



Holy Apostles, Rossendale

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th September 2026

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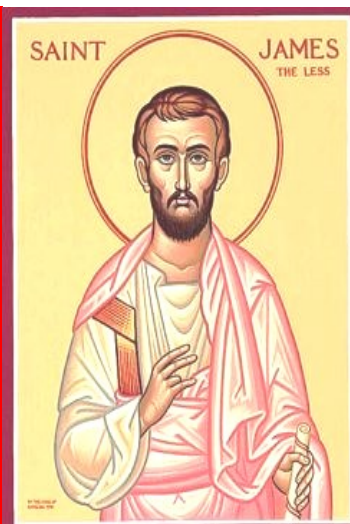
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 8th September	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 10th September	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 12th September	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 13th September	Holy Mass	9.00am

NO Confessions in St Peter's

On Saturday 12th September

NO Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Saturday 12th September

Readers at Mass

13th September 9.00am Shirley Whittaker

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 7th September	Holy Mass	9:30am
Wednesday 9th September	Holy Mass	9:00am
Friday 11th September	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 12th September	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 13th September	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 12th September 5:30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass

12th September 6.30pm Alan Wilson
13th September 11.00am Bill Wilkinson

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; Chris Ford

Lately Dead: Bernie Nightingale

Anniversaries: Michael Farry (Birthday); Mary Connolly

Other: For the Intentions of Chris Newton; Special Intention for Amarelle Dixon; September Masses for Mary & Peter Connolly

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 this Sunday 6th September to renew their DBS check. Volunteers will need to bring 3 pieces of documentation with them to complete the check. 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

Berni Nightingale RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Berni Nightingale who has died. Berni, as well as being a life long parishioner of St James the Less was also our Chair of Governors, a position she generously took on when her sister, Clare, who was also Chair, passed away. This is a great loss to our community, both School and Parish, and I know also the wider community as Berni was so well known and loved by so many in Rossendale and beyond, especially through the Cricket Club. Let's keep her family, especially Dave, Jack and Dominic, in our prayers at this time. Berni's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 18th September at 11.00am in St James the Less. May she rest in peace.

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

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.

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy (Little Church) begins again in both churches this 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

School Welcome Masses

There are some corrections to the times of School Masses which were published in the newsletter last weekend. We were very pleased to welcome back all of our children and staff last week to our 3 Parish Primary Schools and our High School. On Wednesday 9th September at 9.00am, there will be a whole school Mass in St James the Less church. On Wednesday 16th September at 10.00am, there will be a whole school Mass in St Peter's Primary School. On Thursday 17th September at 4.00pm, there will be a Year 7 Welcome Mass in All Saints High School. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend any/all of these Masses.

Parish Shop Committee

Our Parish Charity Shop Committee meeting is this Wednesday 9th September at 12 noon in the Presbytery at St James the Less. This meeting is open to all shop volunteers. Many thanks to all of our kind volunteers who are doing a tremendous job in our shop.

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.

Mini-Pilgrimage to Whitby

Full payment is now due for those parishioners travelling on our pilgrimage to Whitby in October. The remaining amount for those who have paid the deposit is **£174** for those in a twin or double and **£239** for singles. This can be paid by cash, cheque, bank transfer or card. Please make any cheques payable to 'The Holy Apostles, Rossendale'. Many thanks.

Journey in Faith

Our Journey in Faith Group will begin again on Thursday 10th September at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. This group is for any adults who are interested in becoming Catholic. It is also open to anyone who is already Catholic but wants to deepen their knowledge and love of the Catholic Faith. Each week, the course follows a topic taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Questions are welcome and encouraged, and refreshments are provided. The course will start from the beginning on 10th so this is a good opportunity for anyone who has not previously attended to begin.

Parish Centre Committee

The next meeting of our Parish Centre Committee is on Tuesday 15th September at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings which help to plan social events in the life of the Parish. My sincere thanks to all of the committee members who give of their time for the life of the Parish.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please pray for Ashton Lyons and Robert Trayner who will marry in St James the Less this coming Saturday 12th September at 2.00pm. As they pledge to each other love for a lifetime, we wish them many happy years of married life.

Parish Lotto

This week's lottery winner is Phil Fortune - number 56. Congratulations Phil! Please collect our winnings from Father Stamp.