



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

Sunday 19th October 2025

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year [C]

	Time	Church	
Sunday 19th October <i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Special Collection:</i> <i>Mission Sunday (APF Missio)</i>	5.30 - 5.50pm	EM	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	5.40pm	EM	Rosary
	6.00pm	EM	Mass <i>Margaret Taylor</i>
	10.30am	SJ	1 st Confession/1 st Holy Communion Meeting
	10.55am	SJ	Rosary
	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Brian Hughes</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	Rosary & Benediction
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Monday 20th October <i>of 29th week of the year</i>	9.15am	CTK	School Mass at Christ the King No Evening Mass at English Martyrs
Tuesday 21st October <i>of 29th week of the year</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Eddie Farr</i>
Wednesday 22nd October <i>St John Paul II</i>			No Public Mass
Thursday 23rd October <i>St John of Capistrano</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Eddy Curzon</i>
	11.00am	SJ	Funeral Service <i>Patrick Jackson</i>
Friday 24th October <i>St Anthony Mary Claret</i>	6.00pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass <i>Birthday - Sanal</i>
Saturday 25th October <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Donnie Steele</i>
	10.00-10.30	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	5.30 - 5.50pm	EM	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	5.40pm	EM	Rosary
	6.00pm	EM	Mass <i>A Family in Need</i>
Sunday 26th October <i>Thirtieth Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Special Collection:</i> <i>Sick and Retired Priest Fund</i>	10.55am	SJ	Rosary
	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Peter Hussain</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	Rosary & Benediction
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Hanna Khorishko</i>
EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]			SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]

WHAT IS A DIOCESE?

As we come towards the end of the centenary celebrations of our Diocese, perhaps we should remind ourselves of what a diocese is. Our Lord established for His Church a structure of leadership based on the apostles, which is known as the hierarchy. As with any organization, each leader in the Church has a particular area of responsibility and jurisdiction. The Pope, as successor of St. Peter, has full, supreme, and universal authority over the whole Church. The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church of Vatican Council II stated that the Pope “*is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful.*” In union with the Pope are the bishops. Each bishop is appointed to exercise authority over a particular territory called a diocese.

Each bishop is truly to act as a shepherd for his diocese. With the assistance of priests and deacons, he exercises his office over the portion of the People of God assigned to him. In overseeing his diocese, the bishop must insure the authentic teaching of the Catholic faith, the proper and regular celebration of the sacraments, and other acts of devotion, the fostering of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and the governing of the diocese with loyalty to the Pope. To accomplish these tasks, the bishop extends his authority to his priests, each of whom is usually responsible for a parish, a territorial subdivision of the diocese. Moreover, the bishop also makes an *ad limina* visit every five years to the Pope to report on the life of the diocesan church. Therefore, the Bishop is the visible source and foundation for the unity within his diocese as well as for the unity of the diocese with the universal church.

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: Patrick Jackson, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Christina Skerrett, Eddie Curzon, Joan Bradley, Derek Gregory, and Joseph Burrows.

CONSIDERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Do you think God might be calling you to follow Him in the Catholic Church? Do you know of others who are curious about our Catholic Faith, or someone lapsed from the Catholic Faith? Speak to a priest to start learning more about what Catholics believe. Let pray for all converts and returning souls.

FIRST CONFESSION & HOLY COMMUNION

For those families with children who are currently at least 8 years old [school year 4+] who would like to consider preparing for these two Sacraments in our parish in 2026, there are still enquiry forms at the back of both our churches to be completed and returned to the parish office by **this Sunday, 19th October 2025**. An initial information session for parents was held *before* Sunday Morning Mass today [Sunday, 19th October at 10.30am].

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Swarbrick will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for us, within Mass, on Sunday 16th November. Please pray for those preparing for this Sacrament.

In anticipation of this Sacrament being celebrated around the Easter Season next year, Fr Etienne & Fr Chapple would like to invite young parishioners who are school year 6+ and who are not confirmed to complete an enquiry form from our church porches and returned this to our priests by Sunday 23rd November.

THINKING OF BEING A PRIEST?

Young men 16+ are invited to come to a day of recollection and discernment on Saturday 22nd November [10.00am-4.00pm] at Lancaster Cathedral. The day will include Mass, Adoration, guided prayer, talks to assist discernment and lunch. Speak with our priests if you are interested.

APF MISSION BOXES

There is a second collection this weekend [18th/19th October] for Mission Sunday. Please bring your Red *Missio* boxes for emptying. Thank you.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

During this month of October, we continue to pray the Rosary 20 minutes before Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Please sign up in the church porches to lead the rosary one weekend.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE

The third session of this world-renowned course is this Wednesday, 15th October, at 7.00pm. For more information visit www.comeandsee.org Fr Etienne has some Bible Timeline cards.

‘SOUL LIGHTS’

Our 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. These ‘Soul Lights’ can be purchased from St Joseph’s Holy Shop for £2.50 each and will be lit at the St Joseph’s Altars in our churches.

NOVEMBER LISTS

November List Envelopes, completed and placed in our ‘Holy Souls’ boxes, will be moved to the Sanctuary on All Souls Day [Monday 3rd November] and remain there throughout the month of November. Any money enclosed will be used for Holy Souls Masses.

N.B: For Mass to be offered specifically for your deceased loved ones please use the regular Mass envelopes provided.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD & THE BLESSING OF GRAVES

You are invited to join our priests at this year’s prayers for the Dead, this will include the blessing of graves:

- Monday 3rd November, 2.00pm at Preston Cemetery (Meet at the gates on Miller Road). Blessing the graves of our priests and families.
- Tuesday 11th November, at 10.45am at the War Memorial outside St Alphonsa’s Cathedral [formally St Ignatius], with school children.
- Tuesday 11th November, at 2.00pm at Preston Cemetery [By the Cemetery Office], with school children.

READERS AT MASS

Could those who read at Mass stay for a brief time after Masses *next* weekend, 25th/26th for a little formation and housekeeping. You are welcome to stay if you would like to start reading at Mass!

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