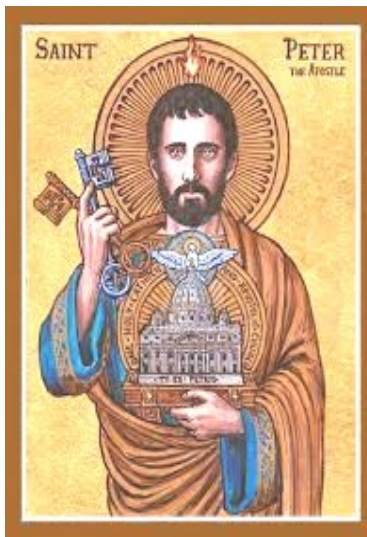




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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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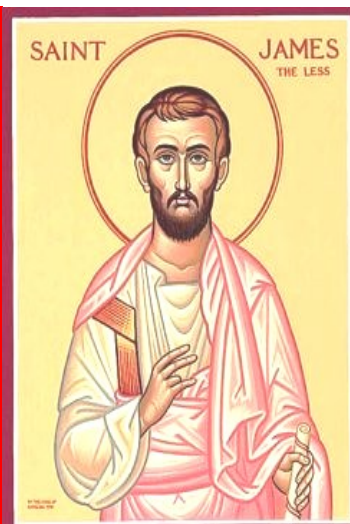
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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 13th October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Thursday 15th October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 17th October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Sunday 18th October	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

On Saturday 17th October 10:00am-11:00am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Saturday 17th October 10:00am-11:00am

Readers at Mass

18th October 9.00am Tony Ronnan

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 12th October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Wednesday 14th October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Friday 16th October	Holy Mass	9:30am
Saturday 17th October	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 18th October	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 17th October 5:30pm - 6.30pm

Readers at Mass

17th October 6.30pm Dawn Winfield

18th October 11.00am Paul 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;

Latently Dead: Michael Corley; Chris Ford.

Anniversaries: Daniel Collins; Stephen Bentley; Philomena Murphy (Birthday).

Other: For the Intentions of Chris Newton; Mass for the Intentions of Caroline; A Mass for a Special Intention

Thank you

I would like to thank all those parishioners who came on the Parish pilgrimage to Whitby which arrived back last Saturday. The group of 34 who travelled made the few days a lovely trip. While we were away we visited Knaresborough, Whitby and Thirsk. The weather was amazing on all three days (so much so that some of the braver pilgrims paddled in the sea at Whitby) and everyone had a brilliant time. Sincere thanks to Ann Tipper from Manchester for organising and booking for us, as well as the pilgrims from Manchester and Colne who joined us for the few days.

Journey in Faith

Many thanks to all who came to our 3rd Journey in Faith session this past Thursday when we looked together at 'Salvation History' and the main events in the Old Testament. Our next session is on Thursday 22nd October at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less when we will be looking at 'The Incarnation' and the events of the New Testament. This group forms the RCIA for those adults interested in becoming Catholic, but it is also open to those who are already Catholic but wish to deepen their knowledge and love of the Faith.

Parish Shop Meeting

This Tuesday, 13th October, at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St James the Less, there will be a meeting for all volunteers who work in our Parish Charity Shop. It is really important that as many of our volunteers as possible attend this meeting as we will be discussing the organisation and running of the shop going forward. I am very grateful to all of our kind volunteers who have made the shop such a great success for our Parish. If you would like to get involved as a volunteer in our shop, now is a great time to begin. We are always in need of more volunteers to ensure the shop continues.

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

Sacramental Programme 2026-2027

Thank you to those parents who attended the meeting at St James the Less on Tuesday. If you did not attend, please collect a sheet with all of the dates from school. This 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.

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Hosted by Newchurch Village Association Sunday 25th October at 10:00am in St Peter's Hall. Donations of cakes would be gratefully received. Please do come along for Coffee/Tea and cake to support the work of Macmillan

PPTA Coffee Morning

This Sunday 11th October, after the 11.0am Mass our PPTA Coffee Morning takes place in the Parish Centre at St James the Less. Please call in and support our primary school at St James the Less.

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.

Parish Lotto

This week's lottery winner is Betty Connern - number 42. Congratulations Betty! Please collect your winnings from Father Stamp.

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.

St Joseph's, Stacksteads

We are currently going through the process of recruiting a new Head Teacher at our Primary School, St Joseph's, Stacksteads. Please pray for our School Governors, for the staff and children and for any applicants as we go through this process, that the Holy Spirit will guide us to make a good decision for our school.

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, 18th October, is World Mission Sunday when we give thanks and pray for missionaries who spread the Faith around the world. This year marks the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. The theme of this year's Sunday, declared by Pope Leo, is 'One in Christ, united in mission.' The first part of the theme echoes the papal motto "In Illo uno unum" (In Christ we are one), emphasizing that the shared mission of spreading the Gospel flows directly from the spiritual unity of believers with Christ. In England and Wales, there is a retiring collection at all Masses, the proceeds of which go to the APF, which we know as the 'Red Boxes', to support our missionaries. There will be envelopes available at the back of both churches next weekend.

CAFOD

Next Sunday, 18th October, the monthly CAFOD Coffee Morning will take place after the 11am Mass in the Parish Centre at St James the Less.

The Old School Charity Shop

Our opening hours are: Tuesday - Friday: 10.00am - 4.00pm. Saturday: 10.00am - 1.00pm.