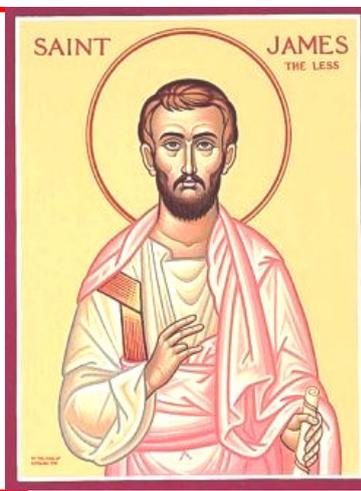


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Masses in St Peter's

Tuesday 9th August	Holy Mass	9.30am
Thursday 11th August	Holy Mass	7.00pm
Saturday 13th August	Holy Mass	11.00am
Sunday 14th August	Holy Mass	9.00am

Confessions in St Peter's

Thursday 11th August	6.00pm - 6.45pm
Saturday 13th August	10.00am - 10.45am

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday	8.30am - 9.30am
Thursday	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday	10.00am - 11.00am

Reader at Sunday Mass 13th August

9.00am Ann Goy

Masses in St James the Less

Monday 8th August	Holy Mass	9.00am
Wednesday 10th August	Holy Mass	9.00am
Friday 12th August	Holy Mass	9.00am
Saturday 13th August	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 14th August	Holy Mass	11.00am

Confessions in St James the Less

Saturday 13th August	5.30pm - 6.30pm
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Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, Wednesday & Friday	8.00am - 9.00am
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Readers at the Sunday Masses 13th & 14th August

6.30pm	Alan Wilson
11.00am	Jean Williams

Welcome!

This Sunday, we welcome **Caoimhe Kate Miller** who will be Baptised in St Peter's at 1.00pm. Please pray for Caoimhe and for her family, that as she receives the new life of grace, this Sacrament will bring many blessings to her and to her family.

Welcome Back!

Next week, from Monday 15th to Saturday 20th August, I will be away on a course for Priests in Scotland. For those weekdays, we welcome back a Priest who needs no introduction, Canon Lupton. The Canon will be supplying Masses in both St James the Less and St Peter's during that week. I am very grateful to him for agreeing to help and know you will give him a warm welcome back!

Coffee Morning in St Peter's

This Sunday, 7th August, there is a Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall underneath the church at St Peter's following the 9am Mass. I am looking forward to being able to stay around for a while after Mass following the introduction of the new Mass times and getting to know parishioners without having to dash off! My thanks to the Social Committee for organising the monthly Coffee Mornings. I met with the Social Committee on Thursday evening and we have lots of exciting plans for the future so watch this space!

Mass Intentions Received:

Sick: Margaret Aspin
Anniversary: Maurice Lacey; Mary Connolly
Lately Dead: Catherine Langhan; Ann Bonner;
 James Grehan.
Other: Special Intention; Mary & Peter Connolly (August Masses RIP)

Volunteers for the Children's Liturgy

My sincere thanks to those who volunteered to help with our children's liturgy both in St Peter's and in St James the Less. We really do need more people to volunteer, especially in St James the Less as Helen has been soldiering on short-handed for some time. The more people who volunteer to help with this, the less often volunteers will be required on the rota. You would not be required to prepare any of the material needed as Helen has already covered that aspect, and you don't need any special teaching skills to help out - all assistance is gratefully received. As I stated in previous newsletters, I am very supportive of the children's liturgy as it attracts families to the Parish, which is always a good thing! However, without more volunteers, we may have to contemplate not providing it every week. If you would be willing, please let me have your contact details.

Altar Servers

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to serve on the Altar in both churches over the last couple of weeks. I wanted to include this item again in the newsletter this weekend as you can never have enough Altar Servers! If you have a child who is beginning the Sacramental Programme this autumn, or above that age, and they would be willing and happy to become an Altar Server at any of the three Saturday night/Sunday morning Masses in either church, please let me have your contact details so that I can organise a practise for them.

Holy Day - Solemnity of the Assumption

A number of parishioners have asked me about the Masses for the Holy Day of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady which is normally celebrated on 15th August. In England and Wales, the Solemnity of the Assumption will be celebrated on the nearest Sunday, which this year is next Sunday, 14th August. So all of our Sunday Masses next weekend will be Assumption Masses. On this Feast, we celebrate the truth that Our Lady, at the end of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into Heaven.

Parish Consultation for Amalgamation

Just a reminder that the consultation in preparation for amalgamation continues and is ongoing throughout this month. There is no need to fill in a booklet - the details of which have now been entered onto a Parish database. If you would like to make any comment at all about the future of the Parish - things you would like to see changed or developed, and things you would like to see remain the same, as well as suggestions of a new name for the Parish, please simply post a note through the door of either Presbytery, or send me an e-mail. All suggestions will be gratefully received and factored into considerations moving forward. Many thanks to those who have already provided feedback. Once everyone is back from holiday in September, I am intending to call some Parish meetings to which everyone will be invited in both churches to outline plans for the future of the Parish and to allow everyone to have a say.

Prayer to Our Lady of Assumption of Pope St Pius X



O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and Mother of humanity, we believe with all the fervour of our faith in your triumphal assumption both in body and in soul into Heaven where you are acclaimed as Queen by all the choirs of angels and all the legions of Saints; we unite with them to praise and bless the Lord who has exalted you above all other pure creatures and to offer you the tribute of our devotion and our love.

We know that your gaze, which on earth watched over the humble and suffering humanity of Jesus, in Heaven is filled with the vision of that humanity glorified and with the vision of uncreated wisdom, and that the joy of your soul in the direct contemplation of the adorable Trinity causes your heart to throb with overwhelming tenderness; and we, poor sinners whose body weights down the flight of the soul, beg you to purify our hearts so that, while we remain below, we may learn to see God and God alone in the beauties of his creatures.

We trust that your merciful eyes may deign to gaze down upon our miseries and anguish, upon our struggles and our weaknesses; that your countenance may smile upon our joys and our victories; that you may hear the voice of Jesus saying to you of each one of us, as He once said to you of His beloved disciple:

"Behold your son," and we who call upon you as our Mother, we, like John, take you as the guide, strength and consolation of our mortal life.

We are inspired by the certainty that your eyes, which wept over the earth crimsoned by the Blood of Jesus, are yet turned toward this world racked by wars and persecutions, the oppression of the just and the weak. From the shadows of this vale of tears, we seek in your heavenly assistance, tender mercy, comfort for our aching hearts, and help in the trials of Church and country.

We believe finally that in the glory where you reign, clothed with the sun and crowned with stars, you are, after Jesus, the joy and gladness of all the angels and the Saints, and from this earth, over which we tread as pilgrims, comforted by our faith in the future resurrection, we look to you our life, our sweetness, our hope; draw us onward with the sweetness of your voice, so that one day, after our exile, you may show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb.

O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.
Amen.