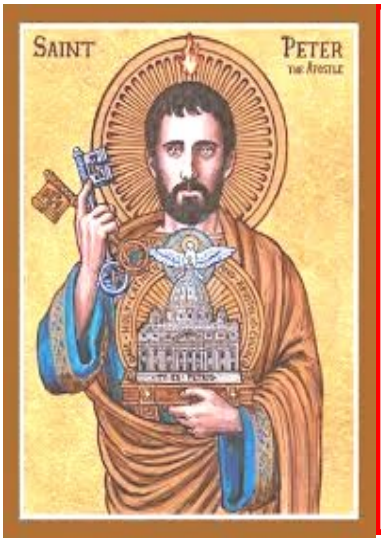

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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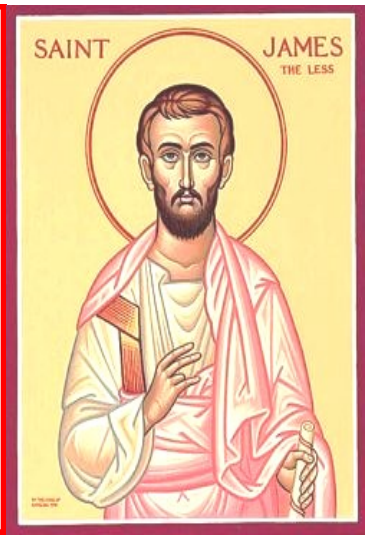

Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 25th August	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 27th August	**Holy Mass**	**9:00am**
Saturday 29th August	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 30th August	**Holy Mass**	**9.00am**

Confessions in St Peter's

No Confessions on Saturday 29th August

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

No Exposition on Saturday 29th August

Readers at Mass

30th August 9.00am — Chris Thomas

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 24th August	Holy Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 26th August	Holy Mass	9:30am
Friday 28th August	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 29th August	**Vigil Mass**	**6.30pm**
Sunday 30th August	**Holy Mass**	**11.00am**

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 30th August 5:30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass

29th August 6.30pm — Racheal Wilson

30th August 11.00am — Paola Coe

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*

Anniversary: *Gerard Keough; Matilda McCann; Daniel Collins (Birthday); Richard Tyrrell; Gerard Tyrrell.*

Other: *August Masses for Mary & Peter Connolly; For a Special Intention; In Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Lady for prayers answered.*

Parish Safeguarding

Please could all volunteers who help with the Children's Liturgy at St James the Less meet with Shauna Bowes after the 11am Mass on either Sunday 30th August or Sunday 6th September to renew their DBS check. Volunteers will need to bring 3 pieces of documentation with them to complete the check. A document containing their date of birth, full name and current address. Examples would be: a current passport, a current photocard driver's license; a birth certificate; a marriage certificate; a recent utility bill or bank statement. Many thanks.

Michael Brennan RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Brennan who has died. Michael's Funeral Service will be on Thursday 17th September at 11.30am in St James the Less. May he rest in peace. Please keep Michael and his family in your prayers.

Night of Music with Duo 'Roundhouse'

Our next social night will take place on Saturday 19th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. This is a night of live music when we welcome the duo, 'Roundhouse' to come and play a selection of popular music. There will also be a pie and pea supper and licensed bar on the night. Tickets for the night are £10 and are available at the back of both churches. This should be a really good night, so please do support it! Many thanks to the Parish Centre Committee for organising these social events for us. If you would like to get involved in organising these events, the committee is open to all.

Parish Lotto

This week's lottery winner is Marie Fishwick—29. Congratulations! Please collect your winnings from Fr Stamp. If you forgot to put your envelope marked 15th/16th August in the collection last week, please pop it in this weekend! Many thanks

Mass on Thursday

Please note: Mass this coming Thursday will be at the earlier time of 9.00am and not 9.30am. I am the President of a charity called 'The Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund' which is a charity supporting retired priests through grants in the 3 Catholic Dioceses which cover parts of Lancashire: Salford, Liverpool and Lancaster. The officers are drawn from priests of the 3 Dioceses. On Thursday I have to Chair a meeting of the officers in Chorley so have to leave straight after the 9am Mass. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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 have been down into the Hall will 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 has now been fixed 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.

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

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. 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. I have placed some Gift Aid forms at the back of both churches. Alternatively please email Siobhan: siobhan.wood@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy (Little Church) begins again in both churches on Sunday 6th September during the 9am Mass in St Peter's and the 11am Mass in St James the Less. Many thanks to our kind volunteers who make this possible. If you would be willing to help, please let Father Stamp or one of the volunteers know. All help gratefully received!

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.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please pray for Elaine Ward and David Holt who will marry in St James the Less this coming Saturday 29th August 1:00pm. As they pledge together love for a lifetime, we wish them many blessings and many years of happiness.

Congratulations!

Sincere congratulations to Mathew Royle-Evatt and Phillipa Rowley-Evatt who celebrated their 10th Wedding Anniversary here at St James the Less on Saturday 22nd August with a special blessing in church and a party in the Centre.

Appeal for Volunteers

In a Parish which covers the territory of four former Parishes with two churches, three Primary Schools and a High School, as our Parish does, it is not possible for the Parish Priest to do all of the things Priests in former years were able to do. For that reason, most of our Parishes now rely heavily on the work of volunteers for many of the activities of the Parish. We are in need of volunteers in the following areas: **Children's Liturgy Helpers; Sunday Collection money counters; people who will take the money to the bank; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who will visit the sick and housebound; volunteers for our Parish Charity Shop; Church cleaners.** If you are able to give a little time and energy to help in any of the above activities, please contact Father Stamp so that he can let you know what is involved. Please note: all of these activities require a regular commitment rather than an offer to help 'as and when' so that rotas can be drawn up. Many thanks for your help.