# 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

15th November 2026 **Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year [A]**

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| **Sunday 15th November**<br>*Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year* | 5.30-5.50pm<br>6.00pm<br>11.15am<br>4.00pm<br>4.30-4.50pm<br>5.00pm | SJ<br>SJ<br>SJ<br>SJ<br>SJ<br>SJ | Sacrament of Penance *[Confessions]*<br>Vigil Mass \| *Pro Populo*<br>Mass \| *Holy Souls – November Lists*<br>*Rosary & Benediction*<br>Sacrament of Penance *[Confessions]*<br>Mass \| *Holy Souls – November Lists* |
| **Monday 16th November**<br>*St Edmund of Abingdon* | 6.00-6.20pm<br>6.30pm | EM<br>EM | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br>Mass \| *Annie Moore* |
| **Tuesday 17th November**<br>*St Hilda of Whitby* | 9.00-9.20am<br>9.30am | SJ<br>SJ | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br>Mass \| *Margaret Cherry* |
| **Wednesday 18th November**<br>*Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul* | | | |
| **Thursday 19th November**<br>*Votive of Jesus Christ, High Priest* | 9-9.20am<br>9.30am | SJ<br>SJ | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br>Mass \| *Bernadette Benson* |
| **Friday 20th November**<br>*Votive of the Holy Cross* | 6.00-6.20pm<br>6.30pm | SJ<br>SJ | Exposition & Sacrament of Penance<br>Mass \| *Fr Houghton* |
| **Saturday 21st November**<br>*Presentation of Our Lady* | <br><br>5.30-5.50pm<br>6.00pm | <br><br>SJ<br>SJ | **No Morning Mass & Confessions**<br><br>Sacrament of Penance *[Confessions]*<br>Vigil Mass \| *Bill Davies* |
| **Sunday 22nd November**<br>*Our Lord Jesus Christ,*<br>*King of the Universe*<br>*Special Collection: Youth Service* | 11.15am<br>4.00pm<br>4.30-4.50pm<br>5.00pm | SJ<br>SJ<br>SJ<br>SJ | Mass \| *Pro Populo*<br>*Rosary & Benediction*<br>Sacrament of Penance *[Confessions]*<br>Mass \| *Holy Souls – November Lists* |
| **EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]** | | | **SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]** |

**NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS & WAR REMEMBRANCE**

Throughout the History of our Salvation in Sacred Scripture, we find numerous examples of the young offering example, teaching and Wisdom. It should be no surprise that from the young we can learn much, even today. This past week some parishioners gathered together with Year 6 from St Teresa's at the War memorial in Preston Cemetery. On this occasion a young girl named Chimamaka shared a most beautiful poem she had written for those died in the great wars of the last century. I am unable to capture her skilful delivery; however, she has allowed me to share her most profound words for us to reflect upon as we remember the fallen:

*Dear Soldiers of the Great War, those alive and those no more.*
*You left your homes, your families dear, and marched ahead, despite your fear.*
*Through muddy fields, and skies of grey, you faced the dangers of each day.*
*Though many never made it home, your courage lives in hearts unknown.*
*We think of all you hoped to be, and mourn the lives you could not see.*
*We honour you and hope that peace, will grow until all battles cease.*
*With grateful hearts we write to tell, of all the things you did so well.*
*So, when they ask us, and this is true, why we wear the poppy, so bright and true,*
*From our hearts, we'll simply say, "For our tomorrow they gave their today."*

Thank you to all our schools who all marked Remembrance this past week in the various corners of our parish, in school, at the Cenotaph, at the war memorials, and in the cemetery.

## 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, Canon Harry Doyle and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maureen Cardwell, and Uriah Hypolite.

## CANON HARRY DOYLE RIP

As noted in the prayer list above, our near-neighbour at Our Lady & St Michael's, Alston Lane, Canon Doyle, passed away at the beginning of last week after a short illness. Canon Doyle was Parish Priest of Alson Lane for a remarkable 44 years [half his life]! Before this he was curate in our Parish at English Martyrs for a shorter, though lengthy, 18 years. We give thanks for his ministry in our Parish and Deanery and pray that he may rest in peace.

Since Canon became unwell, Fr Etienne has been lending a hand at Alston Lane. This assistance in day-to-day administration will continue for the foreseeable future while things settle down.

Fr Shiju Sebastian Kalarickal, who is currently on an induction period in our Diocese will be assisting Fr Etienne between the two parishes for the time being.

## CHANGES TO PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

For some time, I have been asked to consider our parish Mass schedule for Sunday Masses, evidently 3 Masses and 1 in the prison is too many for our modest numbers. After reviewing the average attendance, the need to move the Prison Mass to Saturday, the above notice about Alston Lane and in consultation with the Bishop the following changes take effect for 1st Sunday of Advent [*Saturday 28th November*]; **Sunday Masses only at 11.15am & 5.00pm.** *There will no longer be a Saturday morning or evening [*Vigil Mass*] in the Parish of St John XXIII. I am sorry for the further upheaval this will cause some parishioners, but I do ask for your generosity and support. *Fr Etienne*

## PARISH CENSUS

If you are still to complete a new **parish census form**, **please do so.** These forms can be found in the church porch or on our website. You can share this form with neighbours and relations who are lapsed within the parish for them to complete their record on our census. Post a form through their doors; a gentle 'hint' for Catholics to come home!

## NOVEMEBER

"As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say, 'a poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory.'" *Blessed Fulton Sheen*

## NOVEMBER LISTS

Do remember to complete a pious *November List* of your departed souls you. 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 ones please continue to use the regular Mass envelopes.

## PRAYERS & BLESSING OF GRAVES

After Mass, this Tuesday Morning, Fr Etienne will visit Preston Cemetery to bless the graves of our former priests, and other priests and religious buried there. He will begin in the old cemetery near the War Memorial. If you would like a grave blessing let him know, or be around your family graves at around 10.30am.

## CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS FOR ADVENT

After 11.15am Mass on Sunday 29th November Fr Etienne would like to meet with our children for a short catechesis on the Advent season.

## FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2027

Thank you for those families with children who have registered for sacramental preparation in our parish. Now this year's deadline[s] is passed, you will have received an email, introducing you to the dates of preparation in the coming months. Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you regularly at Sunday Mass in our Parish – the best preparation! If you did not receive an email [likely a typo], please email the parish email address below.

## ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SHOP

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

## LANCASTER CATHEDRAL: SPIRE APPEAL

Please visit: www.saveourspire.com for details of this important fundraising campaign.


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