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

8th November 2026 **Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year [A] / Remembrance Sunday**

	Time	Church	
Sunday 8th November *Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year & Remembrance Sunday*	5.30-5.50pm 6.00pm 11.15am 4.00pm 4.30-4.50pm 5.00pm	SJ SJ SJ SJ SJ SJ	Sacrament of Penance *[Confessions]* Vigil Mass | *Caron Theresa Christine Bell* Requiem Mass | *War Dead* *followed by Absolution at the Catafalque* *Rosary & Benediction* Sacrament of Penance *[Confessions]* Mass | *Pro Populo*
Monday 9th November *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*	6.00-6.20pm 6.30pm	EM EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass | *Canon David Mahy*
Tuesday 10th November *St Leo the Great*	9.00-9.20am 9.30am 2.00pm 6.00-7.30pm	SJ SJ SI SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass | *Holy Souls – November Lists* *Remembrance Service @* *St Ignatius' War Memorial* *Confirmation Preparation [1]*
Wednesday 11th November *St Martin of Tours*	2.00pm	Cemetery	*Remembrance @ War Memorial* *Prayers for those buried at Preston Cemetery*
Thursday 12th November *St Josaphat*	9-9.20am 9.30am	SJ SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass | *Fred Cavies*
Friday 13th November *Votive of the Holy Cross*	6.00-6.20pm 6.30pm	SJ SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance Mass | *Holy Souls – November Lists*
Saturday 14th November *Our Lady on Saturdays*	9.30am 10.-10.30am 5.30-5.50pm 6.00pm	SJ SJ SJ SJ	Mass | *Bill Jones* Exposition & Sacrament of Penance Sacrament of Penance *[Confessions]* Vigil Mass | *Pro Populo*
Sunday 15th November *Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year*	11.15am 4.00pm 4.30-4.50pm 5.00pm	SJ SJ SJ SJ	Requiem Mass | *Holy Souls – November Lists* *Rosary & Benediction* Sacrament of Penance *[Confessions]* Mass | *Holy Souls – November Lists*
EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]			**SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]**

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

In the heart of autumn, as the leaves turn to vibrant shades of red and gold, a solemn and sacred season begins in the Catholic calendar: the Month of the Holy Souls. Every November offers us a time of deep reflection, prayer, and remembrance for the faithful departed. It is a period when we honour and pray for the souls of the faithful departed, particularly those who may still be in purgatory, awaiting their entry into the eternal glory of heaven.

Central to the Month of the Holy Souls is the concept of purgatory; a state or place where souls are purified before entering heaven. Purgatory is understood as a temporary state of suffering and purification, during which the souls of the deceased are cleansed of their sins and made fit for the eternal presence of God.

Our prayers and sacrifices during the Month of the Holy Souls can aid the souls in purgatory. They also demonstrate love and solidarity with those who have before us, acknowledging that our prayers can alleviate their suffering and hasten their journey to heaven. These acts include our attending Mass more frequently, making prayerful visits to the cemetery, reciting special prayers, such as the Rosary or the Prayer for the Holy Souls, and completing our 'November Lists' to be remembered at Mass in prayer. All these acts affirm the enduring connection between the living and the dead. The Month of the Holy Souls reminds us that, ultimately, our hope rests in God's loving and merciful embrace.

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 David Mahy, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maureen Cardwell, and Uriah Hypolite.

PARISH CENSUS

If you are still to complete a new **parish census form**, **please do so.** These forms can be found in the church porch or on our website. You can share this form with neighbours and relations who are lapsed within the parish for them to complete their record on our census. Post a form through their doors; a gentle 'hint' for Catholics to come home!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Please do make yourself and your family known to Fr Etienne. Welcome, also, to any visitors among us! All are most welcome!

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2027

Thank you for those families with children who have registered for sacramental preparation in our parish. Now this year's deadline[s] is passed, you will have received, or will be receiving an email shortly, from Fr Etienne, introducing you to the dates of preparation in the coming months. Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you regularly at Sunday Mass in our Parish – the best preparation!

ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SHOP

Our 'Holy Shop' is open after 11.15am Mass at St Joseph's with Christmas items now available. Otherwise, do speak with Fr Etienne if you require something from the Holy shop.

COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

Non-perishable food goods for those in need can be placed in the bucket found in the church porch.

MATER ECCLESIAE – *Multi-Academy Trust*

Parents considering applying for places in our parish schools must make sure to complete the school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF). This enables the school to apply its admissions criteria for admitting Catholic Children. Scan the QR code to visit the *MAT*'s admission page which directs you to our various parish schools.

NOVEMEBER

"We must say many prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, for one must be so pure to enter heaven." *Saint John Vianney*

CHILDRENS' CATECHESIS

Thank you to those parents who encouraged their children to be part of last Sunday's Catechesis [on All Saints' Day]. We will have another catechesis in the Advent season.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN ALTAR SERVERS' DINNER

It was good that, together with Fr Etienne, several of our parish altar servers attended the annual diocesan dinner on Wednesday 5th November in Kendal, along with servers from parishes across the Diocese of Lancaster.

NOVEMBER LISTS

Do remember to complete a pious *November List* of your departed souls you. Place the list in a Holy Souls Envelope, found in the church porch or at St Joseph's Altar and place this list in the 'Holy Souls Box' at St Joseph's Altar. Money enclosed in these envelopes will be used for Holy Souls Masses.

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

PRAYERS & BLESSING OF GRAVES

You are warmly invited to join our Annual Prayers for the Dead, including the Blessing of Graves:

- On Tuesday 10th November, at 2.00pm – Remembrance Service at St Ignatius, with prayers at the War Memorial.
- On Wednesday 11th November, at 2.00pm, at Preston Cemetery [by the Cemetery Office, off New Hall Lane], with school children.

SPUC - PRESTON

The next *SPUC* meeting next Saturday, 14th November at St Joseph's [on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 2.00pm]. All are welcome to join.

LANCASTER CATHEDRAL: SPIRE APPEAL

Please visit: www.saveourspire.com for details of this important fundraising campaign.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS: *FOR NOVEMBER*

For the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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