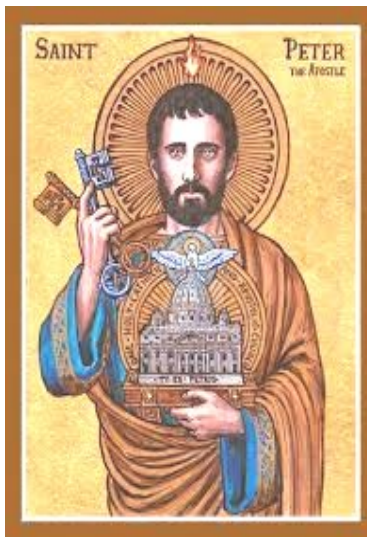




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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th September 2026

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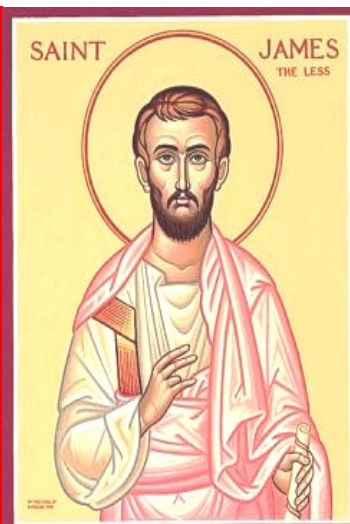
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 22nd September	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 24th September	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 26th September	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 27th September	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

On Saturday 26th September 10:00am-11:00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Saturday 26th September 10:00am-11:00am

Readers at Mass

27th September 9.00am Sue Casey

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 21st September	Holy Mass	9:30am
Wednesday 23rd September	Requiem Mass	11:30am
Friday 25th September	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 26th September	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 27th September	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 26th September 5:30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass

26th September 6.30pm	Heather Purcell
27th September 11.00am	Paola Cole

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: Bernie Nightingale; Bernadette Roberts; Jane Taylor; Ian Butterworth; Christopher Ford; Alan Ellison

Anniversaries: Joseph Tyrrell

Other: For the Intentions of Chris Newton;

A Special Intention for Lily Smith

A Birthday Mass for Cynthia Gillespie

Christopher Ford RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher Ford who has died. Christopher's body will be received into St James the Less on Tuesday 22nd September at 6.00pm with Rosary and prayers. Christopher's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 23rd September at 11.30am in St James the Less. May he rest in peace.

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace Arthur James Walker who was Baptised in St James the Less on Saturday 19th September and Lettie Mae Rose Abel who will be Baptised at 12.30pm in St James the Less this Sunday 20th September. Please keep Arthur, Lettie and their families in your prayers.

School Welcome Masses

It has been lovely over the past couple of weeks to celebrate New School Year Welcome Masses in St James the Less, St Peter's and All Saints. This coming Wednesday 23rd September there will be a Welcome Mass in our Primary School St Joseph's Stacksteads at 9.15am to which parishioners are warmly invited. Please note, there will be no 9.30am in St James the Less that morning.

CAFOD Coffee Morning

This Sunday, 20th September, there will be our monthly CAFOD coffee morning after the 11am Mass in St James the Less. Please do call in an support our CAFOD Group after Mass.

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

Journey in Faith

This coming Thursday, 24th September at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less is the second session of our new Journey in Faith course. Last time we looked together at 'The Meaning of Life', and this time we will be looking at what the Church teaches about 'Creation'. These sessions form the RCIA for any adults who wish to become Catholic, but they are also open to Catholics who want to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. The sessions are based around the Catechism of the Catholic Church. There are always lively questions and discussion is welcome. Refreshments are provided, and very often, thanks to a kind parishioner, home made cake!

Baptism Preparation Sessions

Our next Baptism preparation session will take place on Tuesday, 17th November, 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.

Bar Restoration Fund Raiser Coffee Morning

Just a reminder that our fundraiser Coffee Morning at St Peter's takes place this Sunday 20th September after the 9am Mass. The Grand Raffle will be drawn at this event with lots of brilliant prizes, including big cash prizes. Raffle tickets can still be bought from the back of church and at the event itself. There will also be some delicious food options and home baked goods, as well as rock painting activities for the children. Please come along on Sunday and support our restoration project!

Parish Lotto

This week's lottery winner is Shirley McCarthy Ward - number 14. Congratulations Shirley! Please collect our winnings from Father Stamp. **Please bring in envelope number 4 to church this week and place in the collection basket.**

Meeting for Whitby Mini-Pilgrimage

This Thursday 24th September, there will be a brief meeting in St James the Less Parish Centre at 6.30pm for all who are travelling on our mini-pilgrimage to Whitby on 1st October. If you can't make the meeting, please let Father Stamp know. This is simply for us all to touch base and look at a rough programme before we travel out.

Night of Music with Duo 'Roundhouse'

Our next social night will take place this 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 or £25 Family Ticket and you can pay on the door. 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.

The poster is for the 'Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning' organized by 'Dawn, Jessie and team'. It features a photograph of a long-haired dog with a red bow, a cup of coffee, and a slice of cake. The text includes: 'Good Coffee Brighter Days', 'Life-changing support for people with cancer', 'At Fred Hamer Funeral Service, James Street Rawtenstall', 'WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2026 10-12', 'Everyone welcome! Come and help support this amazing charity', 'COFFEE CAKE AND COMPASSION', 'Small Cups Big Impact', and 'WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT'.