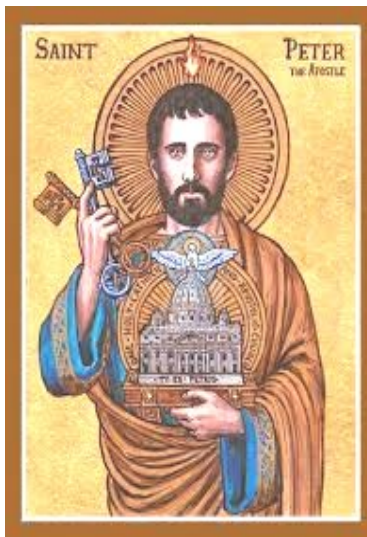




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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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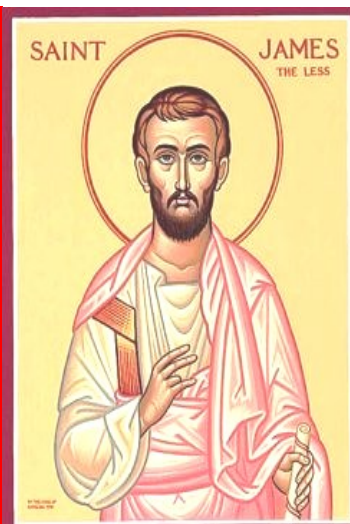
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 6th October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 8th October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 10th October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 11th October	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

On Saturday 10th October 10:00am-11:00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Saturday 10th October 10:00am-11:00am

Readers at Mass

11th October 9.00am Shirley Whittaker

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 5th October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Wednesday 7th October	Holy Mass	9:00am
Friday 9th October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 10th October	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 11th October	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 10th October 5:30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass

10th October 6.30pm Racheal Wilson
11th October 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: Gabriele Sergio Chiumento; Barbara Brown; Teresa Hesketh; Simon Farrelly; Chris Ford

Anniversaries: Sheila Tyrrell

Other: For the Intentions of Chris Newton;

Mass for the intentions of Philip & Chinamma;
October Masses for Mary & Peter Connolly

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace Annalise Mary Wood who will be Baptised this Sunday 2nd October at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please keep Annalise and her family in your prayers.

Simon Farrelly RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Simon Farrelly who has died. Simon's Funeral Service will be on Friday 9th October at 12 noon in St James the Less. May he rest in peace.

Teresa Hesketh RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa Hesketh who has died. Teresa's Funeral Service will be in Accrington Crematorium Chapel at 2.20pm on Tuesday 6th October. May she rest in peace.

First Friday Mass in All Saints

Due to the fact I was on the Parish pilgrimage to Whitby last Friday, the First Friday Mass in our Catholic High School, All Saints, has been postponed to this coming Friday 9th October at 8.00am. All parishioners are warmly invited to come along to this Mass. There will be 9.30am Mass as usual in St James the Less as well.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

The CAFOD Family Fast Day for the autumn took place on Friday 2nd October. Please return your envelopes this weekend to church. Many thanks to those representatives from our Parish CAFOD Group, Marie and Sheila, who spoke at all of our Masses last weekend. This weekend, representatives from our CAFOD Group will be at the back of church to collect any donations. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

Parish Coffee Morning

This Sunday, 4th October, is our monthly Parish Coffee Morning in St Peter's Parish Hall after the 9am Mass. Please call in and catch up with parishioners. Many thanks to the Social Committee at St Peter's who run these Coffee Mornings and for their work in raising funds for the restoration of the bar area in the Parish Hall.

Sacramental Programme 2026-2027

There will be parent's meeting this Thursday 8th October at 3.30pm in St James the Less Primary School for those parents who want their children from St James the Less to be enrolled on this year's Sacramental Programme in preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion in 2027. On Tuesday 13th October at 3.30pm in St Peter's Primary School, there will be a meeting for those parents from St Joseph's and St Peter's who wish their children to be enrolled. These meetings are open to all parents who have children in Year 3 or above and who have been Baptised in the Catholic Church. If you have a child in Year 3 or above who is not attending one of our Catholic Primary Schools but who wishes to receive First Holy Communion in 2027, please contact Father Stamp as soon as possible.

Prayer Sponsors for Sacramental Programme Children

We would like to invite parishioners to become Prayer Sponsors for our children who will be presented on the Sacramental Programme later this year. At the back of both churches are sign up sheets for any parishioner willing to undertake the commitment to pray each day for one of our children preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion.

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.

Journey in Faith

Our next session of the Journey in Faith Group takes place this Thursday 8th October at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less when we will look together at 'Salvation History'. These sessions form the RCIA for those adults who wish to be received into the Catholic Church, but they are also open to any Catholics wishing to deepen their knowledge and love of the Catholic Faith. This is an ever-growing group within our Parish and questions about the Faith are welcome. Refreshments are provided and thanks to a kind parishioner, home-made cake!

Parish Lotto

This week's lottery winner is Lesley Batt - number 55. Congratulations Lesley! Please collect our winnings from Father Stamp.

Parish Centre Committee

The next meeting of our Parish Centre Committee will take place this coming Tuesday 6th October at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. This is open to anyone who would like to get involved in planning social and fundraising events in our Parish and the maintenance of our Parish Centre. I am grateful to the members who have put a lot of time in over these past couple of years since the Committee was formed. We are always grateful for new members who would like to get involved.

Foundation Governors

Have you ever thought of helping to govern our Catholic Schools as a Foundation Governor? With three Catholic Primary Schools in our Parish, St Joseph's, St Peter's and St James the Less, and our Catholic High School, All Saints, we are always in need of parishioners to come forward and volunteer. Foundation Governors are appointed to represent the Bishop on the governing bodies of our schools and play a vital role in supporting our children, families and staff. The only requirement is that you are a practising Catholic and you are willing to give some time. If you are interested in being a governor in one of our three Primary Schools or in our High School, please let Father Stamp know.