



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

28th June 2026

St Peter & St Paul [A]

	Time	Church	
Sunday 28th June <i>St Peter & St Paul</i> <i>Special Collection: Peter's Pence</i>	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	SJ	Vigil Mass <i>War Dead</i>
	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Paul Hilton</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	<i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 29th June <i>Votive of St Peter & St Paul</i>	6.00pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	EM	Mass <i>Ana Cabral & Manoel Francis</i>
Tuesday 30th June <i>First Martyrs of Rome</i>	9.00am	SJ	Mass <i>Fr Etienne</i>
Wednesday 1st July <i>St Oliver Plunkett</i>	11.15am	SJ	Requiem Mass <i>Mary [Marlene] Parker</i>
Thursday 2nd July <i>Votive of Jesus Christ, High Priest</i>	9.00am	SJ	Mass <i>Seamus O'Grady</i>
Friday 3rd July <i>St Thomas, Apostle</i>	6.00-6.20pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass <i>John Galway</i>
Saturday 4th July <i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	No Morning Mass & Confessions
	6.00pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions] Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 5th July <i>Fourteenth Sunday of the Year</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Lyn Rochford</i>
	12.45pm	SJ	Baptism <i>Maeve Alexandra Bury</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	<i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>LISCF</i>
EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]		SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]	

ST JOHN FISHER & ST THOMAS MORE, PRAY FOR US! [Part 2]

Being held in the Tower at the same time as John Fisher was Sir Thomas More, also a former man of state whom Henry VIII raised up only to throw down again. Thomas More was born in 1478 in London. At the age of thirteen he was taken into the household of John Morton, the Archbishop of Canterbury from whence he was sent to study at Oxford. After returning to London to read Law he was called to the Bar in 1501. Three years later More entered Parliament. Before marrying Jane Colt in 1505, More considered whether or not he was called to the religious life and lived four years at the London Charterhouse. Although he decided that his was not a vocation to a religious order, for the rest of his life he embraced many pious practices, like wearing a hairshirt and reciting the Little Office.

His wife died in 1511, leaving Thomas with three daughters and a son. He remarried only a few weeks later, taking for his second wife Alice Middleton, who had herself lost her first spouse. The family life of Thomas was as good a father as he was a lawyer, known for his strong commitment to his responsibilities and his integrity. His professional qualities quickly came to the attention of Henry VIII, and thus Thomas rose swiftly in public office until in 1529 he succeeded the ill-fated Cardinal Wolsey as Lord Chancellor of England. More's reputation increased around Europe, notably by his book *Utopia*. He was full of wit and wisdom, as well as common sense, and if anyone was fooled by King Henry's munificence, More was not. *'If my head would win him a castle in France'*, he said, *'it should not fail to go.'*

It was for no castle, however, that More's demise came about, but for the same reasons as John Fisher. Having resigned as Lord Chancellor, More was imprisoned on 13 April 1534, his lands confiscated and his family impoverished. Fifteen months later, on 1 July, he emerged from the Tower of London, a shadow of his former self, to be tried at Westminster Hall. He gave a robust defence, but was sentenced to death, being executed on 6 July 1535. To his beloved daughter, Meg, he wrote, *'Farewell my dear child, and pray for me, and I shall for you and all your friends, that we may merrily meet in heaven.'* As he mounted the scaffold his last words were that he died for the faith of the Holy Catholic Church and was always *'the king's good servant, but God's first'*.

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; Mary [Marlene] Parker and all whose anniversaries occur: Richard Westworth and Nicole McLoughlin.

CONGRATULATIONS

We rejoice in the mercy of God who has granted to our Diocese a new priest. Congratulations to **Fr Stephen Bamber** ordained on Saturday. Do pray for him, for all our priests, and for other young men called to great saving mission of the Church!

SICK & HOUSEBOUND

As part of the priest's ministry and the ministry of the Church is to visit those Catholics who can no longer attend Mass because of incapacity. If you or a family member has regularly received the sacraments, do not let being at home 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.

SHRINE CHURCH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

The Saturday evening Mass continues to be celebrated at St Joseph's. Monday evening Adoration and Mass are celebrated in the War Memorial Chapel at English Martyrs.

YOUTH CONFERENCES THIS SUMMER

Do speak to Fr Etienne if our young people are interested in attending the following conferences:

- **SUMMERTIME AT AMPLEFORTH:** Monday 20th July to Thursday 23rd July. The cost £180.00. At Ampleforth Abbey near York, four days for 10–15-year-olds, combining faith and fun activities. The week is structured around getting to know God and each other and includes Holy Mass each day, talks about the Catholic Faith, discussions, prayer, quizzes, arts and crafts, games, sports, and a visit to Flamingo Land.
- **FAITH SUMMER SESSION AT AMPLEFORTH:** Monday 27th July to Friday 31st July. Cost: £240 student/unwaged: £215. Five days of social, spiritual and catechetical activities for 16–30-year-olds. A series of talks is given, developing a coherent, dynamic vision of the faith. Daily Mass, morning & night prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. Time for sports, walking, a *ceilidh*, and Quiz.

MASS AT PRESTON CATHEDRAL

A Votive Mass of St Ignatius will be offered at Preston Cathedral on Saturday 11th July at 11.00am. This invitation has kindly been offered to us by the Dean of the Cathedral of St Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception, Preston, formerly the church of our parish of St Ignatius. This Mass is offered to form part of the yearly Cathedral festivities for St Thomas and St Alphonsa to give thanks for the founding fathers of the Church and for the generations of our Latin Catholics, who worshiped there previously. Refreshments will follow the Mass with the Cathedral community. Do spread the word to those who live in that district of our parish, to those who previously worshiped there and anyone connected to the Cathedral.

PARISH SUMMER SOCIAL

After 11.15am Mass on Sunday 12th July, do come along and spend time with each other. There will be a 'Jacob's Join' & BBQ for lunch, so please sign up to contribute and/or the help - cooks are needed! The list is in the Church porch. There will be games for the younger parishioners.

SUMMER RAFFLE

Raffle Tickets are available after weekend Masses, £1.00 a strip. The raffle will be drawn at the Parish Summer Social on Sunday 12th July. To donate prizes [but not bric-a-brac] towards the Raffle, please contact the parish office. Cash prizes of £75.00 & £35.00 to be won and many other prizes!

'DOMINUS EST!'

DAY OF SOLEMN ADORATION

On Sunday 19th July, the Blessed Sacrament will be solemnly exposed from the end of the 11.15am Mass until 4.50pm before the evening Mass. Please **sign up to be a watcher/adorer** of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day; the list to be found in the church porch. Come be with your Lord, speak with Him and adore Him in this most wonderful treasure and be there, in His company, so that others may come to meet and know Him!

MASS INTENTIONS

It is a beautiful and long-standing Catholic tradition for the faithful to ask their priests to celebrate Holy Mass for specified intentions, to benefit both the living and the dead. The offering attached to these Masses also help to support your priests.

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