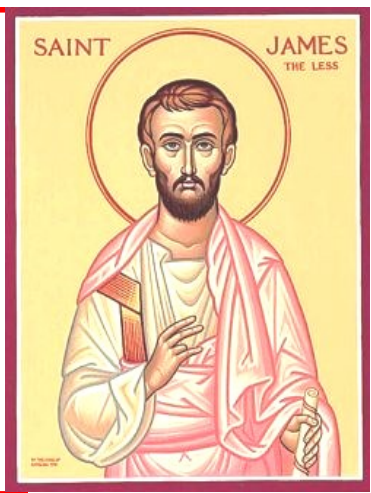


St Joseph and St Peter, Newchurch
St James the Less, Rawtenstall
 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5th February, 2023
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 7th February	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 9th February	Holy Mass	9.30am
Saturday 11th February	Holy Mass	11.00am
Sunday 12th February	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 12th February 10.00am - 11.00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 12th February 10.00am - 11.00am

Reader at Mass Sunday 5th February

Maureen Ashworth

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 6th February	Holy Mass	9.00am
Tuesday 7th February	Requiem Mass	11.00am
Wednesday 8th February	Holy Mass	9.00am
Friday 10th February	Holy Mass	9.00am
Saturday 11th February	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 12th February	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 11th February 5.30pm - 6.15pm

Readers at Mass 4th & 5th February

6.30pm	Ruby Wilson
11.00am	Jean Williams

Masses Received

Lately Dead: Angela Duncan; Connor (Age 27); Father David O'Kane; Barbara Maxfield; Jim Cunliffe

Anniversaries: John & Eileen Ruane; Peter Wood; Michael Loftus.

Other: Mary & Peter Connolly (February Remembrance)

Walsingham Pilgrimage

A few more parishioners have booked on for the mini pilgrimage, but there are still some places left on the Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham taking place from 9th - 11th October later this year. You can secure a place by giving me a £50 deposit and stipulating whether you would like a single or a twin room. In the next few weeks, the rep from Manchester who have planned the itinerary will come up for a meeting with us. It promises to be a really good few days, so if you are interested please book on.

Help for Ukraine

Some of our local Ukrainian Community would like to help people living in Ukraine by collecting old candles and wax, as well as smaller tins, such as tuna or salmon or smaller baked beans tins. They will then use the tins and the wax to make candles which can be used by those living in tents and underground in Ukraine both as lights and as little heaters to keep hands warm. At the back of both churches there are labelled boxes in which you can place any candles/wax and tins. Please wash the tins first!

Sacramental Programme for St James the Less School

The children from the Primary School will be presented as candidates for the Programme **this Sunday, 5th February at the 11am Mass**. At that Mass, the children will be presented with packs for the Programme ahead. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers over these coming weeks.

Congratulations

We offer our warmest congratulations and promises of prayer to **Joseph Hawke & Emily Harrison** who will marry in St James the Less this Friday, 10th February at 12.30pm. We pray that Joseph and Emily will enjoy many happy years of married life!

Funerals

The Requiem Mass for **Kathleen Speake** will take place on **Tuesday, 7th February at 11.00am in St James the Less**.

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

Brownie Leader

The St James the Less Brownies are in need of another Leader. The Brownies meet in the Old School Room on Wednesdays from 6.30pm until 7.30pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kate Hodson either by telephone on 07500 298898 or by email at: katehodson@rocketmail.com

New Year: New Start

If you are seeking to enrich your spiritual life while carrying out your daily commitments, the Associates of the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph would like to welcome you.

In the company of others and in the spirit of St Francis of Assisi we seek to deepen our love for God and the world.

For more information and contact details please take a leaflet from the back of the church

All are welcome. Tel: 0161 707 9537

email: jennyfmsj@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy - An Appeal to Parents

Our Children's Liturgy, or Little Church, has begun again after the Christmas holidays 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. If you are not sure where to go, one of the parishioners in church will direct you to the right place. Our volunteers work hard to ensure that the children learn something about the Gospel for that Sunday whilst also making it fun and 'hands on' for the children.

I would like to make an appeal to parents of children in our three Primary Schools. I always say to parents whose children are beginning the Sacramental Programme that they need the Parish to provide the Sacraments for their children, but the Parish also needs them as without new families, the Parish churches will not be here to provide the Sacraments for the next generation. So my appeal to parents is, please consider bringing your child to either the Little Church at the 9am or 11am Mass. It is also a time for you to take a step back and reflect on the deeper questions in human life and to find strength for the week ahead. You will find it makes a massive difference!

After the pandemic, all churches are in need of new life and are working to build up again the Parish community. Parents and families, we are counting on you!

Also, if you would be interested in volunteering to help with the Children's Liturgy in either church, please speak to Father Stamp.

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes *Feast Day 11th February*

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfort of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favours, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. Amen.

Coffee Mornings for the month of February

This Sunday, 5th February, there will be the monthly Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall at **St Peter's** after the 9am Mass organised by the Social Committee to **support Parish funds**.

On Sunday, 12th February there will be the Coffee morning in the **Old School Room at St James the Less** after the 11am Mass organised by the PPTA to **support the funds of St James the Less Primary School**, including soup lunch as well as coffee and cakes.

On 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**.

Update on Parish Shop

A number of parishioners have approached me to ask for an update on any news of the proposed Parish Shop, as they are keen to begin volunteering and donating goods, which is great! The parishioner who managed the Parish Shops in my previous Parish has been getting our name down on some lists and has also been looking at vacant properties for me as well as researching prices etc. So far, we have nothing definite, but we are actively looking. Please keep this as an intention in your prayers as I think it would be a very good thing for our Parish. Also, if you notice any vacant retail properties in any of the areas within the Parish: Rawtenstall, Crawshawbooth, Waterfoot or Stacksteads, please do let me know so we can add them to the list. Many thanks for your patience - these things often take some time to come to fruition. Many thanks also to my kind former parishioner who has been giving up his very limited time to help us make a start!

2nd Football League Sweepstake

I would like to thank everyone who has bought a Football Sweepstake ticket. So far, we have sold 96 tickets - £960 (£550 prize money and £410 for Parish funds) There are currently 20 tickets still to be sold. If anyone wishes to purchase a ticket please contact Peter Tracey on: 01706 217 360. If any winning ticket number is not sold, the prize money will go to the Parish.

Caritas Sunday

Last Sunday, 29th January, was Caritas Sunday when Parishes throughout the Diocese support the work of our Diocesan charity, Caritas. This charity works across the Diocese to support the poorest and most vulnerable in a number of ways. There will be a retiring collection after our weekend Masses this week to support this work.