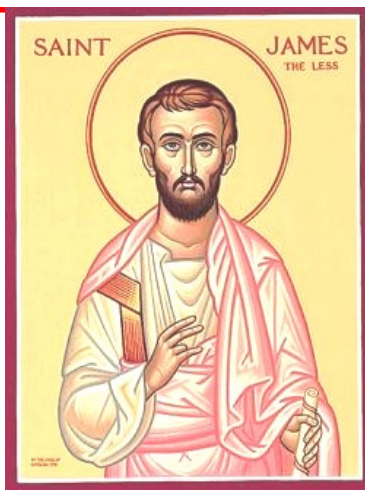


St Joseph and St Peter, Newchurch
St James the Less, Rawtenstall
 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 13th November, 2022
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 15th November	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 17th November	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 19th November	Holy Mass	11.00am
Sunday 20th November	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 19th 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

Reader at Sunday Mass 20th November

9.00am Ann Goy

Thursday Mass Time

Over the past couple of weeks I have had to move the Thursday weekday Mass time to the morning because of other unavoidable commitments. From speaking to parishioners, **I have decided to move the weekday Mass time on Thursdays to 9.30am** to match Tuesday, at least for the winter months when the nights are getting darker

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.

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 14th November	Holy Mass	9.00am
Wednesday 16th November	Holy Mass	9.00am
Thursday 17th November	Catenian Mass RIP	7.30pm
Friday 18th November	Holy Mass	12 noon
Saturday 19th November	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 20th November	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 19th November 5.30pm - 6.15pm

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday and Wednesday 8.00am - 9.00am

Readers at Sunday Masses 19th & 20th November

6.30pm	Bohdan Horbaczewskij
11.00am	Mary Fish

Red Boxes at St James the Less

Next weekend, 19th & 20th November, please bring your red boxes to the sacristy in church after the 6.30pm Vigil Mass and the 11am Sunday morning Mass for counting. Many thanks for your generosity to the Missions.

Blessing of Graves

I will bless the graves of loved ones in Rawtenstall Cemetery next **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.

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace **Sebastian Henson and Esme Henson** who were Baptised this Saturday, 12th November at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please pray for these children and for their family.

Remembrance Sunday

This Sunday, 13th November, is Remembrance Sunday when we remember in prayer all those who died, especially in the two World Wars of the 20th Century. We also keep in our prayers this Sunday all of those who have died in conflicts since, and those parts of the world where war is an ongoing reality for so many. This weekend I will take part in the Remembrance Day Service in Rawtenstall.

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. If anyone knows of any local firms who might be willing to sponsor the Fayre, either with a donation or a prize for the raffle, please let me know so that I can send them a letter.**

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.

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. 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.

On Friday, 18th November, I will offer the 12 noon Mass in St James the Less for all parishioners and family members who have died.

On Saturday, 19th November, I will offer the 11am Mass in St Peter's for all all parishioners and family members who have died.

For those Masses, I will print out all of the names included in our November box and they will remain on the Altar in both places for the weekend Masses.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Harry Haile

Anniversary: Margaret Riley; Peter Nolan; Stephen Nolan; James Farragher; Rosaline Murray; Thomas & Philomena Bromley

Funeral in St James the Less

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Harry Haile, a parishioner at St James the Less who has passed away. May he rest in peace. Harry's Requiem Mass will be in St James the Less on **Wednesday, 23rd November at 11am.**

Coffee Mornings at St James the Less

This 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.

Next Sunday, 20th November, there is the monthly CAFOD Coffee Morning at St James the Less after the 11am Mass in the Old School Room. Please come along after Mass to support the work of CAFOD in developing countries.

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

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.