



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, 6th / 13th April 2025 [Two Weeks]

Fifth Sunday of Lent/ Palm Sunday [C]

Upcoming Masses & Services this Week:

	Time	Church	
Sunday 6th April <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Passiontide</i>	5.30pm [Sat]	EM	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>] Mass <i>Canon Kevin Kenny</i> Mass <i>Mary Grealis</i> Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>] Stations of the Cross & Benediction Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>] Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
	6.00pm [Sat]	EM	
	11.15am	SJ	
	12.30-1.00pm	SJ	
	4.00pm	SJ	
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	
Monday 7th April <i>Of the 5th Week of Lent</i>	1.00pm	SJ	Requiem Mass for Kathleen Dowbakin Stations of the Cross Mass <i>Special Intention</i>
	6.00pm	EM	
	6.30pm	EM	
Tuesday 8th April <i>Of the 5th Week of Lent</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass <i>Dilworth Family</i>
	9.30am	SJ	
Wednesday 9th April <i>Of the 5th Week of Lent</i>	12noon	EM	Mass <i>Anthony Bold</i> <i>Followed by novena to the English Martyrs</i>
Thursday 10th April <i>Of the 5th Week of Lent</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass <i>Terry Ingham</i>
	9.30am	SJ	
Friday 11th April <i>Of the 5th Week of Lent</i>	5.00pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance Mass <i>John Boylan</i>
	6.30pm	SJ	
Saturday 12th April <i>Of the 5th Week of Lent</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Philip L Rice</i> Exposition & Sacrament of Penance Baptism of Darcie-Rae Mault Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>] Mass <i>Rachel France</i>
	10.00am	SJ	
	12.30pm	SJ	
	5.00pm	EM	
Sunday 13th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	6.00pm	EM	Mass <i>Derek Rigby</i> Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>] Stations of the Cross & Benediction Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>] Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
	11.15am	SJ	
	12.30-1.00pm	SJ	
	4.00pm	SJ	
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	
Monday 14th April <i>Monday in Holy Week</i>	6.00pm	EM	Stations of the Cross Mass <i>War Dead</i>
	6.30pm	EM	
Tuesday 15th April <i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass <i>Anthony Bold</i>
	9.30am	SJ	
Wednesday 16th April <i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i>	11.30am	EM	Sacrament of Penance Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
	12noon	EM	
Thursday 17th April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	11.30am	SJ	Chrism Mass @ the Cathedral, Lancaster Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>E Sheridan</i> <i>Followed by watching until 9.00pm</i>
	7.00pm		
Friday 18th April <i>Good Friday</i>	10.00am	EM	Stations of the Cross & Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross Solemn Passion
	3.00pm	SJ	
Saturday 19th April <i>Holy Saturday</i>	12noon	SJ	Blessing of Easter Baskets Easter Vigil <i>Rachel France</i> <i>Followed by a celebratory Gathering</i>
	7.00pm	SJ	
Sunday 20th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9.00am	EM	Mass <i>Denis McConville</i> Mass <i>Tommy Farry</i> Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
	11.15am	SJ	
	5.00pm	SJ	

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: Margaret Gavin, Kathleen Dowbakin, Thelma DeRavariere, Maria Poyner, Vera Towers, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gerald O'Brien, Mark Weyer, Laszlo Horvath, John Boylan, Terry Osborne, Edith Worden, Kathleen Wilson, and Kathleen Cairns.

PASSIONTIDE & VEILING

It is customary to veil crucifixes, statues, and images in churches during Passiontide, the last two weeks of Lent. As Jesus begins his sorrowful way to the Cross, he no longer walks openly among us. His glory is hushed, and his divinity is hidden during his suffering and death. The Sacrifice on the Cross, the means of our redemption, lays obscured as do the statues and images of the saints, for if the Master is veiled so, too, are his servants.

HOLY WEEK

O Jesus, who for love of me, didst bear thy cross to Calvary. In thy sweet mercy, grant to me to suffer and to die with thee.

Holy Week is the most important week in Catholicism. With great reverence and reflection, we enter into the final eight days of Jesus' life — from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. **Live these days with the Lord, participate in the mysteries solemnly celebrated in the liturgy.**

A CALL FOR SINGERS!

You are still welcome to speak with Andrew, our organist, before the 11.15am Mass on Sundays at St Joseph's if you are considering joining a little choir. It is important that we all contribute to raising our liturgy to be the greatest offering it can be for God!

ACTION RE: ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

The Third reading vote on this worrying bill is expected to occur on Friday 24th April. The value of human life is at risk in a fundamental way in our country and we much take part in raising our concerns and objections as a Catholic community and as citizens of the state. Please fill in your details on the cards found in our church porches, you can do so at home and post them on, or better still fill them out before you leave church, and we will send them from here.

GOING TO CONFESSION FOR EASTER

Please make every effort to perform your *Easter Duties* by coming to Confession, so as to prepare for our full participation in the Easter mysteries. Confessions are listed [**times in bold**] on the Mass schedule, with additional times provided.

EASTER CLEAN OF OUR CHURCHES

This week for Easter, do join us at:

- St Joseph's 'Brasses' after 9.30am Mass on Tuesday 15th April.
- St Joseph's Church on Saturday 19th April 10.00am.
- English Martyrs on Wednesday 16th April after 12noon Mass.

Refreshments will be provided!

REHEARSALS FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS

In order to prepare for the liturgies of Holy Week, all our altar servers, from both our churches, are invited to a number of practices. We will have a rehearsal on Tuesday 15th April at 6.00pm and on Saturday 19th April at 1.00pm - both at St Joseph's.

OUR EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets are available after weekend Masses, £1.00 a strip. The Raffle will be drawn after Sunday Mass at St Joseph's, 27th April, [Second Sunday of Easter]. To donate prizes [but **not** bric-a-brac] towards the Raffle, please contact the parish office. Cash prizes of £75.00, £50.00 & £25.00 to be won and many other prizes. Please support your parish!

CAFOD APPEAL FOR MYANMAR

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD, through the Catholic Church there, is supporting families affected by the disaster. If you feel able, please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal you can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/Myanmar or by directly calling 0303 303 3030.

GIVING TO YOUR PARISH

If you are a taxpayer and would like a set of *Gift Aid* envelopes, please speak with one of the priests. If you have moved to standing order, or are no longer paying tax, please let the parish office know. Thank you for your continued support!
Setting up a Standing Order:
St John XXIII, Sort Code: 40-27-02. A/C: 71335391 [HSBC UK].

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