



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

9th/16th August 2026 [*Double Edition*]

Nineteenth Sunday of the Year/Assumption BVM [A]

	Time	Church	
Sunday 9th August <i>Nineteenth Sunday of the Year</i>	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	6.00pm	SJ	Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Felina Thomas</i>
			No Benediction in August
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Special Intention</i>
Monday 10th August <i>St Lawrence</i>	9.30am	EM	Mass <i>Doreen Davies</i>
Tuesday 11th August <i>St Clare</i>	9.00-9.20am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Theresa Carol Wilson</i>
Wednesday 12th August <i>St Jane Frances de Chantal</i>			No Public Mass
Thursday 13th August <i>St Pontianus/St Hippolytus</i>	9.00-9.20am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>C & I Chapple</i>
Friday 14th August <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>	10.30am	Crem	Funeral Service <i>Mary Etherington</i>
	6.00-6.20pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass <i>John Steven & Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 15th August <i>Assumption of the BVM</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Priest's Intentions</i>
	10.00-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	6.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Arnold Davies</i>
Sunday 16th August <i>Assumption of the BVM</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Audrey Campbell</i>
	12.45pm	SJ	Baptism <i>Ariel-Tylerjase Effichibeze Luis Effi</i>
			No Benediction in August
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 17th August <i>Votive of the English Martyrs</i>	6.00-6.20pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	EM	Mass <i>Sushila P.</i>
Tuesday 18th August <i>of 20th week of the year</i>	9.00-9.20am		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am		Mass <i>Baby Rosie Holker</i>
Wednesday 19th August <i>St John Eudes</i>	12noon	SMG	Funeral Service <i>Bernard Gillett</i>
Thursday 20th August <i>St Bernard</i>	9.00-9.20am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>For all Priests</i>
Friday 21st August <i>St Pius X</i>	6.00-6.20pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass <i>Propagation of the Faith</i> <i>Followed by veneration of Relic</i>
Saturday 22nd August <i>Queenship of Mary</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>In Thanksgiving</i>
	10.00-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	6.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Christopher Sudell</i>
Sunday 23rd August <i>Twenty-First Sunday of the Year</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Elizabeth Noblett</i>
			No Benediction in August
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

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 any of our Masses or Services over the next two weeks.

PARTICIPATING IN THE LITURGY:

COMPOSURE & ACTION

Just as proper speech and hearing emerge from silence, so good action emerges from composure. Action is more than mere external happening. There are purely external functions to perform throughout the day, however, if I am performing some real task, something important, I must concentrate on it or there will be mistakes. Work, service, friendship, and love is only genuine when the doer inwardly participates in it. The nobler, more difficult tasks to be accomplished require that I give my attention, earnestness, eagerness and love, participating from the heart. This is composure, the heart and mind concentrated on the here and now, not daydreaming, being all here. This is true of all action, but particularly true of the greatest service we can perform, service before God. The liturgy is based on the fact of God's presence in the church. It demands as a response that we appear before that presence. But one must be really present – with body, mind and soul. Present with our attention, reverence and love. Only he who is composed can have God's presence within him and appear before Him to respond to His outpouring of Grace with adoration and love.

With this in mind, in an honest examination of conscience, we can see so often our behaviour in church is so often lax. We forget where we are and what we are about. To be completely present is a vital act, it is more than to kneel, stand or sit, it is an act of our whole spirit and our whole bearing. For when we kneel we do more than the hunter taking aim at his prey. Our standing is more profound than the halt when walking or expectant waiting, it is reverence to the Lord and Master whose presence we have come before. When we sit we seek more than comfort but to position ourselves for attentive listening. All these things we should do, fully conscious and collected. To gaze, full of faith, upon the altar means a great deal more than merely to look up in order to see how far the sacred ceremony has progressed. We are to gaze with all our souls upon the Altar, as profoundly as the composure from which it comes.

We come to church, not to attend a service as a spectator *[or voyeur]* but, along with the priest, to serve God. Everything we do should be divine service. This comes from the collected heart.

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 Etherington & Bernard Gillett and all whose anniversaries occur: Alan Basterfield, Liz Pickering, James Cafferkey, Michael Butler, and Peter Hussain.

SICK & HOUSEBOUND

If you or a family member has regularly received the sacraments, do not let being housebound 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. Please do connect with Fr Etienne to arrange.

PLACE YOUR 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.

SUNDAY BENEDICTION

During the Summer, there is a break from devotions and Benediction on Sundays. It is hoped that, if better supported, this will resume in September.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL

The annual pilgrimage to Ladyewell takes place on Saturday 20th September. Mass in the Parish Church at 11.00am, followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Shrine. Being so close we should do our best to attend. Altar Servers wishing to serve and accompany the procession should report to the sacristy at St Mary's at 10.30am, bringing their own cassock and cotta. There is a barbecue for Altar Servers afterwards. Do speak to Fr Etienne.

ST JOSEPH'S TOWER

As you are already aware, I have been trying to make appropriate repairs to the Tower which is above part of St Joseph's school, which the parish is responsible for. Having received the opinion and findings of local authorities and experts, I have submitted an application to part-demolish the Tower. You may have come across some poor journalism about this and the further unhelpful comments of others. To be clear, these works are to assist me in returning to concentrating on the true heritage of our working parish church of St Joseph, while making our school playgrounds safe. *Fr E*

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