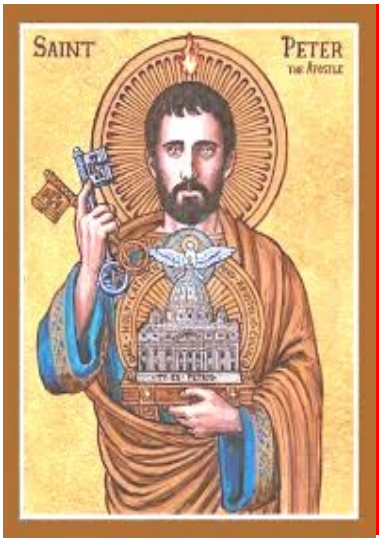

Holy Apostles, Rossendale

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th August 2026

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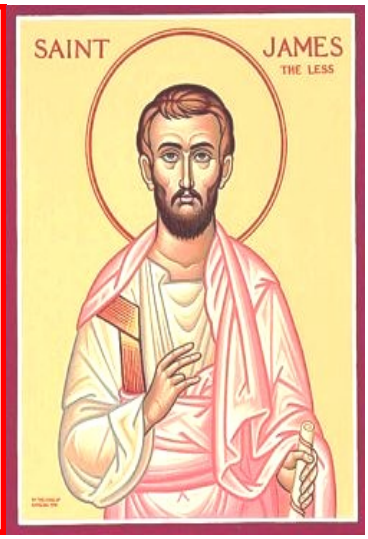

Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 11th August	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 13th August	**NO Holy Mass**	
Saturday 15th August	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 16th August	**Holy Mass**	**9.00am**

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 15th August 10.00am - 11.00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 15th August 10.00am - 11.00am

Readers at Mass

16th August 9.00am Sue Casey

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 10th August	**Requiem Mass**	**1:15pm**
Wednesday 12th August	Holy Mass	9:30am
Friday 14th August	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 15th August	**Vigil Mass**	**6.30pm**
Sunday 15th August	**Holy Mass**	**11.00am**

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 15th August 5:30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass

15th August 6.30pm Heather Purcell

16th August 11.00am Mary Fish

Masses Received

Sick: *Rosanna Taylor; Roger & Ruth Dawes; Andrew Wakerley; Jean Ashworth; Jean Lewin; Claire Seymour; Lily Smith; Norma Blackburn; Derek Stephens; Beatrice Lacey; Kate Cotton; Eleanor Diver; Fr. Peter Houghton; Madeline Doherty; Norman Robinson; Paul Collins*

Lately Dead: *Ian Butterworth*

Other: *For the Intentions of Chris Newton; August Masses for Mary & Peter Connolly*

Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, body and soul into heaven, is usually celebrated on 15th August. This year, the Feast has been moved to Sunday 16th August so will be celebrated at all of our Masses next weekend.

Adoration with the Sisters

This Wednesday 12th August, our Parish Sisters will be celebrating the anniversary of the introduction of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in their Religious Congregation. To celebrate the occasion, there will be an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St James the Less after the 9.30am Mass from 10am until 11am.

Ian Butterworth RIP

Please pray for the repose of Ian Butterworth who has died. Ian's Funeral Service will be at 10.00am on Thursday 13th August at Burnley Crematorium Chapel. Please pray for Ian and his family. May he rest in peace. **Please note, there will be no Mass in St Peter's that morning.**

Parish Centre at St James the Less

The Parish Centre is open for bookings for family parties and other events, as well as longer term bookings for groups/ sessions, both in the daytime and in the evening. If you would like to book the Centre, please contact Jeanette Pritchard on 07960977464. Or email at: jeanette pritchard5@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy groups are now breaking for the summer and will begin again in September. Many thanks to our kind volunteers. If anyone would be interested in helping out with the Children's Liturgy, please let Father Stamp know over the summer.

Vincent Hardman RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vincent Hardman who has died. Vincent's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 10th August at 1.15pm in St James the Less. May he rest in peace. **Please note, there will be no Mass in St James the Less that morning.**

St Peter's Centenary Grand Raffle

Raffle tickets for our Grand Raffle are now available at the back of church. As I announced in the newsletter last weekend, next year in October 2027 is the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone at St Peter's. It would be good to make some improvements to the building in preparation. The most immediate need is in the bar area of the Parish Hall which has deteriorated badly over the years, including the floor suffering damp and rotting and the sink area and drainage needing work too. Those who were at the Coffee Morning last weekend would have seen that kind volunteers from the Parish have already begun work ripping out the old so that the new can begin! As they worked, they also discovered the cause of the damp which was a leak from a central heating pipe behind one of the walls at the back of the bar. This is now being rectified so that a new bar and flooring can be installed. We need to raise funds for this, so please do support our Grand Raffle. There are some big cash prizes as well as lots of other prizes on offer.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

Our next Baptism preparation session will take place on Tuesday, 15th September, at 6.30pm in the church at St James the Less. If you wish to attend please sign one of the sign-up sheets at the back of either church. Any parents wishing to book a Baptism need to collect a booklet from Father Stamp which explains the process.

Paula Skelton RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paula Skelton who has died. Paula's Requiem Mass will be on Saturday 15th August at 2.00pm in St James the Less. May she rest in peace.

Gift Aid

Two of the Finance Officers from the Diocese have been visiting all of the Parishes to discuss Parish finances moving forward and how we can best continue to support our churches to ensure they remain open for future generations. One of the areas identified for our own Parish was the need to increase our Gift Aid claim. If you are a UK Taxpayer, you can sign up for our Gift Aid scheme. This does not increase your tax or cost you any extra money at all. It simply means that when you sign up for it, whatever you give throughout the year, we can claim back from the tax office an amount at the end of each calendar year which helps church funds. You can either sign up for Gift Aid envelopes so that you can contribute to the weekly collection by cash or cheque in the envelope, or you can set up a standing order. In the autumn, one of the Finance officers will be visiting the Parish to speak at our Sunday Masses and encourage more parishioners to sign up to our Gift Aid scheme. If, in the meantime, you would be willing to sign up, please email Siobhan at siobhan.wood@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
Alternatively, I have printed some Gift Aid forms and placed them at the back of both churches and these can be returned to me. Many thanks for your consideration.

Parish Lotto

This week's lottery winner is John Cuffe - number 27. Congratulations John! Please collect our winnings from Father Stamp. Please bring in your £10.00 in envelope 3 dated 15/16th August next week and put your envelope in the church collection.