James the Less. As well as coffee and cakes it is a good opportunity to chat with other parishioners.

Lectionaries

This weekend, we have a pastoral letter from the Bishop to be read at all Masses about the new translation of the Readings at Mass which will be introduced throughout England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent this year. We have purchased the new Lectionaries, which are the books we use to read from at Mass, and the cost to the Parish for both churches is over £2000. Each volume (there are four for use throughout the year) costs £177. If anyone would like to donate this amount in memory of a loved one, I will have the name inscribed in the front.