



# 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

31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

**MOST HOLY TRINITY [A]**

Upcoming Masses and Services this week:

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> <i>MOST HOLY TRINITY</i>	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [ <i>Confessions</i> ]
	6.00pm	SJ	Vigil Mass   <i>Mary Davies</i>
	11.15am	SJ	Mass   <i>Brigid Deane</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	<b>Followed by meeting with volunteers</b> Rosary & Benediction
	4.30-4.50pm 5.00pm	SJ SJ	Sacrament of Penance [ <i>Confessions</i> ] Mass   <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b> <i>St Justin</i>	6.00pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	EM	Mass   <i>Helena Galvin</i>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> <i>Sts Marcellinus &amp; Peter</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass   <i>Patricia Traynor</i>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> <i>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Comps</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Mass   <i>John Galway</i>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Votive of Holy Eucharist</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass   <i>John Galway</i>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>St Boniface</i>	6.00pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [ <i>Confessions</i> ]
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass   <i>Jackie Coley</i>
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>St Norbert</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass   <i>LISCF</i>
	10-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [ <i>Confessions</i> ]
	6.00pm	SJ	Mass   <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Corpus Christi</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass   <i>Holy Souls</i> <i>Followed by a short Eucharistic Procession around church and Benediction</i>
	<b>2.00pm</b>	SWal	<b>Deanery Eucharistic Procession</b> <i>Meet at St Walburge's – see notice for details</i> <b>NO BENEDICTION @ ST JOSEPH'S</b>
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass   <i>Tommy Lyner</i>

EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]

SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]

### THE HOLY TRINITY

The Trinity; the life of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church uses philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain Who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity.

As we consider that fact, it is important to understand that the Trinity is not first a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is first a communion of Persons we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know God through prayerful union with Him. Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we can define.

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are Persons. And as Persons, they want to be known. And they want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to One Person, of course, is praying to all, since they are One God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And though our feeble minds may not be able to fully comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into a knowledge of Him if we let Him through prayer.

In your prayer to God, the Holy Trinity, ask for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of Him. Ask Him to communicate to you His divine love and to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of Who He is.

## 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; Canon Seamus Flannery, and all whose anniversaries occur: Jeanette Jackson, Mary Angermann, Patricia Waddington, and Doreen Billington.

## SHRINE CHURCH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

The Vigil Mass [ Saturday evening], continues to be celebrated at St Joseph's. Monday evening Adoration and Mass is being celebrated in the War Memorial Chapel at English Martyrs.

## REQUESTING BAPTISM

Parents, who desire to bring their children up in the Faith, should make their request for Baptism to Fr Etienne, immediately after attending one of our weekend Masses. After returning the enquiry form you will be contacted to arrange for preparation.

## YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU

Any parish relies on the generosity and talents of parishioners for various forms of service. We thank God for the service given, but this could still be strengthened in the following areas:

- **Care of the church:** Opening and locking church, polishing brass, cleaning & Preparing vessels for the liturgy, sewing and needlework.
- **Hospitality:** welcoming people to Mass on Sunday, holydays and funerals, stewarding, organising social gatherings and events.
- **Sharing our Faith:** assisting with Catechesis for all ages, preparing souls for the Sacraments, volunteering in our parish schools, preparing and participating in acts of public witness. Faith Study and Prayer groups.
- **Liturgy and Worship:** Serving at Mass, accompanying the liturgy musically [organ playing & cantors], decorating church, assisting in processions, sharing and explaining the liturgical readings and seasons to children.
- **Community Service:** assisting in our SVP, collaborating with our local food banks and charitable services, joining our local Pro-Life group.
- **Parish Administration:** Counting the Sunday collections, Fire Wardens, assisting with Health & Safety, Safeguarding, grant applications, fundraising, holy shop, liaising with workmen.

## DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Next Sunday [7<sup>th</sup> June] is Corpus Christi, and our annual Deanery [Preston] Procession takes place at St. Walburge's, beginning at 2.00pm, concluding with Benediction. The children receiving their First Holy Communion this year are especially encouraged to join to strew petals before the Blessed Sacrament in an Act of Thanksgiving.

**N.B:** No Benediction at St Joseph's that Sunday.

## VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA

The relics of St Gerard Majella will be visiting Preston in June. This is part of the nationwide tour to celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary since St Gerard's birth. He is popularly known as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. Indeed, his intercession is known to have had success in our own parish! On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June the relics will come to us at St Joseph's and will be available for veneration between 5.30pm-6.20pm, followed by a votive Mass, with Sermon, at 6.30pm. After Mass, there will be an opportunity to be blessed with the relics. Do spread the word!

## ST JOHN XXIII SVP

Once again please consider joining our SVP Conference, who are especially looking for a Treasurer. This is a critical time to consider how our Conference functions and to imagine what its service looks like in our parish. Next meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00pm in the Lancaster Room at St Joseph's. To find out more: [www.svp.org.uk/](http://www.svp.org.uk/)

## PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, National Shrine of Our Lady, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept to 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2026. Pick up and return from Preston. For info contact: Deacon Charlie Conner at [Charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:Charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk)

## LARK HILL ASSOCIATION

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will take place at Cardinal Newman College on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> from 11.30am. To find out more please contact Janet Metcalf on 07713300192 or email [janet.metcalf53@icloud.com](mailto:janet.metcalf53@icloud.com)

## MARCH FOR LIFE

Join Bishop Swarbrick on the London *March for Life* on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026. *SPUC* Preston Branch want to arrange a coach picking up in Preston. Please register your interest at [spucpreston@gmail.com](mailto:spucpreston@gmail.com)

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