

St Joseph and St Peter, Newchurch

St James the Less, Rawtenstall

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th October, 2022

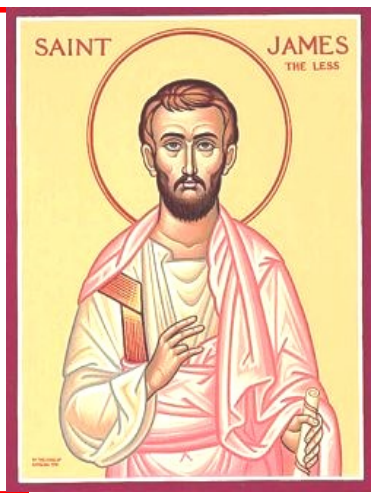
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Masses in St Peter's

Feast of All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday 1st November Holy Mass 9.30am
Holy Mass 7.00pm

All Souls
Wednesday 2nd November Holy Mass 7.00pm

Thursday 3rd November Holy Mass 7.00pm
Saturday 5th November Holy Mass 11.00am

Sunday 6th November Holy Mass 9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Thursday 3rd November 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday 5th November 10.00am - 11.00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday 10.00am - 11.00am
Please note: No Exposition on Tuesday this week

Reader at Sunday Mass 6th November

9.00am Ann Goy

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Jessica Gallagher (Donegal); Pat Moden; Jim Connolly; Vera Cuppello; Michael Flannery

Anniversary: Sheila Egan; Frank & Annie Tracey

Other: Robert Hargreaves (RIP); Martin Lohan (RIP); Anne Lohan (RIP); Thomas Lohan (RIP); John Lohan (RIP); Peter McCormick (RIP); Ian McCormick (RIP); Deceased of the Bennett & Mahon Families; Harold and Bridget Bennett (RIP); Patrick Mahon (RIP); Mass in Thanksgiving in honour of Our Blessed Lady for favours received.

School Masses for November

On Tuesday, 1st November, the Feast of All Saints, St Peter's RC Primary will join us in church for the 9.30am Mass at St Peter's.

On Thursday 3rd November, for the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls combined, there will be a Mass in the Primary School at St James the Less at 9am. Parents and parishioners are welcome to come along.

In the newsletter next week, there will be a date and time for Mass in the school at St Joseph's, Stacksteads for the November remembrance of the Faithful Departed.

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 31st October Holy Mass 9.00am

Feast of All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation

Monday 31st October Vigil Mass 7.00pm
Tuesday 1st November Holy Mass 12 noon

All Souls
Wednesday 2nd November Holy Mass 9.00am

Friday 4th November Holy Mass 12 noon

Saturday 29th October Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sunday 30th October Holy Mass 11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 5th November 5.30pm - 6.15pm

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday and Wednesday 8.00am - 9.00am

Readers at Sunday Masses 5th & 6th November

6.30pm Dawn Winfield
11.00am Michael Purcell

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.

Funerals in the coming week

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Michael Brown** and **Stephanie O'Neil** who have passed away. The Funeral Service of Michael Brown will take place on Wednesday, 2nd November at 11am in Accrington Crematorium Chapel. The Funeral Service of Stephanie O'Neil will take place on Thursday, 3rd November at 12 noon in St James the Less. May they rest in peace. We also pray for their families.

Congratulations

We offer our warmest congratulations to **Callum and Lorna Broadleday** who married in St James the Less this past Thursday. We wish them many years of happiness ahead! Please pray for them. It was lovely to see a number of the children, staff and parents from St James the Less Primary School lined up on the road outside church to cheer Lorna and Callum on as they arrived.

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace **Frankie Arthur Genockey and Lilah Fiadh Genockey** who will be Baptised this Sunday, 30th October in St James the Less at 12.30pm. Please pray for these children and their family.

November List of the Faithful Departed

At the back of both churches, there are envelopes on which you can place the names of those you wish to be remembered each day at Mass in the month of November. You can also place your offering in these envelopes. There are not enough branded envelopes, so I have also placed plain brown envelopes at the back. Please write the name of those you wish to be remembered on the front of the envelope and your Mass offering inside. Each day, these names will be kept on the Altar at Mass in both churches. You will also find at the back of both churches a labelled box in which you can place these envelopes.

Blessing of Graves

This is forward notice that for the month of November, we will begin again the annual Blessing of Graves in Rawtenstall Cemetery. I will bless the graves of loved ones on **Sunday, 20th November at 2.00pm**. Please make a note of this date in your diary as we prepare during that month to pray for all our loved ones and parishioners who have gone before us with the sign of faith.

Christmas Fayre

Our Parish Christmas Fayre will take place on Sunday, 11th December in the Hall at St Peter's. Next weekend, I will be placing sign-up sheets at the back of both churches for volunteers to take on the running of the different stalls. Please do begin to bring the following goods to the back of both churches: toys, games, chocolates, fancy goods, toiletries, bottles.

Parish Charity Shop

I met again on Friday evening with the parishioner from my previous Parish in Accrington who has been managing and setting up the Parish charity shops over there to chat through plans for beginning a similar shop to raise funds for the Parish here. He now has a shop exclusively dedicated to giving free school uniforms to families who cannot afford them. This is something which has developed and become possible from the other shops he is running on behalf of the Parish. It would be my hope that a shop in our Parish would also become a hub from which we could reach out in new ways to those who need help in our own communities. It is also a very good way of meeting new people and socialising. I am very grateful to those who have e-mailed me over the past couple of weeks indicating they would be willing to help. As well as volunteers for the running of the shop itself, we would also need volunteers to manage it and deal with the accounting/banking of takings/transportation and collection of goods. If you would be interested in helping in any way, please send me an e-mail at simon.stamp@dioceseofsalford.org.uk I hope you will understand if I don't immediately reply to every e-mail, but I will be in touch as plans progress.

Bereavement Support Group

I mentioned in the consultation booklet the possibility of beginning a group to support bereaved families in the Parish. The month of November might be a good time to begin thinking of how we can begin this, offering comfort to those who have lost a loved one. If interested, please e-mail me and let's get started.

November - the Month of the Holy Souls

In the month of November, beginning as it does with the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, the Church fixes our eyes and attention on those last things, and especially our hope of Heaven. It is also the month in which we pray more fervently for all the Faithful Departed, knowing that our prayers and our Masses can help them as they are finally prepared and purified to enter God's presence for all eternity. We remember our duty of charity especially in this month to pray for those family members, friends and parishioners who have gone before us. As we look around our churches, we are conscious that so many faithful Catholics came before us and helped build up our Parishes. We owe them a debt of gratitude which we can best repay by praying for them.

Prayer for the Dead

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them enter eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them then into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

May their souls, and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.