



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

16th August 2026

Telephone: 01706 614532

Parish Priest: Father S. D. Stamp

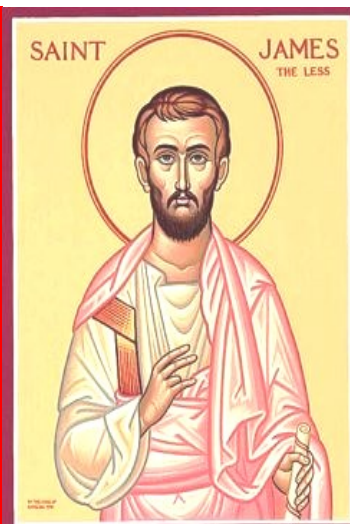
email: simon.stamp@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Parish Administrator: Mrs Siobhan Wood

email: siobhan.wood@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Parish Facebook Page: Holy Apostles, Rossendale

Website: <https://holypostlesrossendale.co.uk>



Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 18th August	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 20th August	Requiem Mass	11.00am
Saturday 22nd August	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 23rd August	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Saturday 22nd August 10.00am - 11.00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 22nd August 10.00am - 11.00am

Readers at Mass

23rd August 9.00am Fiona Heppleston

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 17th August	Holy Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 19th August	Holy Mass	9:30am
Friday 21st August	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 22nd August	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 23rd August	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 22nd August 5:30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass

22nd August 6.30pm Paul Higginbottom
23rd August 11.00am Pat McAleese

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: Michael Barnes; Gerard Majella Cosgrove; Rosarie Glover; Jimmy Cricket; Ian Butterworth; Paula Skelton; Vincent Hardman.

Anniversary: Fran Collis; David Holloway (Birthday)

Other: August Masses for Mary & Peter Connolly; For a Special Intention.

Parish Safeguarding Team

Many thanks to Shauna Bowes and Teresa Davison who have come forward to be appointed as Safeguarding Reps for our Parish. Shauna and Teresa will join Therese Balmain who has been a Parish Rep at St Peter's for a number of years. This means we will now have a team of three reps for our Parish. Sincere thanks to Jeanette Pritchard who has fulfilled the role over a number of years at St James the Less and is now stepping down. There will be some dates in the newsletter over the next couple of weeks for volunteers to renew their DBS.

Michael James Barnes RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael James Barnes who has died. Michael's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 20th August at 11.00am in St Peter's. May he rest in peace. Please keep Michael and his wife Winifred and family in your prayers.

CAFOD Coffee Morning

This Sunday, 16th August, the monthly CAFOD Coffee Morning will take place after the 11am Mass in St James the Less. Please call in to the Parish Centre after Mass and support our Parish CAFOD Group.

Parish Centre Committee

This Tuesday, 18th August at 7.00pm, our Parish Centre Committee will meet in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. If you would like to get involved in planning social events for the Parish, please come along as all are welcome.

Parish Lotto

This week's lottery winner is Correnna Tulli—63. Congratulations! Please collect your winnings from Fr Stamp. Don't forget to put your envelope marked 15th/16th August in the collection this weekend for the next round!

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace Ella Nuttall who was Baptised on Saturday 15th August at 12.30pm in St Peter's and John Cain who will be Baptised this Sunday 16th August at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please keep Ella, John and their families in your prayers.

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.

Gift Aid

One of the areas identified by the Diocesan Finance Office 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.

Pope St Pius X Prayer to Our Lady of the Assumption (promulgated by Pope Pius XII)

O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and mother of humanity, we believe with all the fervour of our faith in your triumphal Assumption both in body and in soul into heaven where you are acclaimed as Queen by all the choirs of angels and all the legions of saints; we unite with them to praise and bless the Lord who has exalted you above all other pure creatures and to offer you the tribute of our devotion and our love.

We know that your gaze, which on earth watched over the humble and suffering humanity of Jesus, in heaven is filled with the vision of that humanity glorified and with the vision of uncreated Wisdom, and that the joy of your soul in the direct contemplation of the adorable Trinity causes your heart to throb with overwhelming tenderness; and we, poor sinners whose body weighs down the flight of the soul, beg you to purify our hearts so that, while we remain below, we may learn to see God and God alone in the beauties of his creatures.

We trust that your merciful eyes may deign to gaze down upon our miseries and anguish, upon our struggles and our weaknesses; that your countenance may smile upon our joys and our victories; that you may hear the voice of Jesus saying to you of each one of us, as he once said to you of his beloved disciple:
"Behold you son," and we who call upon you as our Mother, we, like John, take you as the guide, strength and consolation of our mortal life.

We are inspired by the certainty that your eyes, which wept over the earth crimsoned by the blood of Jesus, are yet turned toward this world racked by wars and persecutions, the oppression of the just and the weak. From the shadows of this vale of tears, we seek in your heavenly assistance, tender mercy, comfort for our aching hearts, and help in the trials of Church and country. We believe finally that in the glory where you reign, clothed with the sun and crowned with stars, you are, after Jesus, the joy and gladness of all the angels and the saints, and from this earth, over which we tread as pilgrims, comforted by our faith in the future resurrection, we look to you our life, our sweetness, our hope; draw us onward with the sweetness of your voice, so that one day, after our exile, you may show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb.

O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

Amen.