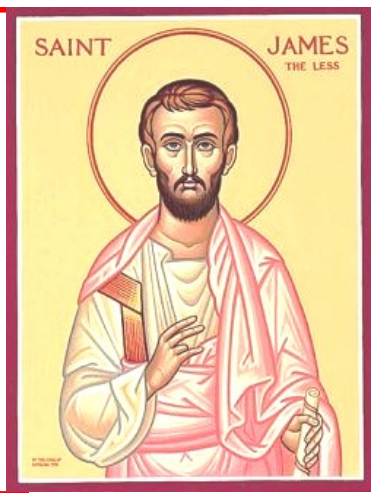


**St Joseph and St Peter, Newchurch**  
**St James the Less, Rawtenstall**  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
19th February, 2023  
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#### Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 21st February Holy Mass 9.30am  
**Ash Wednesday 22nd February Holy Mass 7.00pm**  
Thursday 23rd February Holy Mass 9.30am  
Saturday 25th February Holy Mass 11.00am

**Sunday 26th February Holy Mass 9.00am**

#### Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 25th February 10.00am - 11.00am

#### Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 25th February 10.00am - 11.00am

#### Reader at Mass Sunday 26th February

Maureen Ashworth

#### Masses Received

**Lately Dead:** Jim Cunliffe; Catherine Radley, Michael Loftus

**Birthday Anniversary:** John McCarthy

**Other:** Mass for a Special Intention

#### Ash Wednesday - Day of Fasting and Abstinence

The programme in the Parishes and Schools for Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, is as follows:

**9.00am Mass in St James the Less Church (St James the Less Primary in attendance)**

**11.00am Ashes Service in St Joseph's Primary, Stacksteads**

**12.30pm Mass in St James the Less Church**

**2.50pm Ashes Service in St Peter's Primary, Newchurch**

**7.00pm Mass in St Peter's Church**

#### Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace **Romi John Fielding** who will be Baptised this Sunday, 19th February in St James the Less at 12.30pm. Please keep Romi and his family in your prayers.

#### Masses in St James the Less

Monday 20th February Holy Mass 9.00am  
**Ash Wednesday 22nd February Holy Mass 9.00am**  
**Holy Mass 12.30pm**  
Friday 24th February Holy Mass 12 noon

**Saturday 25th February Vigil Mass 6.30pm**  
**Sunday 26th February Holy Mass 11.00am**

#### Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 25th February 5.30pm - 6.15pm

#### Readers at Mass 25th & 26th February

6.30pm Alan Wilson  
11.00am Mary Fish

#### Funerals

The Funeral Service for **Michael Loftus** will take place on **Monday, 20th February** in Burnley Crematorium at **12.15pm**.

The Funeral Service for **Ildiko Greenwood** will take place on **Thursday, 23rd February** in Burnley Crematorium at **1.45pm**

The Requiem Mass of **Catherine Radley** will take place on **Tuesday, 28th February** in St James the Less at **11.00am**.

Please keep Michael, Ildiko and Catherine in your prayers. May they rest in peace.

#### Stations of the Cross

Throughout Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross in both churches on Wednesdays and Fridays respectively. We will begin this beautiful Lenten devotion on **Friday, 24th February** at **7.00pm** in St James the Less. Stations of the Cross in St Peter's will begin on **Wednesday, 1st March** at **7.00pm**.

#### 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.

### 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**

### CAFOD Coffee Morning

This Sunday, 19th February, there will be the Coffee morning in the Old School Room at St James the Less after the 11am Mass organised by the Parish CAFOD Group to support the work of CAFOD.

### Sacramental Programme Masses

Next 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.

### Church Cleaning in St Peter's

This is advanced notice that church cleaning will take place in St Peter's on **Monday, 20th February at 10am.** Anyone is welcome to come along and help keep our church clean and tidy.

### Church Cleaning in St James the Less

Church cleaning will also 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