



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

5th/12th April 2026

Easter Sunday/ Second Sunday of Easter [A]

	Time	Church	
Sunday 5th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	7.00pm	SJ	Easter Vigil Mass <i>Converts</i> Mass begins with the Blessing of the Easter Fire in the Car Park Mass includes Baptisms & Confirmations
	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Edmund Noblett</i>
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 6th April <i>Easter Monday</i>	10.00am	SJ	Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Tuesday 7th April <i>Easter Tuesday</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Tuson Family</i>
Wednesday 8th April <i>Easter Wednesday</i>	10.00am	SJ	Funeral Service <i>Peter Hartley</i>
Thursday 9th April <i>Easter Thursday</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Rosamond Sutton</i>
Friday 10th April <i>Easter Friday</i>	6.00pm	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass <i>Joyce Cooper</i>
Saturday 11th April <i>Easter Saturday</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Canon Eugene Dolan</i>
	10-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>John Boylan</i>
Sunday 12th April <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Patrica Hatch</i>
	12.30pm	SJ	Baptism <i>Dominic Skadlubowicz</i>
	2.50pm	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	3.00pm	SJ	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Devotions
	3.15 - 4.15pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	4.30pm	SJ	Benediction
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Edith Laing</i>
Monday 13th April <i>St Martin</i>	6.00pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	EM	Mass <i>June Kennedy 90th B/day</i>
Tuesday 14th April <i>of the 2nd week of Easter</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 15th April <i>of the 2nd week of Easter</i>			<i>No Public Mass</i>
Thursday 16th April <i>St Bernadette</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Fr J O'Connor</i>
Friday 17th April <i>of the 2nd week of Easter</i>	9.45am	SJ	Funeral Service <i>Andrew Turner</i>
	6.00pm	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass <i>Rosamond Sutton</i>
Saturday 18th April <i>of the 2nd week of Easter</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
	10-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 19th April <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Peace in the World</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	Rosary & Benediction
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>

EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]

SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]

HAPPY EASTER!

*Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,
let this holy building shake with joy,
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.*

With the whole Church we are filled with joy in the Resurrection of Christ! Christ's victory is ours also, a victory won by love in the face of evil. Not avoiding evil, not passing it by, but moving right through it, God opens a path to freedom through the abyss, this is our hope that we rejoice in. The Power of God is at work for us and in us, through the Church.

We give particular thanks to God for those brought to the saving font of Baptism and strengthened and sealed by the descending of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Prayerful congratulations to Anna, Rowan, Martin and Emilia.

The Fathers wish you and your families a Happy Easter, enjoy the entire 50 days! With renewed thanks for those who prepared our church, assisted in the liturgies and for all your support!

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: Peter Hartley, Andrew Turner and all whose anniversaries occur: Hubert Cromie, Gerald O'Brien, Mark Weyer, Laszlo Horvath, Gerald Langan, John Boylan, Katrina Brady, Holly Paterson, Tracy Osborne, Edith Worden, Tomilia Matthews.

SHRINE CHURCH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

The Vigil Mass [on Saturday evening], continues to be celebrated at St Joseph's. Monday evening Adoration and Mass are celebrated in the War Memorial Chapel. Thank you for your support! *Fr E*

GIVING TO YOUR PARISH

A new financial year begins in early April, perhaps, if you can, you could consider your regular offering. If you are a taxpayer who makes cash offerings to the parish and would like a set of *Gift Aid* envelopes, please speak with one of the priests.

Perhaps you could make your offering or part of it by standing order? This can also be claimed against the tax you contribute, if declared.

Thank you for your continued support!

Setting up a Standing Order: St John XXIII,
Sort Code: 40-27-02 A/C: 71335391 [HSBC UK]

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is Sunday 12th April. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed shortly before 3.00pm and the chaplet will be recited at 3.00pm. The Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed until Benediction at 4.30pm. Confessions between 3.15pm–4.15pm. Mass follows at 5.00pm.

*A plenary indulgence is granted to all those who recite the chaplet, receive Holy Communion, and go to Confession over the course of the weekend.

EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS

If you would like your home to be blessed by your priests during the Easter season [until Pentecost] with the water blessed at the Easter Vigil, please contact one of our priests [details below].

ANN FENWICK

Ann Fenwick was an important figure in the cause for Catholic freedoms in this country and founded a Catholic Mission in the 18th Century at Hornby, outside of Lancaster. Our Bishop is discussing the possibility of opening her cause for canonisation. Perhaps we can begin to get to know Ann Fenwick, and pray for this cause. You are invited to attend an anniversary Mass for her at the Church where she is buried. Tuesday 28th April at 7.00pm at St Wilfrid, Melling, LA6 2RA.

SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN

Please join us for our local annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Saturday 25th April between 11.00am – 1.00pm. Meet on London Road, Preston – just north of Ribble bridge, parking available by the river. For info: email spucpreston@gmail.com

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Our annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine of Our Blessed Lady, will take place from 28th September to 1st October 2026. The All-inclusive costs is £360-£420, depending on accommodation. Pick up and return from Preston, for more information and to book contact Deacon Charlie Connor at Charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk or 07711345176.

"[Christ] has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so." – C.S. Lewis

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