

## St Joseph and St Peter, Newchurch

### St James the Less, Rawtenstall

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th September, 2022

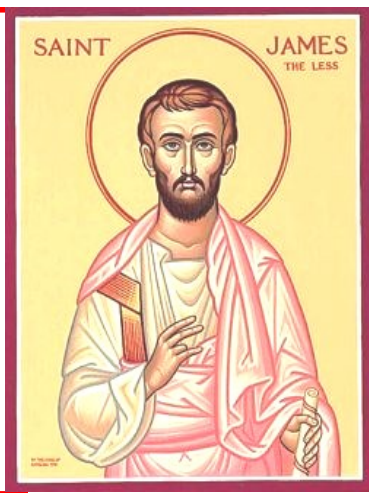
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#### Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 13th September Holy Mass 9.30am  
**Thursday 15th September School Mass 9.30am**  
Please note: No Thursday evening Mass this week  
Saturday 17th September Holy Mass 11.00am

Sunday 18th September Holy Mass 9.00am

#### Confessions in St Peter's

Please note: No Thursday evening Confessions this week  
Saturday 17th September 10.00am - 10.45am

#### Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 8.30am - 9.30am  
Saturday 10.00am - 11.00am

**Mass Intentions Received: Anniversary:** Mary Connolly; Joseph Tyrell; Maureen Ghee; Michael Toman; Michael Moffatt; Christopher Moffatt; Barbara Lord; Ned & Lena Goodwin. **Latently Dead:** Rosaleen Leonard **Other:** The Tyrell Family; John McEvoy (90th Birthday); Mary & Peter Connolly (September Remembrance)

#### Football League Sweepstake

All tickets for the Football Sweepstake were sold straight away last weekend. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and to Peter for the initiative. In the coming weeks we will all be keeping a close eye on the League Tables - Good luck everyone!

#### 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.

#### Parish Meetings for Amalgamation

Many thanks to those parishioners who came along to the Parish Meetings on Wednesday and Thursday this past week to hear a little more about the amalgamation process and to begin discussing plans for the future.

#### Masses in St James the Less

Monday 12th September Holy Mass 9.00am  
Wednesday 14th September Holy Mass 9.00am  
**Friday 16th September School Mass 9.00am**  
Please note: No 12 noon Mass this Friday

Saturday 10th September Vigil Mass 6.30pm  
Sunday 11th September Holy Mass 11.00am

#### Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 17th 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 the following children:

**Niamh Gracie Sefton** who was Baptised on Saturday 10th September at 12 noon in St James the Less.

**Dylan & Eli Cropper** who will be Baptised this Sunday 11th September at 1.00pm in St Peter's. Please pray for them and for their families

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

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

School Welcome Masses for our Primary Schools as they begin a new school year will take place on the following dates:

**Thursday 15th September at 9.30am in St Peter's Church - Welcome Mass for St Peter's.**

**Friday 16th September at 9.00am in St James the Less Church - Welcome Mass for St James the Less.**

**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. Please note, on Thursday 15th there will be no 7.00pm Mass in St Peter's and on Friday 16th there will be no 12 noon Mass in St James the Less. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### Meeting for Readers at St James the Less

There will be 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 and also for any new volunteers who would like to begin reading, either on Saturday, Sunday or on weekdays. 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

### 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.

### Statement from Bishop John Arnold on the Death of Queen Elizabeth II

We pray for the repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth II.

We give thanks for her years of unquestioned service and dedication to our country. She has been a permanent person of unity for our nation.

An abiding presence, who stood above the daily politics, giving a sense of calm presence in the leadership of our nation, even in the most turbulent of times.

We pray for the Royal Family as they grieve the loss of a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother. May they take comfort in her Christian Faith as we commend her to God.

We will remember her in our prayers and in the celebration of Mass. May she rest in peace.

### McMillan Coffee Afternoon in St Peter's School

On **Friday, 16th September**, St Peter's RC Primary School will be hosting a Coffee Afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Parishioners are most welcome to attend **from 1.30pm until 3.00pm** in the School Hall. If any parishioners would be able to bake some goods for this event, we would be extremely grateful.

### 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

### 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 Peter's

I will be meeting with the volunteers at St Peter's in the coming week for the final preparations for the beginning of the Children's Liturgy. We begin the Children's Liturgy for the first time at the 9am Mass **next Sunday 18th September**. 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. 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.

### 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.

### 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. I will be at the back of church with the Baptism diary!