

St Joseph and St Peter, Newchurch

St James the Less, Rawtenstall

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd October, 2022

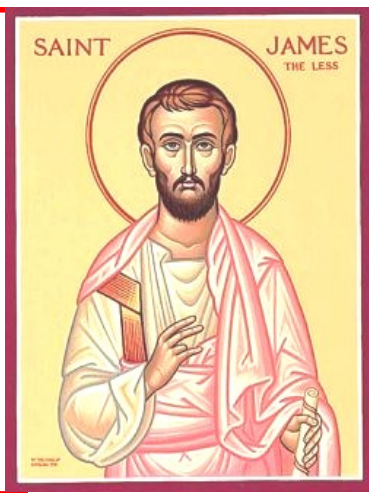
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 4th October	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 6th October	Holy Mass	7.00pm
Saturday 8th October	Holy Mass	11.00am

Sunday 9th October Holy Mass 9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Thursday 6th 6.00pm - 6.45pm
Please note: No Confessions on Saturday 8th October

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 8.30am - 9.30am
Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Please note: No Exposition on Saturday 8th October

Reader at Sunday Mass, 9th October

9.00am Ann Goy

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 3rd October	Holy Mass	9.00am
Wednesday 5th October	Holy Mass	9.00am
Friday 7th October	Holy Mass	12 noon

Saturday 8th October Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sunday 9th October Holy Mass 11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 8th October 5.30pm - 6.15pm

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday and Wednesday 8.00am - 9.00am

Readers at Sunday Masses 8th & 9th October

6.30pm	Margaret Leake
11.00am	Mary Fish

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace **Amelie Fern Collins** who was Baptised this Saturday, 1st October at 12 noon in St Peter's and **Faye Emilia Bell-Shaw** who will be Baptised this Sunday, 2nd October, at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please pray for these children and for their families.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

The CAFOD Family Fast Day this autumn is on 7th October. Envelopes will be distributed at the back of both churches this weekend to be brought back to church. At the 6.30pm and the 11.00am Masses in St James the Less, Marie Lord from the Parish CAFOD Group will read the letter about the Family Fast Day from CAFOD after Holy Communion. In St Peter's, I will place a copy of the letter on the noticeboard so those parishioners who wish to can read it after the 9am Mass.

Children's Liturgy

This Sunday, 2nd October, the Children's Liturgy will take place in St Peter's during the 9am Mass and at St James the Less during the 11am Mass. At St Peter's, please bring any children who wish to take part into church for the beginning of Mass. At St James the Less, please take the children directly into the Old School Room. Many thanks to the kind volunteers for making this possible for families.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Bernard Graves; Nicholas Slattery; Anthony Carroll

Anniversary: Danny Paul Collins; Henry Nixon; Francis Knights; Jean Guest; Sheila Tyrrell;

Other: David & Maria Connor (Special Intention); Sister Margaret Atkins (Birthday Intention) Mary & Peter Connolly (October Remembrance)

Welcome Back Quiz Night at St Peter's

This Friday 7th October, we will be holding our first Quiz Night since Covid at St Peter's Church Hall at 7.30pm. Doors and Bar open from 7pm. Maximum 6 per team. Tickets are £5 each, including supper. Everyone is welcome. Please do support this event as we begin to get together again socially after the pandemic.

Parish Christmas Fayre

Many thanks to all the parishioners who came to the initial meeting about the Christmas Fayre in the Hall at St Peter's. Our Christmas Fayre will be on **Sunday, 11th December beginning after the 9am Mass in St Peter's Hall**. We want this Fayre to be very much a joint effort between our two Parishes, so please do put the date in your diary!

Musicians and Singers

Many thanks to the musicians and singers from St James the Less who met on Wednesday evening and the Choir from St Peter's who met on Thursday evening. I want to express my sincere thanks to all of our musicians and singers in both churches who do so much to enhance the beauty of the Sunday Masses. The musicians and singers in both places have said they would make very welcome any new members who would like to join them. If you would like to sing in either place, please simply go up to the Organ Loft and introduce yourself. You don't have to be Pavarotti or Katherine Jenkins to join!

