



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

Sunday 12th October 2025

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year [C]

	Time	Church	
Sunday 12th October <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year/ St John XXIII</i>	5.30 - 5.50pm	EM	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.40pm	EM	Rosary
	6.00pm	EM	Mass Joan Bradley
	10.15am	SJ	Confirmation Session [5]
	10.55am	SJ	Rosary
	11.15am	SJ	Mass Fenty & Consula Wedding Anni followed by Parish Social
	4.00pm	SJ	Rosary & Benediction
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass Eddie Farr
Monday 13th October <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	6.00pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm.	EM	Mass Linda Dobson
Tuesday 14th October <i>St Callistus</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass Wilfrid Noblett
Wednesday 15th October <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>			No Public Mass
Thursday 16th October <i>St Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass Peter Smith
Friday 17th October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	10.00am		Rosary & Benediction with Apostolic Nuncio @ Ladyewell
	6.00pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass People of the Parish
Saturday 18th October <i>St Luke</i>			No Morning Mass & Confessions
			Centenary Mass @ Lancaster Cathedral [by ticket only]
	5.30 - 5.50pm	EM	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.40pm	EM	Rosary
Sunday 19th October <i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Special Collection: Mission Sunday (APF Missio)</i>	6.00pm	EM	Mass Margaret Taylor
	10.30am	SJ	1 st Confession/1 st Holy Communion Meeting
	10.55am	SJ	Rosary
	11.15am	SJ	Mass Brian Hughes
	4.00pm	SJ	Rosary & Benediction
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass In Thanksgiving
EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]			SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]

WHAT IS AN APOSTOLIC NUNCIO?

As we prepare for the celebrations that mark our Diocesan Centenary this coming week you will have noticed the continued reference to the 'Apostolic Nuncio.' An Apostolic Nuncio is the title given to the diplomatic representative of the Pope in a given territory. The Apostolic Nunciature, which the Nuncio heads, is the Embassy of the Holy See to a country. The 'Holy See' refers to the sovereignty vested in the Pope and his advisers to direct the worldwide Catholic Church. The Nuncio, in relation to the State is the Ambassador of the Holy See, representing and fostering relationships with States, as Embassies ordinarily do. The Nuncio engages the State on questions concerning Church and State and constructive dialogue for the sake of human rights, respect for human dignity, freedom of faith, conscience and worship, protection of life, stability of family, solidarity with the poorest members of society, promoting peace between different groups and nations. Within the Church the Nuncio represents the Holy Father to the Church nationally. As a Bishop, the Nuncio assists his brother bishops in the country by way of advice. He also proposes names of candidates to the Holy See for the appointments of new Bishops. We welcome the current Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía as he makes a pastoral visit to our Diocese of Lancaster!

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: Patrick Jackson, Fr John Baron, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Christina Skerritt, Eddie Curzon, Joan Bradley, Derek Gregory, and Joseph Burrows.

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? Speak to a priest to start learning more about what Catholics believe. We pray for converts and returning souls.

FIRST CONFESSION & HOLY COMMUNION

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 2026, there are still enquiry forms at the back of both our churches to be completed and returned to the parish office by **next Sunday, 19th October 2025**. An initial information session for parents will be held *before* Sunday Morning Mass next Sunday, 19th October at 10.30am.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Swarbrick will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, within Mass, on Sunday 16th November. Please pray for those preparing for this Sacrament.

In anticipation of this Sacrament being celebrated around the Easter Season next year, Fr Etienne & Fr Chapple would like to invite young parishioners who are school year 6+ and who are not confirmed to complete an enquiry forms from our church porches and returned to our priests by Sunday 23rd November.

BABY LOSS MEMORIAL [9th– 15th October]

We remember those children lost in the womb and in infancy. We pray for their grieving parents also. Perhaps remember your own, or others' lost children and their families when lighting a candle at Our Lady's Altar or visiting St Gerard Majella's shrines in both our churches, patron of the pro-life movement, unborn children, and expectant mothers. A Mass of the Angels will be offered to remember these children on Friday 10th October.

PRISONS WEEK 12th-18th OCTOBER

On this Prisoners' Sunday 2025, we take this annual opportunity to pray for the needs of the victims of crime, those who are in prison, and those who have family members in prison. We particularly remember the children who have been impacted by the imprisonment of their parents and caregivers. It is also a week to pray for prison chaplains as they minister to those on the peripheries of our society.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

During this month of October, we continue to pray the Rosary 20 minutes before Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Please sign up in the church porches to lead the rosary one weekend.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE

The third session of this world-renowned course is this Wednesday, 15th October, at 7.00pm. For more information visit www.comeandsee.org Fr Etienne has some Bible Timeline cards.

‘SOUL LIGHTS’

One November custom is to have a candle lit for deceased loved one on All Souls and for this candle to be kept burning for the following five days. These ‘Soul Lights’ can be purchased from St Joseph's Holy Shop for £2.50 each and will be light at St Joseph's Altar.

THINKING OF BEING A PRIEST?

Young men 16+ are invited to come to a day of recollection and discernment on Saturday 22nd November [10.00am-4.00pm] at Lancaster Cathedral. The day will include Mass, Adoration, guided prayer, talks to assist discernment and lunch. Speak with our priests if you are interested.

APF MISSION BOXES

There will be a second collection next weekend [18th-19th October] for Mission Sunday. Mission boxes are also due to be emptied.

DIOCESAN CENTENARY EVENTS

Thursday 16th October 6.30pm: Vespers at the Cathedral with the Apostolic Nuncio.

Friday 17th October at 10.00am: Rosary & Benediction with the Apostolic Nuncio at Ladyewell.

Saturday 18th October at 11.30am: Centenary Mass at the Cathedral [By ticket only].

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