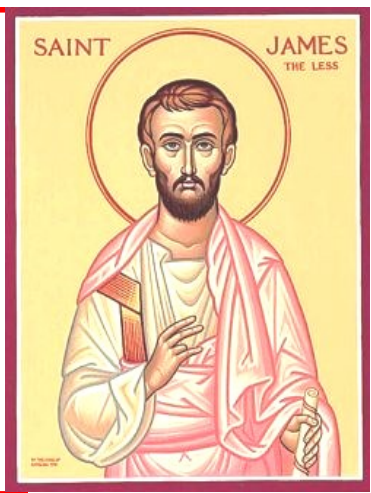


**St Joseph and St Peter, Newchurch**  
**St James the Less, Rawtenstall**  
 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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**Masses in St Peter's**

Tuesday 6th September	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 8th September	Holy Mass	7.00pm
Saturday 10th September	Holy Mass	11.00am
Sunday 11th September	Holy Mass	9.00am

**Confessions in St Peter's**

Thursday 8th September	6.00pm - 6.45pm
Saturday 10th September	10.00am - 10.45am

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday	8.30am - 9.30am
Thursday	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday	10.00am - 11.00am

**Reader at Sunday Mass 11th September**

9.00am Ann Goy

**Mass Intentions Received:**

**Anniversary:** Agnes Farrell; Mamie Maguire;  
 Winifred Benyon; Judith Southern; James Farragher;  
 Joan & Patrick Rogan; Peter and Mary Connolly  
**Lately Dead:** David Horsfall; Rosaleen Leonard;  
 Ann Bonner; Susan Healy  
**Other:** Maureen & Bill Ashworth (Diamond Wedding)

**Football League Sweepstake**

The Parishes will be running a Football League Sweepstake over the coming weeks as explained by Peter Tracey after the Masses last weekend. Tickets will be on sale this weekend at the end of all the Masses for £10. Please support this initiative and you could win £100. You have to be in it to win it!

**Welcome Back Quiz Night at St Peter's**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Masses in St James the Less**

Monday 5th September	Holy Mass	9.00am
Wednesday 7th September	Holy Mass	9.00am
<b>Friday 9th September</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
Saturday 10th September	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 11th September	Holy Mass	11.00am

**Confessions in St James the Less**

Saturday 10th September	5.30pm - 6.15pm
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**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Monday and Wednesday	8.00am - 9.00am
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**Readers at the Sunday Masses 10th & 11th September**

6.30pm	Dawn Winfield
11.00am	Bill Wilkinson

**Wedding in St James the Less**

On Friday, 9th September, at 12.30pm, **Max Ainsworth & Francesca Teoli** will marry in St James the Less. We offer them our warmest congratulations and the promise of our prayers as they vow to each other love for a lifetime! After stating in last week's newsletter that the Friday Mass time would return to 12 noon, due to the time of the Wedding, the Mass on Friday this week will be at 9am once again. Next week, back to 12 noon! My apologies.

**Irish Night in St James the Less Parish Centre**

On 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!

**Welcome**

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

**Theo Thomas Lord** who will be Baptised this Sunday 4th September at 12.30pm in St James the Less.

**Alfie Patrick Gallagher** who will be Baptised this Sunday 4th September at 2.00pm in St James the Less by Fr Paul Cannon

### Children's Liturgy

I met with the kind volunteers at St Peter's before I went to Scotland to begin planning for the introduction of a Children's Liturgy at the 9am Sunday morning Mass in St Peter's. We have decided to begin the Children's Liturgy for the first time at the 9am Mass on **Sunday 18th September**. This gives us time to advertise it in the Primary Schools before it begins and hopefully attract some more young families. Please spread the word to any parents you may know. For that first week, if parents could bring their children into church for the beginning of Mass and the volunteers will direct them from there. If you are interested in helping at the Children's Liturgy, please let me know. Also, I am still appealing for more volunteers to come forward at St James the Less to help Helen in running the Children's Liturgy. We really do need more volunteers at St James the Less to make it viable going forward.

### Visits to the Blessed Sacrament

As I have been driving back and forth to Rawtenstall, I have on a number of occasions noticed people coming away from the church door at St James the Less, looking disappointed because it was locked and they wanted to pay a visit. One of the good practises which began again as a result of the pandemic and the kindness of stewards was the ability to visit the church for private prayer at certain times. It would be good eventually to be able to keep both of our churches open during the day, but for now I have decided to leave the church at St James the Less open during the day so that people can come and visit the Blessed Sacrament. From this coming Monday, we won't lock the church after Mass, it will be left open. I feel this is worth the risk. If there are any problems arising from this, we will of course revisit it. So please feel free just to pop in if you are passing to say a prayer.

### Meeting for Readers at St James the Less

This is advanced notice of a meeting for all Readers at St James the Less on **Friday 16th September in the Old School Room at 6.30pm**. This meeting is for those who currently read at Mass, both on a Sunday or on a weekday at St James the Less. A number of new volunteers have put their names forward, so I would like to invite all of you to come as well. If you haven't yet volunteered but would like to read, please do come along on that evening. At the moment, since the change in Mass times, we have been working off an interim rota, but it would be good for all of us to get together with Paul who prepares the rota at St James the Less to take stock of where we are up to and to plan for the future. This meeting is only for those reading or wanting to read at St James the Less. If you would like to begin reading at St Peter's, please let me have your contact details. Many thanks

### Open Parish Meetings

I would like to invite parishioners to a Parish Meeting at St James the Less on **Wednesday 7th September at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre**.

I would also like to invite parishioners to a Parish Meeting at St Peter's on **Thursday 8th September at 7.30pm**, after the 7pm Mass, in the Parish Hall.

The aim of these meetings, following the consultation, is to explain what the amalgamation of Parishes involves, and how it calls for all of us to work together a little differently and to develop a different mind-set to previously. It also gives me an opportunity, having settled into both Parishes over the summer, to listen in person to any concerns or ideas for the future parishioners may have and to begin developing plans for the future in the different areas of Parish life. Please do come along and have a say in the future of your Parish.

### CAFOD Group Meeting

There will be a meeting of the CAFOD Group at St James the Less this coming Thursday, 8th September at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out more about how to help those in the developing world.

### Dawn Rose Fashion Show

Dawn Rose of Crawshawbooth will be hosting a Fashion Show in aid of Save the Children on Thursday 15th September in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. Drinks and nibbles will be served from 7pm with a 7.30pm start. Entry to the Fashion Show will be £5

### Baptisms

Due to the backlog of Baptisms as a result of the pandemic, the Baptism diary on Sundays is now full until the end of November. As a result, I am also prepared to offer Baptisms on Saturdays when there are no Weddings booked in already. The times for Baptisms from September will be as follows:

**In St James the Less: Saturdays or Sundays at 12.30pm.**

**In St Peter's: Saturdays at 12 noon or Sundays at 1.00pm.**

A few years ago, the Bishop introduced a new policy for Baptisms throughout the Diocese. This policy has been introduced in the other Parishes of our Deanery, so we too will introduce the Diocesan policy from September. I will produce a booklet explaining this policy so that parents can have a read through before booking in a Baptism. Please note, generally speaking, Baptisms will not be booked in over the phone or by e-mail but in person at the end of the weekend Masses.

### Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette

I have a couple of tickets for the Mass of Welcome for the Relics of St Bernadette at Salford Cathedral on Tuesday 20th September at 12.10pm. If anyone would like to go, let me know and I can pass on the tickets.