



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

1st November 2026

The Solemnity of All Saints [A]

	Time	Church	
Sunday 1st November <i>All Saints</i>	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	SJ	Vigil Mass <i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>John & Cleo LaRocque 30th Anniv</i>
	12.15pm	SJ	<i>Children's Catechesis in War Memorial</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	<i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Margaret Eileen Jeffery Brown</i>
Monday 2nd November <i>All Souls</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Holy Souls – November Lists</i>
	12.15pm	CtK	MAT Staff Inset Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
	6.00-6.20pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	EM	Mass <i>Joan Bradley</i>
Tuesday 3rd November <i>St Martin de Porres</i>	9.00-9.20am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Jack Fowler</i>
Wednesday 4th November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	11.00am	OLSM	Requiem Mass <i>Margaret 'Peggy' McEntee</i>
	1.30pm	Crem	Funeral Service <i>Ernest Cousins</i>
Thursday 5th November <i>Votive of the Holy Eucharist</i>	9-9.30am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Mandy Hine</i>
	2.00pm	SA	<i>Holy Souls Liturgy @ St Augustine's School</i>
Friday 6th November <i>Votive of the Passion</i>	2.00pm	CtK	Mass <i>Year 11</i>
	6.00-6.20pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass <i>Fred Cavies</i>
Saturday 7th November <i>St Willibrord</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Bill Jones</i>
	10.-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	SJ	Vigil Mass <i>Caron Therese Catherine Bell</i>
Sunday 8th November <i>Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year/ Remembrance Sunday</i>	11.15am	SJ	Requiem Mass <i>War Dead</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>
EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]			SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]

“The shout of those who triumph, the song of those who feast, and they, who with their Leader, have conquer'd in the fight, forever and forever, are clad in robes of white.”

These words are taken from the beautiful hymn of St Bernard of Cluny [12th century] and translated by John M. Neale. These words speak to the total triumph that is this great Solemnity of All Saints, those who triumphed here below, in the fight, now feast triumphantly in heaven! Today honours all men and women who have entered heaven. The great array of Saints honoured God in various ways: through deep prayer and mystical union, through enduring martyrdom or other forms of religious persecution, and through acts of service, such as caring for the needy or teaching the faith. Some saints were powerful preachers or miracle workers. Others were leaders, some lived in obscurity, and still others experienced exile or made significant personal sacrifices for their faith. In various ways, the saints glorify God.

By honouring this host of saintly witnesses, we honour and glorify God through their lives. By honouring them, we honour Him Who made them holy. This liturgical solemnity is but a foretaste of the eternal Solemnity of Heaven. Heaven will be the eternal glory of God through the lives of all His saints. In Heaven, the virtues, sacrifices, prayers, and selfless service of all the saints will radiate as beacons that eternally manifest the great mercy and goodness of God.

We must also remember that, from Heaven, the saints become powerful intercessors for us on earth. It is true that God could deal directly with us without using the mediation saints. He chooses to use secondary causes, while He always remains the First Cause and Source of all grace. The saints are among those secondary causes God chooses to mediate His grace. For that reason, we should rely upon their intercession. Doing so is an act of faith by which we profess our belief in God, using the saints and angels as His instruments.

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 David Mahy, Ernest Cousins, Margaret 'Peggy' McEntee, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brian Hughes, Ian Dawson, Lily Carmen, Nichola Geoghegan, and Rosamund Sutton.

PARISH CENSUS

If you are still to complete a new **parish census form**, please do so. These forms are 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, post copies through their doors – a gentle 'hint' for Catholics to come home!

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please make yourself and your family known to Fr Etienne. Welcome also to any visitors among us.

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 CONFIRMATION 2027

For those families with children who have registered for sacramental preparation in our parish, thank you. You will have or will be receiving an email from Fr Etienne reminding or introducing you to the dates of preparation in the coming months. In the meantime, we all look forward to seeing you regularly at Sunday Mass!

ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SHOP

The 'Holy Shop' is open after 11.15am Mass at St Joseph's, Christmas items are now available. Otherwise, do speak with Fr Etienne if you require something from the Holy shop.

COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

Non-perishable food goods for those in need can be placed in the bucket found in the church porch.

MATER ECCLESIAE – *Multi-Academy Trust*

Parents considering applying for places in our parish schools must make sure to complete the school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF). This enables the school to apply its admissions criteria for admitting Catholic Children. Scan the QR code to visit the MAT's admission page which directs you to our various parish schools.



ALL SAINTS – CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

This Sunday, to celebrate All Saints, Fr Etienne would like to invite children to stay for a short catechesis after 11.15 Mass in the War Memorial Chapel. Come and share about your favourite saints!

NOVEMBER & THE HOLY SOULS

"We must empty Purgatory with our prayers."
– St. Pio of Pietrelcina

'SOUL LIGHTS'

Our important November custom is to have a candle lit for deceased loved ones on All Souls and for this candle to be kept burning for the following five days. Our 'Soul Lights' can be found at St Joseph's Altar commemorating our beloved dead.

NOVEMBER LISTS

Do remember to complete a pious November List of you are the departed souls you are praying for in November. Place the list in a Holy Souls Envelope, found in the church porch or at St Joseph's Altar and place this list in the 'Holy Souls Box' at St Joseph's Altar. Money enclosed in these envelopes will be used for Holy Souls Masses.

N.B: For Masses to be offered specifically for your deceased loved one/s please use Mass envelopes.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD & THE BLESSING OF GRAVES

You are invited to join our Annual Prayers for the Dead; this will include the Blessing of Graves:

- ****** Fr Etienne is no longer able to bless graves on Wednesday 4th November, at 11.30am. He is offering a Requiem for a parishioner outside the parish. The blessing of priests' & family graves will take place later in the month.**
- Thursday 5th November, at 2.00pm – Holy Souls Service at St Augustine's school.
- Tuesday 10th November, at 2.00pm – Remembrance Service at St Ignatius, with prayers at the War Memorial.
- Wednesday 11th November, at 2.00pm at Preston Cemetery [by the Cemetery Office, off New Hall Lane], with school children.

SPUC - PRESTON

Consider joining our local *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* branch! Meeting at St Joseph's, 2nd Saturday of the month, 2.00pm. The next meeting is Saturday 14th November.

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