



# 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

15<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Sixth Sunday of the Year [A]

### Upcoming Masses & Services this week:

	Time	Church	
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Day of Prayer – Unemployed</i>	5.30 - 5.50pm 6.00pm 11.15am 4.30 - 4.50pm 5.00pm	SJ SJ SJ SJ SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions] Mass   <i>Rosy's Intentions</i> Mass   <i>Manuel Francis &amp; Ana Garca</i> Sacrament of Penance [Confessions] Mass   <i>Richard Adamson</i>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of the year</i>	6.00pm 6.30pm	EM EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass   <i>Patricia Galloway</i>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of the year</i>	9.00am 9.30am	SJ SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass   <i>John &amp; Mary Docherty</i>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Ash Wednesday: Lent begins</b> <i>Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence</i>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	SJ SJ	Mass   <i>Nicasio Timtiman Jr with the imposition of Ashes</i> Mass   <i>Holy Souls with the imposition of Ashes</i>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	9.00am 9.30am	SJ SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass   <i>Pohcoronio Timtiman</i>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	2.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	SJ SJ SJ	Funeral Service   <i>John Marsh</i> Exposition & Sacrament of Penance Mass   <i>Rose Woods</i>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	9.30am 10-10.30am 2.00pm 5.30 - 5.50pm 6.00pm	SJ SJ SJ SJ SJ	Mass   <i>LISCF</i> Sacrament of Penance [Confessions] <i>Rite of Election @ the Cathedral</i> Sacrament of Penance [Confessions] Mass   <i>Thomas Woods</i>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	11.15am 4.00pm 4.30 - 4.50pm 5.00pm	SJ SJ SJ SJ	Mass   <i>Sylvia Kellett</i> Stations of the Cross & Benediction Sacrament of Penance [Confessions] Mass   <i>Narcisa Brasas</i>

EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]

SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]

### LENT

In recent years, we have come to understand what it means to be quarantined. The days of Covid gave us all this insight. This is useful when we consider entering into the Lenten season, for the word *quarantine* comes from a Venetian dialect meaning “40 days.” Quarantining can therefore be connected with Jesus’ 40 days in the desert and the 40 days of Lent when we work on our spiritual health in the “metaphorical desert” with God before Easter. The 40 day quarantine was intended to separate those who are, or who may be, physically sick from the rest of the world in order to heal physically and spiritually before re-entering the community.

And so, it is with Lent. During Lent, we separate ourselves from the world, as we are able – from our attachments, our false gods [be it time, money, fame, or that particular indulgence you have] – and our bad habits in order to work on the health of our souls. But as it is not advisable to treat ourselves for physical ailments, we cannot treat ourselves for spiritual ailments either. We need a team of spiritual physicians, nurses, therapists, and others to help prepare our souls for the Resurrection.

First and foremost, Christ is our physician, and we must turn to him in prayer. Secondly, the Church recommends to us spiritual reading during Lent. We turn to the spiritual greats, those who guide us in prayer and help bring our ailments to Christ. Thirdly, we have priests, the sacraments, and our parish community to heal and sustain us. Finally, we have our families and friends to support us as we delve into our souls and address the areas that need work. What is your nutrition regime this Lent? What medicines are you taking?

## 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: Fr Peter Foulkes, John Marsh, Margaret Cutler, and all whose anniversaries occur: Mary (Leonora) Hall, Alfred Vernon, Carol Newsham, Orlanda Goodchild, Leslie Dale, Lawrence Hatton, Baby Threse Glenn, and Margaret El-Malek.

## FR PETER FOULKES

Please pray for the late Fr Peter Foulkes who served our parish as a former Parish Priest of St Augustine's. His Requiem Mass will take place *this* Monday, at St Bernadette's, Lancaster at 11.00am.

*Eternal rest grant, unto him O Lord*

## SHRINE CHURCH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

Following the safety concerns at English Martyrs, the Vigil Mass [on Saturday evening], is currently celebrated at St Joseph's.

Monday evening Adoration and Mass continues to be celebrated at this time in the War Memorial Chapel. Thank you for your support! *Fr E*

## VIGIL MASS TEA & COFFEE

If parishioners would like to re-establish Tea & Coffee after the Saturday evening Mass [Sunday Vigil] on the first Saturday of the month, then please do volunteer to organise this via the sign-up sheet in the Lancaster Room. Thank you!

## CLEANING/MAINTENANCE ST JOSEPH'S

If you can give some time to this work a rota is available in the church porch for individuals and families to volunteer.

## ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING

**After the 11.15am Mass on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March** there will be a little on-going training session for Altar Servers. If others would like to serve at Mass [perhaps those preparing for 1st Holy Communion] do come along for a brief introduction.

The older men of the parish, who may have served as boys, are encouraged to consider perhaps serving at weekday Masses and for funerals.

## PARISH SOCIAL

After Mass next Sunday morning, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, there will be a little parish social in the Lancaster Room. Please could parishioners contribute food and drinks for the shared lunch. Thank you!

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins *this Wednesday*, 18<sup>th</sup> February! Do please make every effort to attend church to receive your ashes to start the holy season well.

9.30am – St Joseph – Mass with Ashes

10.00-10.30am - Confessions

6.00-6.20pm - Confessions

6.30pm – St Joseph – Mass with Ashes

## LENT

Think now how you may use the opportunity of Lent: try to attend Mass on a weekday perhaps, spend time with the Lord in Exposition, donate in our various collections, come to Benediction, participate in the Stations of the Cross, and take up some spiritual reading.

## RITE OF ELECTION

Do pray for our Catechumens and Candidate who will be Presented to Bishop Swarbrick and their names inscribed in the Book of the Elect on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, at 2.00pm at the Cathedral.

## STATIONS & SUNDAY BENEDICTION

The celebration of Benediction on Sundays at St Joseph's will resume next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February: celebrated *after* Stations of the Cross during Lent. Do consider taking part in this beautiful tradition on Sunday afternoons at 4.00pm. Booklets are provided to assist you.

## JOIN OUR SVP!

You are welcome to our next SVP conference meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00pm in the Lancaster Room at St Joseph's. To find out more about the SVP visit their website: [www.svp.org.uk/](http://www.svp.org.uk/)

## CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

This Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day is Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February. Your donations will help hardworking people in some of the world's poorest communities get the tools they need to feed their families. Please give today using the designated envelope, found in our church porch, or to CAFOD *directly* at [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give)

## DAY OF RENEWAL

St Clare's [PR2 9HH] again invite you to their next Day of Renewal entitled, 'Unpacking the Paschal Mystery.' Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am – 4.00pm. Speaker: Fr Emmon Mulchay. See poster in the church porch for details.

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