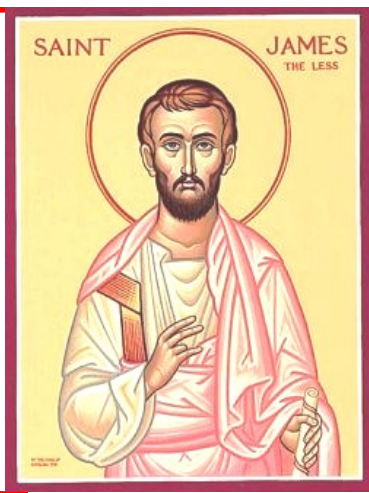


St Joseph and St Peter, Newchurch
St James the Less, Rawtenstall
 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 12th February, 2023
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 14th February	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 16th February	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 18th February	Holy Mass	11.00am

Sunday 19th February **Holy Mass 9.00am**

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 18th February 10.00am - 11.00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 18th February 10.00am - 11.00am

Reader at Mass Sunday 19th February

Ann Goy

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 13th February	Holy Mass	9.00am
Wednesday 15th February	Holy Mass	9.00am
Friday 17th February	Holy Mass	12 noon

Saturday 18th February	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 19th February	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 18th February 5.30pm - 6.15pm

Readers at Mass 18th & 19th February

6.30pm	Racheal Wilson
11.00am	Paola Coe

Masses Received

Lately Dead: Claire Halstead

Anniversaries: Tom Leake; Winifred Ashworth; Bridget & James Davey; Maresa Simkins; Anthony & Annie Christian.

Other: Mass for a Special Intention

Church Cleaning

This is advanced notice that church cleaning will take place in St Peter's on **Monday, 20th February at 10am**. Anyone is welcome to come along and help keep our church clean and tidy. I want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to those who clean both of our churches. We rely on a small group of volunteers who work behind the scenes.

Help for Ukraine

Some of our local Ukrainian Community would like to help people living in Ukraine by collecting old candles and wax, as well as smaller tins, such as tuna or salmon or smaller baked beans tins. They will then use the tins and the wax to make candles which can be used by those living in tents and underground in Ukraine both as lights and as little heaters to keep hands warm. At the back of both churches there are labelled boxes in which you can place any candles/wax and tins. Please wash the tins first!

Many thanks for the wonderful response to this appeal so far - already a great number of candles have been handed over to be prepared and sent to those in need in Ukraine

Funerals

The Funeral Service for **Michael Loftus** will take place on **Monday, 20th February in Burnley Crematorium at 12.15pm**.

The Funeral Service for **Ildiko Greenwood** will take place on **Thursday, 23rd February in Burnley Crematorium at 1.45pm**

The Requiem Mass of **Catherine Radley** will take place on **Tuesday, 28th February in St James the Less at 11.00am**.

Please keep Michael, Ildiko and Catherine in your prayers. May they rest in peace.

Congratulations

We offer our warmest congratulations and promises of prayer to **Joseph Hawke & Emily Harrison** who were married in St James the Less on Friday, 10th February. We pray that Joseph and Emily will enjoy many happy years of married life! Please pray for all of our couples preparing for Marriage at this time.

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace **Millie Grace Schofield** who will be Baptised this Sunday, 12th February in St James the Less at 12.30pm. Please keep Millie and her family in your prayers. If anyone would like to book a Baptism, please see Father Stamp after one of the weekend Masses in either church.

Walsingham Pilgrimage - Appeal

We currently have too many requests for single rooms and not enough bookings of twin rooms to make the cost of the Pilgrimage viable in terms of the coach. The operator has asked me to see if any of those who have given in deposits for single rooms would be willing to share. If not, we may have to book the single rooms on a first come, first served basis. I will return the deposit to those who booked more recently. In order to book up some of the twin rooms we still have on offer, I am intending to send a notice to the other Priests of the Deanery to place an ad in their newsletters for the remaining twin rooms, so if anyone is interested in sharing a room for the Pilgrimage from the 9th to the 11th October, please let me know as soon as possible. The deposit is £50.

Could I ask all of those who are already booked on to contact me in order to let me know if they would be willing to share a room or not. Many thanks.

Parish Charity Shop

Many thanks to those kind parishioners who, over the past week, have sent me adverts and photographs of vacant properties in the Parish for a Parish Charity Shop. On Friday, the parishioner from my previous Parish in Accrington who has experience of setting up very successful Parish charity shops went to view some of these properties and to investigate for me. Things are looking promising and hopefully we will be able to begin this great project soon. Thanks also to all of those who have already volunteered to help with the setting up and running of a shop. Once I have something definite to pass on, I will call a meeting for all of those who want to be involved.

2nd Football League Sweepstake

I would like to thank everyone who has bought a Football Sweepstake ticket. So far, we have sold 96 tickets - £960 (£550 prize money and £410 for Parish funds) There are currently 20 tickets still to be sold. If anyone wishes to purchase a ticket please contact Peter Tracey on: 01706 217 360. If any winning ticket number is not sold, the prize money will go to the Parish.

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy, or Little Church, has begun again after the Christmas holidays in both churches. **There is Little Church each week at the 9am Mass in St Peter's on Sundays and at the 11am Mass in St James the Less also on Sundays.** If you would like your child to take part, please take them, at St Peter's, to the door of the house (Presbytery) before the 9am Mass begins, and in St James the Less, please take them to the Old School Room before the 11am Mass begins. If you are not sure where to go, one of the parishioners in church will direct you to the right place. Our volunteers work hard to ensure that the children learn something about the Gospel for that Sunday whilst also making it fun and 'hands on' for the children.

Also, if you would be interested in volunteering to help with the Children's Liturgy in either church, please speak to Father Stamp.

St Patrick's Night Dance

Friday 17th March is the Feast of St Patrick. On that night, we will have a St Patrick's Night Dance in the Hall at St Peter's with doors opening at 7.00pm. On the night, there will be a live Irish Band including guitars, fiddle and singers. Supper will also be included. The price of a ticket is £7.50 and these are available at the back of church. Please buy a ticket as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Ash Wednesday - 22nd February

The Season of Lent is fast approaching beginning with Ash Wednesday on the 22nd February. The programme in the Parish for Ash Wednesday will be as follows:

9.00am Mass in St James the Less Church (St James the Less Primary in attendance)

11.00am Ashes Service in St Joseph's Primary, Stacksteads

12.30pm Mass in St James the Less Church

2.50pm Ashes Service in St Peter's Primary, Newchurch

7.00pm Mass in St Peter's Church

Coffee Mornings for the month of February

This Sunday, 12th February there will be the Coffee morning in the Old School Room at **St James the Less** after the 11am Mass organised by the PPTA to support the funds of **St James the Less Primary School**, including soup lunch as well as coffee and cakes.

On Sunday, 19th February, there will be the Coffee morning in the Old School Room at **St James the Less** after the 11am Mass organised by the Parish CAFOD Group to support the work of CAFOD.

Parish Centre at St James the Less

At present, I cannot give a time-scale for the works necessary to repair the Parish Centre after the flooding over Christmas. The Diocesan Property Office were already arranging to carry out a comprehensive survey of all the buildings at St James the Less when the flood occurred. Because the Church is a listed building, this meant specialist conservation architects were contacted to carry out the surveys. As there are some other issues within the Centre which are unconnected to the recent flooding, including a leaking window upstairs and the deterioration of the conservatory, the Diocesan Property Office decided it would make sense to carry out a whole survey at once rather than contracting another firm to begin looking at the Centre alone. This survey will take place in March.