



PARISH OF ST JOHN XXIII, PRESTON

St Joseph's and English Martyrs' Churches

Incorporating the districts of St Augustine, English Martyrs, St Ignatius, St Joseph & St Teresa

20th September 2026

Twenty-Fifth/Twenty-Sixth Weeks of the Year [A]

	Time	Church	
Sunday 20th September <i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday</i> <i>Special Collection: Home Mission</i>	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	SJ	[Sat 19 th] Vigil Mass <i>May Rice</i>
	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Brigid Deane</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	<i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 21st September <i>St Matthew</i>			<i>No Public Mass</i>
Tuesday 22nd September <i>of 25th week of the Year</i>			<i>No Public Mass</i>
Wednesday 23rd September <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>			<i>No Public Mass</i>
Thursday 24th September <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>			<i>No Public Mass</i>
Friday 25th September <i>of 25th week of the Year</i>			<i>No Public Mass</i>
Saturday 26th September <i>Sts Cosma & Damian</i>			<i>No Morning Mass & Confessions</i>
	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
Sunday 27th September <i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday</i> <i>Second Collection:</i> <i>Bishop Admin</i>	6.00pm	SJ	Vigil Mass <i>Elizabeth Rostron</i>
	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Canon A. Walsh</i>
	12.45pm	SJ	Baptism <i>Miyah & Shuan Brown</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	<i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>For a Successful Birth</i>
Monday 28th September <i>St Wenceslas</i>	6.00-6.20pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	EM	Mass <i>Noel McMahon</i>
Tuesday 29th September <i>Sts Michael, Gabrel & Raphael</i>	9.00-9.20am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Anthony Dunmade</i> <i>followed by devotions to St Michael</i>
Wednesday 30th September <i>St Jerome</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Levi Gibbs</i>
Thursday 1st October <i>St Therese of the child Jesus</i> <i>Secondary Patron of the Parish</i>	9.30am	ST	Mass <i>School Intentions</i> <i>Mass at St Teresa's school</i>
Friday 2nd October <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	2.00pm	CtK	Mass <i>Yr 8 Intentions</i>
	6.00-6.30pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass <i>Pro Populo</i>
Saturday 3rd October <i>Our Lady on Saturdays</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>LISCF</i>
	10-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.00pm	SJ	Vigil Mass <i>Margaret Taylor</i>
Sunday 4th October <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday</i> <i>Rosary Sunday</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Manuel Francis & Anna Graca</i> <i>Followed by Rosary and Benediction</i>
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Pro Populo</i>
EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]		SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]	

OUR PRAYERS

We pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners and those who care for them. We also pray for all the lately dead: and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brigid Deane, and Patrick Jackson.

SICK & HOUSEBOUND

If you or a family member has regularly received the sacraments, do not let being housebound or in care stop this relationship with Christ and His Church. If they are not in a position to receive the sacraments, visits, and prayers are still important. Please do connect with Fr Etienne to arrange.

WALSINGHAM ASSOCIATION

This week [21st-25th Sept], Fr Etienne is in Walsingham with the *Walsingham Association* <https://walsinghamassociation.org.uk/> for which he serves as a Trustee. If you have any intentions you wish to be taken to Walsingham for Our Lady, please write them down and give to Fr Etienne.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL

The annual pilgrimage to Ladyewell takes place on Saturday 26th September. Mass in St Mary's, Fernyhalgh is at 11.00am, followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Shrine. Altar Servers wishing to serve and accompany the procession should report to the sacristy at St Mary's at 10.30am, bringing their own cassock and cotta. There is a barbecue for Altar Servers afterwards. Do speak to Fr Etienne about this.

PARISH PATRONAL FEAST

11th October is the feast day of St John XXIII, the principal patron of our parish. This year, this is a Sunday so we will have a little social after 11.15am Mass at St Joseph's. **Do take note of the date** and help contribute something and/or join us!

PARISH CENSUS

Could each household of the parish complete a new **parish census form**, found in the Church porch or on our website. You may share this with neighbours and relations who are lapsed within the parish for them to complete their record on our census.

DAY OF RENEWAL

'Being Lost, Being Found,' led by the recently ordained Fr Bamber on Saturday 3rd October, at St Clare's, 10:00am – 4:00pm, starting with Holy Mass.

ROSARY SUNDAY

Traditionally, the first Sunday in the Month of the Holy Rosary [October] is known as 'Rosary Sunday.' To celebrate this great month and most beautiful prayer Rosary & Benediction will follow directly from 11.15am Mass. This replaces the regular 4.00pm devotions & Benediction.

REQUESTING THE SACRAMENTS

Catholic parents considering Baptism for their children or discerning their children's readiness to prepare for Penance, Communion or Confirmation please first speak to Fr Etienne at the end of weekend Masses. This is also the best place to start when considering Instruction in the Faith and/or you would like to prepare for Marriage.

CONSIDERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Do you think God might be calling you to follow Him in the Catholic Church? Do you know of others who are curious about our Catholic Faith, or someone lapsed from the Catholic Faith? Fr Etienne would be very pleased to assist you, and those you encourage, in learning about the Catholic Faith.

FIRST CONFESSION &

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

For those families with children who are currently at least 8 years old [school year 4+] who would like to consider preparing for these two Sacraments in our parish in 2027, enquiry forms are still available at the back of church, after weekend Masses, to be completed and returned to the parish office by Sunday 25th October 2026.

N.B: If a child is already in secondary school, please speak to Fr Etienne to make alternative arrangements for sacramental preparation.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Fr Etienne continues to invite young parishioners who are aged 10-14 years old [*School Years 6-8*] and who are not confirmed to approach him after their attendance at a Sunday Mass and to take an application form which should be completed and returned to the parish office by Sunday 25th October 2026. All details of dates and times are in the letter. **N.B:** A date will be arranged subject to interest.

APF MISSION BOXES

If you have a APF Mission Box [*Red Box*] at home, it may be time to empty its contents for the APF secretary to count. Thank you for your support!

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