



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

17th May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter [A]

	Time	Church	
Sunday 17th May <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> <i>World Communications Day</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>Lyn Rochford</i>
			With First Holy Communions
	4.00pm	SJ	Rosary & Benediction
	4.30-4.50pm 5.00pm	SJ SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>] Mass <i>Canon Joseph Leo Prescott</i>
Monday 18th May <i>St John I</i>	6.00pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	EM	Mass <i>St Augustine Foundation [3]</i>
Tuesday 19th May <i>St Dunstan</i>	9.30am	SI	Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> <i>at St Ignatius' School, parishioners welcome</i>
Wednesday 20th May <i>St Bernardine of Siena</i>			<i>No Public Mass</i>
Thursday 21st May <i>St Christopher of Magallanes</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Dilworth Family</i> <i>with children from St Teresa's school</i> <i>May Procession @ St Joseph's school</i> <i>Parishioners welcome</i>
	2.00pm		
Friday 22nd May <i>St Rita of Cascia</i>	2.00pm	SJ	<i>May Procession @ St Teresa's school</i> <i>Parishioners welcome</i>
	6.00pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass <i>Tuson Family</i>
Saturday 23rd May <i>of 7th week of Easter</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>LISCF</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>Gabrielle Sudell [b/day Ann 100]</i>
Sunday 24th May <i>PENTECOST</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Thanksgiving/Sick/Souls</i>
	12.45pm	SJ	Baptism <i>Matilda Weyer</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	Rosary & Benediction
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]

SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]

ST DUNSTAN [909 – 988]

St Dunstan was born near Glastonbury and educated at the nearby abbey. He joined the king's household, but was soon expelled from court, accused of being a magician. Later, he was ordained priest at Winchester. King Edmund appointed him as abbot of Glastonbury, though later his fortunes changed and he was exiled to Ghent. Some years later, King Edgar recalled him to England to serve as Bishop, first at Worcester, then London and finally as Archbishop of Canterbury. He composed the Coronation Rite for King Edgar at Bath, the basis of the Coronation Rite still in use today. This collaboration between King and Archbishop led to reform of the Church in England, largely through the monastic orders, and was later regarded as a 'golden age.' With the king, he made laws, administering justice. He was described during this time as Dunstan "the peaceful."

He is considered one of the three makers of England before the Norman Conquest: the others being King Alfred and King Athelstan. He was connected with the royal family of Wessex. He is the patron of goldsmiths and workers in metals. He acquired many skills as well as being well-read. He was also eminently practical and sought to pass this combination on to all religious institutes in the land. He wished to restore the ancient English tradition of Bede, Cuthbert, and Aldhelm.

Above all, however, Dunstan was first and foremost a man of prayer. His earliest biographer wrote "One thing at least I can declare, that although he had spent his years here below under the veil of flesh, yet in spirit, whether awake or asleep, he lived always above this world, for 'his homeland was in heaven.'"

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, John Doway, and all whose anniversaries occur: Adrian Southworth, Pat Smith, Peter Bierne.

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, however, are being celebrated in the War Memorial Chapel at English Martyrs.

Thank you for your support! *Fr E*

REQUESTING BAPTISM

Catholic parents, who desire to bring their children up in the practice of the Faith, should make their request for Baptism to Fr Etienne, in person, immediately after attending one of our weekend Masses. After returning the enquiry form you will be contacted to arrange for preparation.

ADULT CONFIRMATION & CONVERTS

The Easter Season is all about the Sacraments, the bringing forth souls to the saving font of rebirth in Baptism and the Holy Spirit being set upon us, descending in Confirmation. This is a joy for us to witness in others and to rekindle in ourselves. However, it is a question to us, how to encourage my family to remain close to the mysteries of our faith; how can I bring others to Christ?

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU

In every generation, each parish needs the generosity and talents of parishioners for various forms of service. These include: Care of the Church, Hospitality, Sharing our Faith, Liturgy and Worship, Community Service and Parish Administration. All these areas in our parish involve the work of parishioners [thank you!] however, each area needs much strengthening. Fr Etienne would like to hear from you if you can help, if you are unsure what you can bring or how you can help, do still speak with him as soon as possible.

OPENING CHURCH

One essential task is taking responsibility to open church before Masses, especially at weekends. If you can assist on a rota, do let Fr Etienne know. Fr Etienne will meet with such volunteers after the 11.15am Mass on Sunday 31st May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: MANY CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our young parishioners receiving Holy Communion for the first time this weekend: *Jude, Kaelan, Whitney, Roman, Milan, Paul, Amelia, Natan, Leon, Garcia, Emilia, Rowan, Oliwier, Wyatt, Charley, Valentyna, Nadia, Dominic.*

MAY PROCESSIONS AROUND THE PARISH

Parishioners are very welcome to join the two processions this week in our parish.

- Thursday 21st May, 2.00pm from St Joseph's school processing into church.
- Friday 22nd May, 2.00pm at St Teresa's processing around the school grounds.

DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

On the Sunday of Corpus Christi, 7th June, our annual deanery [Preston] Procession will take place at St. Walburge's Church, beginning at 2.00pm, concluding with Benediction. The children receiving their First Holy Communion this year are especially encouraged to join to strew petals before the Blessed Sacrament in an Act of Thanksgiving.

N.B: No Benediction at St Joseph's that Sunday.

PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

These bodies of consultation and collaboration within our parish need to start meeting again. Thank you to those who served in the past. If you feel able to practically continue in this service, we will meet on the following dates, at the Presbytery:
Fabric & Finance Council – Tuesday 26th May, 7pm
Pastoral Council – Tuesday 9th June, 7pm
If you have particular skills to assist in these works, please do speak with Fr Etienne.

THINKING OF BEING A PRIEST?

A day of recollection and discernment for single men 16 years+ considering priesthood: Saturday 30th May: 12.15pm – 2.30pm at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster LA1 3BT. Starting with 12.15pm Mass, followed by lunch and meeting with Bishop Paul.
Contact: Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk or Vocations Director, Canon Ruscillo, luiz.ruscillo@lrcd.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, National Shrine of Our Lady, 28th Sept to 1st Oct 2026. Pick up and return from Preston. For info contact: Deacon Charlie Conner at Charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk

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