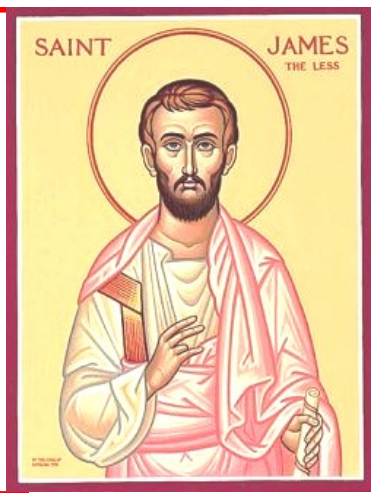


St Joseph and St Peter, Newchurch
St James the Less, Rawtenstall
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th September, 2022
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 20th September	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 22nd September	Holy Mass	7.00pm
Saturday 24th September	Holy Mass	11.00am

Sunday 25th September Holy Mass 9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Thursday 22nd September	6.00pm - 6.45pm
Saturday 17th September	10.00am - 10.45am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please note: No Exposition on Tuesday this week
Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday 10.00am - 11.00am

Mass Intentions Received:

Anniversary: Vincent Cornwell; Edna Hopkinson;
Alexander Hopkinson;

BirthDay Anniversary: Bridget & James Davey;
Richard McCarthy;

Lately Dead: Rita Devine

Other: A Special Intention (Successful Operation);
For the intentions of Lily Smith

Welcome Back Quiz Night at St Peter's

On 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. They will be on sale at the back of church from this weekend or contact Ann on 07779 822504 or Linda on 01706 220405. Everyone is welcome. Please do support this event as we begin to get together again socially after the pandemic.

CAFOD Coffee Morning

This Sunday after the 11am Mass in St James the Less, there will be the CAFOD Coffee Morning. With the change in Mass times, it is important we support the work of our CAFOD Group who have had to adapt to the new pattern of Masses. Please do pop into the Old School Room after the 11am Mass for a cuppa and catch-up in support of the work of our CAFOD Group.

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 19th September	Holy Mass	9.00am
Wednesday 21st September	Holy Mass	9.00am
Friday 23rd September	Holy Mass	12 noon

Saturday 24th September Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sunday 25th September Holy Mass 11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 24th September 5.30pm - 6.15pm

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday and Wednesday 8.00am - 9.00am

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace **George Kenton Ritson** who will be Baptised this Sunday, 18th September at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please pray for him.

Irish Night in St James the Less Parish Centre

This **Friday 23rd September**, we will be having an Irish Night in the Parish Centre. Tickets are on sale this weekend at the back of church for £7.50. Please do support this Parish event and come along to spend time with other parishioners and enjoy the fun!

School Masses to Begin the Year

I will be celebrating a Welcome Mass this coming week to begin the school year for the children and staff in St Joseph's RC Primary School, Stacksteads:

Wednesday 21st September at 10.30am in St Joseph's Primary School - Welcome Mass for St Joseph's

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Readers at Mass

Many thanks to all our Readers at St James the Less who attended the meeting on Friday evening, and thanks to Paul Higginbottom for taking care of the Readers Rota at St James the Less. We really do need more volunteers to Read at Mass in both of our Parishes. We have a good number at the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday evening, but we need more at both the 9am and the 11am Mass on Sundays, as well as the weekday Masses in both churches. If you would be willing, please let me have your contact details.

Musicians and Singers at St Peter's

There will be a meeting for the Parish Choir at St Peter's on **Thursday, 29th September at 7.30pm in St Peter's church** after the 7pm Mass. If you would like to help with the singing at the 9am Mass, this is also a good opportunity to come along.

McMillan Coffee Morning in St Joseph's School

On **Friday, 30th September**, St Joseph's RC Primary School will be hosting a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Parishioners are most welcome to attend **from 9.30am** in the School. If any parishioners would be able to bake some goods for this event, we would be extremely grateful.

Children's Liturgy in St Peter's

We begin the Children's Liturgy for the first time at the 9am Mass **this Sunday 18th September**. Please bring the children into church for the beginning of Mass and the volunteers will direct them from there. If you would be interested in helping, please let me have your contact details. Many thanks!

Musicians and Singers at St James the Less

On **Wednesday 28th September at 7.00pm** there will be a meeting for musicians and singers at St James the Less in the Parish Centre. Please come along if you currently play or sing at St James the Less or if you would like to get involved. My sincere thanks to those who provide music for the Masses in both churches - it is much appreciated!

Children's Liturgy in St James the Less

Unfortunately, due to the lack of volunteers, it will only be possible at the present time to have the Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass in St James the Less once a month, on the first Sunday of the month. The next Children's Liturgy at the 11am in St James the Less will be on **Sunday 2nd October**. My sincere thanks to Helen for keeping the Children's Liturgy going single-handedly for so long and for agreeing to continue it once a month. If more volunteers come forward, we can review this and ensure it happens more frequently once again. If you are able to help, please let me have your contact details so I can put you in touch with Helen, our Co-ordinator.

Parish Christmas Fayre 2022

As I explained to parishioners at the two amalgamation meetings a couple of weeks ago, from experience of an amalgamation in my previous Parish, I quickly found that whilst the bringing together of two distinct communities takes time and patience from all involved, there are some things which we need to combine and work together on from the outset. One of these is of course the adaptation of Mass times which I know has been a difficult change for many of you. From previous experience, I also realised early on that attempting to hold two major Parish fundraising events, such as the Summer and Christmas Fayres, at the same time in two different places was impossible. It would mean advertising two Fayres in the same newsletter, appealing for and collecting goods for both places apart from navigating the complications arising from two different dates and times within a short span. For this reason, I have taken the decision that from now on, we will hold just one major Parish Fayre in the Summer and one Parish Fayre at Christmas. It makes sense to choose a location for the Summer Fayre where there is a good amount of outside space, and a location for the Christmas Fayre where there is a good amount of indoor space. As things have fallen into place, we have already had our Parish 'Duck Derby' this Summer at St James the Less where there is a lovely outdoor area backing onto the River. Therefore, from now on, we will hold the Summer Fayre each year at St James the Less. At St Peter's, there is a large and spacious Hall for indoor events. Therefore, we will hold the Christmas Fayre this year and from now on in the Parish Hall at St Peter's.

There will be a meeting to discuss the Christmas Fayre this Thursday, 22nd September at 7.30pm following the 7pm Mass. This meeting will take place in the Hall under the church.

Amongst other things, we will be discussing a suitable date for the Fayre and I also intend to present some new ideas and plans for the Fayres, as well as listening to what has already taken place.

Could I encourage parishioners from both churches to come along and get involved. I found previously that it was at social events such as this that parishioners from two different places began to get to know each other and began to work together. Parish amalgamations do take time and a lot of re-adjustment, but let's make a good start by pulling together for this, the first major joint fundraising and social event in the calendar. It will require a willingness from parishioners at St James the Less to support an event which is in a different location to the one they have been used to, and a willingness from parishioners at St Peter's to be open to new ideas and welcoming to those who wish to help from Rawtenstall. I am excited at the possibilities and the potential for this to be a really positive step forward for us as a new Parish.

Memorial Mass for Queen Elizabeth II

This Monday, 19th September, the 9am Mass in St James the Less will be a Memorial Mass when we will pray for the repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth II on the day of her State Funeral. May she rest in peace

Wedding in St James the Less

Our warmest congratulations to **Rosetta Mary Helen Skelton & Joseph Robert Miles** who will marry in St James the Less this Saturday, 24th September at 12.30pm. Please pray for Rosetta and Joseph.