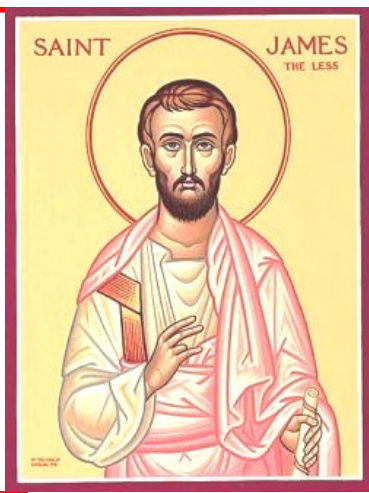


**St Joseph and St Peter, Newchurch**  
**St James the Less, Rawtenstall**  
 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 9th October, 2022  
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**Masses in St Peter's**

Tuesday 11th October	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 13th October	Holy Mass	7.00pm
Saturday 15th October	Holy Mass	11.00am
<b>Sunday 16th October</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.00am</b>

**Confessions in St Peter's**

Thursday 13th October	6.30pm - 7.00pm
Saturday 15th October	10.30am - 11.00am

*Please note the later times of Confession just for the coming week*

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

*Please note: No Exposition just for the coming week*

**Reader at Sunday Mass, 16th October**

9.00am	Maureen Ashworth
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**Masses in St James the Less**

<b>Monday 10th October</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Wednesday 12th October	Holy Mass	9.00am
<b>Thursday 13th October</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Friday 14th October	Holy Mass	12 noon
<b>Saturday 15th October</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday 16th October</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>11.00am</b>

**Confessions in St James the Less**

Saturday 15th October	5.30pm - 6.15pm
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**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

*Please note: No Exposition just for the coming week*

**Readers at Sunday Masses 15th & 16th October**

6.30pm	Paul Higginbottom
11.00am	Sue Casey

**Mass Intentions Received:**

**Lately Dead:** David Emery; Miguel Estrada; Jose France  
**Anniversary:** Amparo Mendez; Granville Boardman;  
 Ellen Boardman; Stephen Bentley; Ralph & Aileen Lupton;  
 Evelyn Simpson

**Social Nights in the Parish**

Many thanks to those parishioners who helped to organise our two recent social nights, the Irish Night at St James the Less and the Quiz Night at St Peter's. Thanks also to those parishioners who bought tickets and came along to enjoy the evenings. Both evenings saw a great number of parishioners sharing in the fun. My thanks to all involved.

**Children's Liturgy**

This Sunday, 9th 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 straight to the Presbytery Door for 9am** rather than coming into church. If you are not sure where the front door of the house is, come into church and the ladies at the back will direct you. **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.

**Welcome**

We welcome into the new life of grace the following children:

**Arlo Samuel McMillan** who was Baptised on Saturday, 8th October at 12.30pm in St James the Less  
**Zachary Blake Norton** who will be Baptised this Sunday, 9th October at 12.30pm in St James the Less  
**Klay Peter Cheetham & Connie Mavis Cheetham** who will be Baptised this Sunday 9th October at 1.30pm in St James the Less. Please pray for these children and for their families.

**Funerals in the Coming Week**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **James Connolly** and **Joseph Ainsworth** who have passed away. May they rest in peace.

The Requiem Mass of **James Connolly** will take place this **Monday, 10th October** at 11.00am in **St James the Less**.

The body of **Joseph Ainsworth** will be received into the church of **St James the Less** on **Wednesday, 12th October** at 7.00pm for the **Vigil of Prayer**. Joseph's Requiem Mass will take place on **Thursday, 13th October** at 11.00am in **St James the Less**. Please keep their families also in your prayers at this time.

### Musicians and Singers

The musicians and singers in both churches would welcome more members to sing with them. If you would like to join them, simply make your way up to the organ loft in either church and introduce yourself. You will receive a warm welcome!

### PPTA Coffee Morning

This Sunday, 9th October, the PPTA of St James the Less RC Primary School will be hosting a Coffee morning after the 11am in the Old School Room. Please drop in after Mass for a cuppa and catch-up!

### 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.

### The Sign of Peace at Mass

A few parishioners have approached me to say that the re-introduction of the Sign of Peace at Mass has made them feel a little uncomfortable now that the churches are fuller and the rates of Covid have risen again. Apologies if the re-introduction of this was a bit too soon. We will suspend the Sign of Peace again just for the next few weeks.

### 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, Rawtontall 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](mailto: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.*