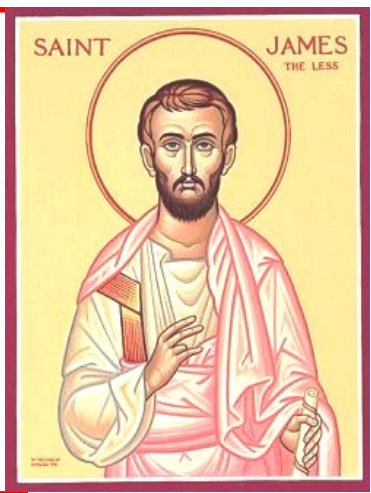


**St Joseph and St Peter, Newchurch**  
**St James the Less, Rawtenstall**  
 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 6th November, 2022  
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**Masses in St Peter's**

**Tuesday 8th November** Holy Mass 9.00am  
**Thursday 10th November** Holy Mass 9.00am  
*Please note the earlier Masses just for this week*  
 Saturday 12th November Holy Mass 11.00am  
 Sunday 13th November Holy Mass 9.00am

**Confessions in St Peter's**

Saturday 12th November 10.00am - 11.00am  
*Please note: no Confessions on Thursday this week*

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday 10.00am - 11.00am  
*Please note: No Exposition on Tuesday or Thursday*

**Reader at Sunday Mass 13th November**

9.00am Maureen Ashworth

**Masses in St James the Less**

Monday 7th November Holy Mass 9.00am  
 Wednesday 9th November Holy Mass 9.00am  
 Friday 11th November Holy Mass 12 noon  
 Saturday 12th November Vigil Mass 6.30pm  
 Sunday 13th November Holy Mass 11.00am

**Confessions in St James the Less**

Saturday 12th November 5.30pm - 6.15pm

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Monday and Wednesday 8.00am - 9.00am

**Readers at Sunday Masses 12th & 13th November**

6.30pm Ruby Wilson  
 11.00am Jean Williams

**Sacramental Programme**

In the coming week, on **Tuesday 8th November at 3.15pm** there will be an introductory meeting for parents and children at St Joseph's RC Primary, Stacksteads for those children who would like to take part on the Sacramental Programme this year. This meeting will take place in the school.

**On Wednesday 9th November at 3.30pm** there will be an introductory meeting for parents and children at St Peter's RC Primary Newchurch. This meeting will also be in school.

The Sacramental Programme at St James the Less will begin after Christmas this year, and I will also be arranging some meetings in the Parish for those children who attend Mass in the Parish but do not attend any of our Parish Primary Schools.

**Children's Liturgy**

Thanks to some kind volunteers coming forward, the Children's Liturgy is now taking place every weekend at St James the Less during the 11am Mass. If you wish your children to take part, please take them into the Old School Room before 11am.

The Children's Liturgy also takes place each weekend in St Peter's during the 9am Mass. If you wish your children to take part, please take them to the front door of the Presbytery before 9am.

**Welcome**

We welcome into the new life of grace **Ivy Nicholls and Romi John Fielding** who will be Baptised this Sunday, 6th November in St James the Less at 12.30pm and 1.30pm. Please pray for these children and their families.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2023**

I have booked a mini-Pilgrimage to Walsingham to take place from Monday 9th—Wednesday 11th October, 2023. There are some flyers at the back of both churches advertising this. To book a place, a £50 non-refundable deposit is required by the Pilgrimage Centre. I wanted to book a smaller, domestic pilgrimage to see what the interest in the Parish would be before beginning to look at booking longer pilgrimages abroad. If this is popular, I will look at booking further trips away. If you would be interested in coming, please let me know so that I can book you on. There are limited places available so the sooner you book with a deposit, the better. If anyone would like to come but would struggle to pay, please let me know privately and I will make sure you are able to come. There will be a meeting outlining the full programme later this month. If you would like any further information in the meantime, please don't hesitate to send me an e-mail so that I can let you know the details.

### Christmas Fayre

The preparations for our Parish Christmas Fayre which takes place on **Sunday 11th December** in the Parish Hall at St Peter's are well underway.

This weekend, you will find at the back of both churches sign-up sheets for volunteers. Please be generous in volunteering your time to help out at the Fayre. The aim is to have parishioners from both Parishes helping out on the day. From speaking to parishioners, I know some have got the idea that the Christmas Fayre is a St Peter's event and the Summer Fayre is a St James the Less event, but this is not the case. Both Fayres are joint events aimed at bringing together the two Parishes into a whole. So please don't hesitate to volunteer no matter which church you attend.

There are many exciting stalls and attractions planned for both adults and children. As well as all the usual stalls and tombolas, I have also booked a balloon lady who is very talented at making all kinds of things with balloons, a creepy crawly roadshow with snakes and tarantulas and craft making activities for the children as well. We really want to pull together to make this Fayre a great success.

If any parishioner would be willing to sponsor one of the stalls or attractions with a donation, please drop me an envelope stating which attraction/stall you would like to sponsor, this always helps to defray any costs. I am also writing to local firms asking for a donation for the day.

Many thanks to those parishioners who have begun to bring in goods for the Fayre. We really need the following items: bottles, toys, games, toiletries, fancy goods, chocolate, raffle prizes. All goods can be brought and left in the porch of the Presbytery or the back of church at St James the Less, or at the back of church in the specially decorated shopping trolley at St Peter's! Many thanks for your help.

### Blessing of Graves

I will bless the graves of loved ones in Rawtenstall Cemetery on **Sunday, 20th November at 2.00pm**. Please come along on that date to pray for all our family members and parishioners buried in the cemetery in the month of the Holy Souls.

### November - Month of the Holy Souls

Thanks to all of those who have handed in names of loved ones for the list of the Faithful Departed for the month of November. All of the names have been placed into a box which will be placed on the Altar for each Mass during this month of the Holy Souls. Before the end of November, I will offer one of the weekday Masses in St James the Less and one in St Peter's specifically for all parishioners and family members who have died, at which I will read out the full list of names contained in the Altar box. The dates for these Masses will be advertised in the newsletter next weekend. I will also pray a Rosary each day this month for all of those on the list of the dead. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

### Coffee Morning at St Peter's

This Sunday, 6th November, is the monthly Coffee Morning in the Hall at St Peter's after the 9am Mass. Please come down to the Hall after Mass to have a cuppa and catch-up.

### PPTA Coffee Morning at St James the Less

Next Sunday, 13th November, there is the PPTA Coffee Morning at St James the Less after the 11am Mass. Due to larger numbers, this will take place in the Parish Centre and not the Old School Room. Soup and a Roll will also be available due to the later time of the coffee mornings following the change in Mass times. Please do attend and support the Primary School at St James the Less.

### 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. 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](mailto:simon.stamp@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

### Mass Intentions Received:

**Lately Dead:** Jessie Burke; Maureen Stephens

**Anniversary:** Nan Regan; Stephen Wells; Robert Wearden; Michael & Annie Kelly; Bob & Marie Ives; Grace & Joseph Dunne; Ellen Worthington; Abbey Jane Wilson.

**Other:** Mary & Peter Connolly (November RIP); Leo & Freda Hornby; Thanksgiving Mass for 80 years.

### How do I become a Catholic?

Since I arrived in the Parish, a number of people have asked to begin the process of being received into the Catholic Church. Whilst some people prefer to be instructed and received individually, others might like to join a group of people who are similarly interested. If you know of anyone, perhaps a spouse or family member or friend, who is not a Catholic but would be interested in learning more, please let me know. It may be that we could begin an RCIA Group within the Parish in order to support those making this journey.