

## St Joseph and St Peter, Newchurch

### St James the Less, Rawtenstall

First Sunday In Lent

26th February, 2023

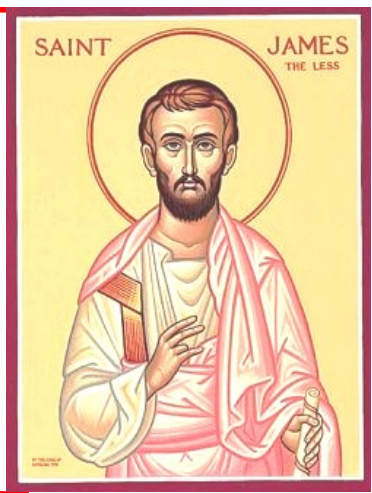
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#### Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 28th February	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 2nd March	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 4th March	Holy Mass	11.00am

**Sunday 5th March** Holy Mass 9.00am

#### Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 4th March 10.00am - 11.00am

#### Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 4th March 10.00am - 11.00am

#### Reader at Mass Sunday 5th March

Ann Goy

#### Masses in St James the Less

Monday 27th February	Holy Mass	9.00am
Wednesday 1st March	Holy Mass	9.00am
Friday 3rd March	Holy Mass	12 noon

<b>Saturday 4th March</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday 5th March</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>11.00am</b>

#### Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 4th March 5.30pm - 6.15pm

#### Readers at Mass 4th & 5th March

6.30pm	Ruby Wilson
11.00am	Jean Williams

#### Catherine Radley RIP

The Requiem Mass of **Catherine Radley** will take place on **Tuesday, 28th February** in **St James the Less** at **11.00am**. Please keep Catherine and her family in your prayers at this time.

#### Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy, or Little Church, has begun again in both churches. **There is Little Church each week at the 9am Mass in St Peter's on Sundays and at the 11am Mass in St James the Less also on Sundays.** If you would like your child to take part, please take them, at St Peter's, to the door of the house (Presbytery) before the 9am Mass begins, and in St James the Less, please take them to the Old School Room before the 11am Mass begins.

#### CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday 3rd March is the CAFOD Family Fast Day when we forego something we might normally enjoy and donate the money instead to support those who are living in poverty. The envelopes are at the back of both churches.

#### 90th Birthday Celebration

Trish Keough will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on Sunday 12th March and invites any friends who would like to share a brew and a butty with her at the Queen's Bistro from 1 - 4pm. Please no presents, just your presence. Happy 90th Birthday Trish!

#### Stations of the Cross

In the coming week, there will be Stations of the Cross in **St Peter's on Wednesday, 1st March at 7.00pm.** There will also be Stations of the Cross in **St James the Less on Friday, 3rd March at 7.00pm.** Please come and accompany Our Lord spiritually on His final earthly journey to the Cross.

#### Sunday Scriptures Prayer Group - Lectio Divina

During Lent, we will begin this Prayer Group, looking at the Scripture Readings for the following Sunday and spending time in discussion and prayer. **The first meeting will take place in St James the Less church on Tuesday, 28th February at 7.00pm. The second meeting will take place in St Peter's church on Tuesday, 7th March at 7.00pm.** Please come along to reflect on the Readings for the following Sunday and grow in prayer.

#### Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace **Giorgio David Mesce** who will be Baptised this Sunday, 26th February in St James the Less at 12.30pm. Please keep Giorgio and his family in your prayers.

### St Patrick's Night Dance

Friday 17th March is the Feast of St Patrick. On that night, we will have a St Patrick's Night Dance in the Hall at St Peter's with doors opening at 7.00pm. On the night, there will be a live Irish Band including guitars, fiddle and singers. Supper will also be included. The price of a ticket is £7.50 and these are available at the back of church. Please buy a ticket as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

### Deanery Station Mass

The Dean has asked us to host one of the Deanery Station Masses this Lent in St Peter's church. For this Mass, we welcome Priests and parishioners from across the Deanery, but it is vital that as many parishioners from our own two Parishes come along and attend that Mass in order to support this initiative. **The Deanery Station Mass in St Peter's is on Thursday, 16th March at 7.00pm, followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall.**

### Easter Triduum - 6th - 9th April, 2023

The Season of Lent reaches its end with the beginning of Holy Week on Palm Sunday on 2nd April. Then we begin the Sacred Triduum on Maundy Thursday, 6th April, with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the Washing of Feet and the Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday we celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and on Holy Saturday the Solemn Easter Vigil, followed by the Easter Masses on Easter Sunday. Strictly speaking, the whole of the Triduum should be celebrated in one church. Where two Parishes are going through the process of amalgamation, this presents a challenge. Our own situation is as follows: on the one hand we could celebrate all of the Liturgies at St Peter's as this is the larger church and could accommodate parishioners from both churches. On the other hand, there are currently more Masses at St James the Less and the numbers there are higher. In the case of pastoral necessity, which I believe this is, it is possible to alternate the celebrations. This is what I intend to do this year. Next year, we will revisit the arrangements. The celebration of the Triduum this year will take place as follows:

#### Maundy Thursday, 6th April

**Mass of the Lord's Supper - St James the Less at 7pm followed by watching at the Altar of Repose**

#### Good Friday, 7th April

**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - St Peter's at 3pm**

#### Holy Saturday, 8th April

**Easter Vigil - St James the Less at 8pm**

#### Easter Sunday, 9th April

**Easter Mass - St Peter's at 9am**

**Easter Mass - St James the Less at 11am**

### Coffee Morning at St Peter's

Next Sunday, 5th March, there is the monthly Coffee Morning in St Peter's Hall after the 9am Mass. Proceeds go to Parish funds. Please come along after the 9am Mass next Sunday for a cuppa and a catch-up.

### Sacramental Programme Masses

This Sunday, 26th February we welcome the children from our three Parish Primary Schools who are on the Sacramental Programme to our Sunday morning Parish Masses **at the 9am Mass in St Peter's church for the children from St Joseph's & St Peter's Primaries, and at the 11am Mass in St James the Less for the children from St James the Less Primary.** Please keep the children and families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

### Coffee Morning - St James the Less

This Sunday, 26th February, there will be an extra Coffee morning this month in the Old School Room after the 11am Mass to welcome our families on the Sacramental Programme. Funds will go to the PPTA of the Primary School.

### Church Cleaning in St James the Less

Church cleaning will take place in St James the Less **on Wednesday, 1st March after the 9am morning Mass.** Again, anyone is very welcome to come along and give a little time to keep our church clean for the Season of Lent - the more volunteers, the quicker it takes! Many thanks to all of our kind volunteers working behind the scenes.

### Parish Charity Shop

Many thanks to those kind parishioners who, over the past week, have sent me adverts and photographs of vacant properties in the Parish for a Parish Charity Shop. On Friday, the parishioner from my previous Parish in Accrington who has experience of setting up very successful Parish charity shops went to view some of these properties and to investigate for me. Things are looking promising and hopefully we will be able to begin this great project soon. Thanks also to all of those who have already volunteered to help with the setting up and running of a shop. Once I have something definite to pass on, I will call a meeting for all of those who want to be involved.

### National Novena to St Joseph - Mill Hill

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 11th - 19th March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you would like to join from home, Masses from St Joseph's Church will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena). To send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena prayer booklet, please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ email: [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com); 01628 673178