



# 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 4<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Nativity/Baptism - Double Edition [A]

Upcoming Masses & Services the next two weeks:

	Time	Church	
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Second Sunday After the Nativity</i>	5.30 - 5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	SJ	Mass   Rita McGarrigie
	11.15am	SJ	Mass   People of the Parish
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass   Canon A Walsh
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Monday of Christmas Season</i>	6.00pm	EM	Vigil Mass   Betty Carr
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	10:00am	SJ	Mass   Danuta Baut
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass   People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Raymond of Penyafort</i>			No Public Mass
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Thursday after Epiphany</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass   Helen Agnew
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Friday after Epiphany</i>	10.30am	SJ	Requiem Mass   Joyce Cooper
	6.00pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass   Kathleen Morrison
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturdays</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass   Rosamond Sutton
	10.00-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	5.30 - 5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	SJ	Mass   Dativa Macahivig Timtiman
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	10.30am	SJ	First Confession Preparation Session [3]
	11.15am	SJ	Mass   Denis Sumner
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	with the Baptism of Adrian Ezeani
	5.00pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	6.00pm	EM	Mass   Rufino Timtiman
	6.30pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Kentigern/St Hilary</i>	9.00am	SJ	Mass   War Dead
	9.30am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Of 1<sup>st</sup> week of the year</i>			Mass   Linda Taylor
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Of 1<sup>st</sup> week of the year</i>			No Public Mass
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Of 1<sup>st</sup> week of the year</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass   Special Intention
	6.00pm	SJ	Confirmation Preparation Session [6]
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Anthony</i>	6.00pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass   Canon Eugene Dolan
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Second Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Peace</i> <i>Start of Christian Unity Octave</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass   Rosamond Sutton
	10.00-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	5.30 - 5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	SJ	Mass   People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Second Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Peace</i> <i>Start of Christian Unity Octave</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass   Clara-Marie Ints
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass   Catherine Lonergan
EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]		SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]	

## 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: Joyce Cooper, Fr Osmond Aisbitt and all whose anniversaries occur: Anthony Fielding, Carman Roca, John Beech, Mark Finley, Joseph Catterall, John Beattie, Kenneth Carter, Dennis Morgan, Iain Mellis.

## SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL [SVP]

We had an encouraging initial response to rallying our SVP, now we need to make good on these intentions! A meeting of the Parish SVP Conference will take place at St Joseph's presbytery on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm – all are welcome to attend. You can find out more about the SVP from their website: [www.svp.org.uk/](http://www.svp.org.uk/)

**Please do consider joining the SVP!**

## SUNDAY BENEDICTION: PAUSE

There is a *pause* in the celebration of Benediction on Sundays at St Joseph's. Benediction will resume, with Stations of the Cross, in Lent, on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

## TEA & COFFEE ON SUNDAYS

A few more recruits are needed for Tea & Coffee at St Joseph's on Sundays. Any costs incurred can be recouped from donations. Sign up on the sheet in the Lancaster Room. Thank you to our volunteers!

## SHRINE CHURCH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

Following the safety concerns at the Church of English Martyrs, the Vigil Mass [on Saturday evening] continues, at this time, to take place at St Joseph's. We require further reflection and consideration about the future, and so, I will get together with those who regularly worship at English Martyrs in the New Year to reflect with them on the limited options before us. I would be pleased to have those who fulfil any ministry at Mass to do so in the same way at St Joseph's. At this time, Mass in the War Memorial Chapel on Monday evenings, will continue. Thank you for your support! *Fr E*

## FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next weekend our sacramental preparation resumes for First Confession & First Holy Communion. Preparation is at 10.30am on Sunday Morning at St Joseph's in the Lancaster Room.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped ready things for Christmas, much goes unseen, and those who contribute to the Sacred Liturgy. Thank you for your kind greetings, cards, gifts and your continued support to Fr Chapple and myself. Thank you especially to our English Martyrs parishioners who have shown great patience and understanding at this difficult time. *Fr E*

## CRIB COLLECTIONS

Do still consider contributing to our Crib Collection. Our collection, this year is for our SVP Conference. This collection continues to be open until the Presentation of the Lord, 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

## EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES

Blessed Chalk and Epiphany Water [bring your own receptacle for the latter] with a small instruction card is available from this weekend, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

This beautiful tradition is a good opportunity to have your priests come and bless your home [again!]. If you would like a priest to make a brief visit for house blessing, please do send us an email and we can make an arrangement.

## CONFIRMATION

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January our sacramental preparation begins for Confirmation. Preparation begins at 6.00pm at St Joseph's, in the Lancaster Room. Candidates and families should also be coming to Mass on Sunday/Saturday evening.

## WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

Over the weekend, 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> January, there will be the annual appeal and collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children [SPUC]. Please do continue to pray for and support this important work for the protection of life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Do consider joining our local branch meetings at St Joseph's on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 2.00pm.

## COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

Non-perishable food goods for those in need can be placed in the buckets found in the porches of our two churches. Thank you for your contributions.

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