Development of Parish Website/Social Media

A number of parishioners in the consultation document volunteered to help with the development of a new Parish website and social media for the new Parish. I want to give advanced notice of a meeting on **Wednesday, 26th October at 7pm** in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. Could I invite all parishioners from both churches who would be willing to help with developing this aspect of Parish life. Going forward, we would really need to replace the different websites and social media platforms which already exist in St James the Less and in St Joseph and St Peter's with a single unified website and facebook page/twitter/instagram account etc. It would have been helpful to have a new name for the Parish before beginning to look at this, but as that has not yet been finalised, I think we should nonetheless begin looking at how we approach this. If you are knowledgeable about these things (I am not!) please do come along. Also, if you are good at taking photos, writing articles etc, you also can play an important part in helping to keep these platforms updated with different Parish events and would be welcome at the meeting. These online resources are becoming the usual way in which people find out information about the Parish, rather than traditional newsletters such as this, so developing our online profile as a Parish would be a very good thing.

Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Over the past few weeks, I have been making my way around the sick and housebound parishioners in the four areas of the Parishes: Crawshawbooth, Rawtenstall, Newchurch and Stacksteads. If you know of any housebound parishioner who is unable to get to Mass but would appreciate a visit from the Priest, please let me have their contact details.

Parish Charity Shop

I mentioned at the two Parish meetings regarding amalgamation the possibility of opening a charity shop which would generate funds for the Parish. In my previous Parish in Accrington, parishioners developed a very successful shop which now raises a lot of money for the Parish each year. It is also something of a community hub which allows for some charitable outreach, such as providing school uniforms for parents of children who struggle to pay for new uniforms. It would be great if we could develop something here in Rossendale. The four key areas of the new Parish would be Stacksteads, Waterfoot, Rawtentall and Crawshawbooth so we would be looking at a property in one of these areas. I have already approached the parishioner who is managing the shops in the Parish in Accrington to ask his advice, but I now need to gauge how much interest there is here before I progress the idea any further. It would need parishioners to volunteer to help run the shop as a management committee and also people to volunteer to go on a rota to man the shop and help with the window displays and preparation of clothes and goods. The volunteers in Accrington found it was really something good to get their teeth into and also provided a means to meet others socially. If you would be interested in helping in any way, please send me an e-mail at simon.stamp@dioceseofsalford.org.uk letting me know how you would be interested in helping. With heating, lighting and building costs rising, finding new streams of income for the Parish which will also allow us to develop our social outreach in the local community is becoming more and more important.

October - the Month of the Most Holy Rosary

October is that month when we turn again more ardently to Our Blessed Lady through the prayer of the Rosary. The Rosary has been recommended to us as a most privileged form of prayer by so many Saints and Popes. If you have fallen out of the habit of praying the Rosary, this could be the moment to begin again, perhaps by using alongside it the Novena prayer below. If you don't have a particular intention in mind, could I ask you to pray it for the good of our Parish as we move forward with amalgamation.

'My dearest Mother Mary, behold me, your child, in prayer at your feet. Accept this Holy Rosary, which I offer you in accordance with your requests at Fatima, as a proof of my tender love for you, for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in atonement for the offences committed against your Immaculate Heart, and for this special favour which I earnestly request in my Rosary Novena: (Mention your request).

I beg you to present my petition to your Divine Son. If you will pray for me, I cannot be refused. I know, dearest Mother, that you want me to seek God's holy Will concerning my request. If what I ask for should not be granted, pray that I may receive that which will be of greater benefit to my soul.

I offer you this spiritual Bouquet of Roses because I love you. I put all my confidence in you, since your prayers before God are most powerful. For the greater glory of God and for the sake of Jesus, your loving Son, hear and grant my prayer. Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation.'

This novena is to be said along with a daily Rosary.