



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

7th June 2026

CORPUS CHRISTI [A]

	Time	Church	
Sunday 7th June <i>Corpus Christi</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>Holy Souls</i>
	2.00pm	SWal	<i>Followed by a short Eucharistic Procession around church and Benediction</i> Deanery Eucharistic Procession <i>Meet at St Walburge's – see notice for details</i> NO BENEDICTION @ ST JOSEPH'S
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 8th June <i>of 10th week of the Year</i>	6.00pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	EM	Mass <i>Lillykuty Michael</i>
Tuesday 9th June <i>St Columba</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Phylis Journeaux</i>
Wednesday 10th June			No Public Mass
Thursday 11th June <i>St Barnabas</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am		Mass <i>Lyn Rochford</i> <i>with children from St Joseph's school</i>
Friday 12th June <i>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	6.00pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass <i>Cecilia Kumani</i>
Saturday 13th June <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>St Anthony</i>
	10-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	6.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Rita Bamber</i> <i>with Missio Appeal</i>
Sunday 14th June <i>Eleventh Week of the Year</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>with Missio Appeal</i>
	12.45pm	SJ	Baptism <i>Esme Grabkowska-Maddison</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	<i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Mgr E Pyke</i> <i>with Missio Appeal</i>

EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]

SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]

CORPUS CHRISTI

Today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; *Corpus Christi* invites us to reflect on the nature of the Eucharist – the True and Abiding Presence of Jesus; and also, to reflect on how fervent our own belief in the Eucharist is. Are we caught up in rapture with amazement at this most wonderful miracle?

For the origins of the universal feast, we go back to the 13th century; a time of some disbelief or incorrect belief about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In 1263, a priest named Peter from Prague was on pilgrimage to Rome. A good, pious priest who strived for holiness, he struggled with doubts about the Holy Eucharist. He agonized over the nature of this miracle.

During this pilgrimage, he was celebrating Mass at the tomb of St. Christina and as soon as he said the words of consecration – “This is my Body” – the host in his hands began to bleed down his arms and onto the altar cloth below. He was awestruck and began to cry. Pope Urban IV was in the nearby town of Orvieto and he went to him. After investigating, the Pope declared a miracle and had the corporal brought to the cathedral in Orvieto. You can still go and see that blood-stained corporal there today.

Today, we pray that through the great gift of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus, we may be nourished, that we may be united with our Lord, united with one another and assured of our eternal home in Heaven. May God increase in us our love, our belief, our fervour for the Most Holy Body and Blood of His Son.

As St Thomas Aquinas wrote in a hymn for this feast, ‘may our tongues sing, (of this) the saviour’s glory.’

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 Seamus Flannery, Lyn Rochford and all whose anniversaries occur: Jim Aherne, Peggy Davies, Gary Moran, Joyce Allen, and Sandra Pajak.

SHRINE CHURCH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

The Vigil Mass [Saturday evening], continues to be celebrated at St Joseph's. Monday evening Adoration and Mass is being celebrated in the War Memorial Chapel at English Martyrs.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has responded so positively in recent weeks to deepening co-responsibility in our parish. Do please continue to consider how you can still practically volunteer.

YOUTH CONFERENCES THIS SUMMER

Fr Etienne would like to hear from families and young people who may be interested in attending the following conferences this Summer. Please do not be put off if your family is unable to meet the full cost, speak with Fr Etienne as soon as possible.

- **SUMMERTIME AT AMPLEFORTH:** Monday 20th July to Thursday 23rd July. The cost £180.00. Set in the grounds of Ampleforth Abbey near York, the Faith Northern Summertime break is an exciting four days for 10–15-year-olds, combining both faith and fun activities in a relaxed holiday setting. The week is structured around getting to know God and each other and includes Holy Mass each day, talks about the Catholic Faith, discussions, prayer, quizzes, arts and crafts, games, sports and a visit to Flamingo Land.
- **FAITH SUMMER SESSION AT AMPLEFORTH:** Monday 27th July to Friday 31st July. Cost: £240 student / unwaged: £215. The five days provide time of social, spiritual and catechetical activities for 16–30-year-olds. A series of talks is given, each building on the other, to develop a coherent, dynamic vision of the faith. There is daily Mass, morning and night prayer, time in exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions. The afternoons are free for playing sports, walking, or simply relaxing. At the same time, the evening's activities include a *ceilidh* and Quiz night.

DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

This Sunday is Corpus Christi, and our annual Deanery Procession takes place at St. Walburge's, starting at 2.00pm. Our children who received First Holy Communion this year are encouraged to join the procession to strew petals before the Blessed Sacrament in an Act of Thanksgiving.

'MISSIO RED BOX THANK YOU & APPEAL'

Next weekend, we welcome Fr Noah Monday, a Mill Hill Missionary, to give an Appeal at all Masses in the parish to thank Red Box holders for their support and prayers and to encourage us all make the simple gesture of having a Red Box in our homes, or to give in other ways towards the work of *Missio*. You can find some more information on the *Missio* website: <https://missio.org.uk/>

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA

The relics of St Gerard Majella will be visiting Preston in June. This is part of the nationwide tour to celebrate the 300th anniversary since St Gerard's birth. He is popularly known as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. On Friday 19th June, the relics will come to us at St Joseph's and will be available for veneration between 5.30pm-6.20pm, followed by a votive Mass, with Sermon, at 6.30pm. After Mass, there will be an opportunity to be blessed with the relics.

ST JOHN XXIII SVP

Once again, please consider joining our SVP Conference, who are especially looking for a Treasurer. This is a critical time to consider how our Conference functions and to imagine what its service looks like in our parish. Meeting this Tuesday 9th June at 5.00pm in the Lancaster Room at St Joseph's. To find out more: www.svp.org.uk/

DIOCESEAN EDUCATION MASS

Parishioners are most welcome to join Bishop Paul Swarbrick on Thursday 25th June at Lancaster Cathedral for the annual Mass for Education at 6.30pm.

LARK HILL ASSOCIATION

The 125th Anniversary Celebration will take place at Cardinal Newman College on Saturday June 27th from 11.30am. To find out more please contact Janet Metcalf on 07713300192 or email janet.metcalf53@icloud.com

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