



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

12th/19th July 2026 [*Double Edition*]

Fifteenth/Sixteenth Sundays of the Year [A]

	Time	Church	
Sunday 12th July <i>Fifteenth Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Special Collection: Stella Maris</i>	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>] Vigil Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> Mass <i>Gary Clarkson</i> <i>with the Baptism of Klara Sharma-Rycerska</i> <i>followed by Parish Social</i> <i>Rosary & Benediction</i> Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>] Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
	6.00pm	SJ	
	11.15am	SJ	
	4.00pm	SJ	
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	
	5.00pm	SJ	
Monday 13th July <i>St Henry</i>			No Public Mass
Tuesday 14th July <i>St Camillus of Lellis</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Priest's Intentions</i>
Wednesday 15th July <i>St Bonaventure</i>			No Public Mass
Thursday 16th July <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Priest's Intentions</i>
Friday 17th July <i>Votive of the Holy Cross</i>	6.00-6.20pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance Mass <i>M & J Etienne</i>
	6.30pm	SJ	
Saturday 18th July <i>BVM on Saturdays</i>			No Morning Mass & Confessions
	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>] Mass <i>Albert Joseph Jeffery</i>
6.00pm	SJ		
Sunday 19th July <i>Sixteenth Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Special Collection:</i> <i>Good Shepherd Fund</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Christina Maughan</i> <i>followed by Solemn Exposition</i> <i>Benediction</i> Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>] Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
	4.15pm	SJ	
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	
	5.00pm	SJ	
Monday 20th July <i>St Apollinaris</i>			No Public Mass
Tuesday 21st July <i>St Laurence of Brindisi</i>			No Public Mass
Wednesday 22nd July <i>St Mary Magdalen</i>			No Public Mass
Thursday 23rd July <i>St Bridget</i>			No Public Mass
Friday 24th July <i>Cumbrian Martyrs</i>	6.00-6.20pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance Mass <i>Theresa Carol Wilson</i>
	6.30pm	SJ	
Saturday 25th July <i>St James</i>			No Morning Mass & Confessions
	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>] Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
6.00pm	SJ		
Sunday 26th July <i>Seventeenth Sunday of the Year</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>St Anna Thanksgivings</i> <i>Rosary & Benediction</i> Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>] Mass <i>Priest's Intentions</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	
	5.00pm	SJ	

EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]

SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]

N.B: During the Summer, our Parish Newsletters serve for two Sundays. Please carefully consult the list above before attending our Masses or Services. This week, Fr Etienne is attending a Priestly Jubilee and next week, he is with some younger parishioners at a Youth conference. Consequently, a reduced schedule is offered.

PARTICIPATING IN THE LITURGY:

HEARING THE WORD

In the routine of coming to Mass and in seeking to participate as fully as possible we ready our Missals and Mass sheets purposely to follow the priest and readers as they read aloud the Sacred Scriptures. This is all well meaning and much for meditation at home before and after Holy Mass, eager not to miss the Word! Yet this is an odd situation, there stands the reader, he solemnly proclaims the Sacred words and we read along. Is this truly a sacred act as intended by the Church? Something of Christ, the Word, is destroyed by this. Solemn Reading requires listening not simultaneous reading. Our 'bookishness' and need to read in all sorts of spheres of life mean we are all ready to read and not to listen. In other walks of life this has been the death of fairy tales and poetry the power of which is meant to be heard not read. In the Mass words are more than wise, festive, and beautiful but of the Divine Word speaking to us!

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: Peter Patterson, Anne Weyer, Rose Wareing, Thomas Carthy, Peter Blucksidge, Joseph Enright, Doris Marchant, and Lucy Wilson.

SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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.

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.

PARISH SUMMER SOCIAL

After 11.15am Mass, **this Sunday**, 12th July, do come along and spend time with each other. There will be a 'Jacob's Join' & BBQ for lunch! There will be games for the younger parishioners too.

SUMMER RAFFLE

Raffle Tickets are available after weekend Masses, £1.00 a strip. The raffle will be drawn at the Parish Summer Social **this Sunday**, 12th July. Cash prizes of £75.00 & £35.00 & many other prizes to be won!

'DOMINUS EST!'

DAY OF SOLEMN ADORATION

Next 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!

RECENT WORKS AT ST JOSEPH'S

You may have noticed the lighting work taking place to enable us to have emergency lighting throughout the exit points of the church. A planning application has been submitted for the costly demolition of the former church tower, £80,000-100,000. In the last couple of weeks, it has become more apparent that the West Windows of Church are compromised and require costly attention. This is in addition to the repointing of the West Facade, which was already about £100,000. Thank you to parishioners who helped last Sunday clear the car park of hedge cutting before the summer work of new fencing.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Our pro-life group, *SPUC* Preston, which regularly meets at St Joseph's, have a coach to attending the *March for Life* in London, Saturday 5th September. Pick up in Preston. More info in *The Catholic Voice* or email: spucpreston@gmail.com

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS 26-28

A two-year online course for those engaged in catechesis in parishes, to deepen their knowledge of the faith and grow closer to Jesus Christ and His Church. Contact Jackie Broadley: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/lancaster> jackie.broadley@lrcd.org.uk

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