



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

15th February 2025

Sixth Sunday of the Year [A]

Upcoming Masses & Services this week:

	Time	Church	
Sunday 15th February <i>Sixth Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Day of Prayer – Unemployed</i>	5.30 - 5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	SJ	Mass Rosy's Intentions
	11.15am	SJ	Mass Manuel Francis & Ana Garca
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass Richard Adamson
Monday 16th February <i>of the 6th week of the year</i>	6.00pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	EM	Mass Patricia Galloway
Tuesday 17th February <i>of the 6th week of the year</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass John & Mary Docherty
Wednesday 18th February <i>Ash Wednesday: Lent begins</i> <i>Day of Fasting & Abstinence</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass Nicasio Timtiman Jr with the imposition of Ashes
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass Holy Souls with the imposition of Ashes
Thursday 19th February <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass Pohcoronio Timtiman
Friday 20th February <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	2.00pm	SJ	Funeral Service John Marsh
	6.00pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass Rose Woods
Saturday 21st February <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	9..30am	SJ	Mass LISCF
	10-10.30am	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	2.00pm		Rite of Election @ the Cathedral
	5.30 - 5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
Sunday 22nd February <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	6.00pm	SJ	Mass Thomas Woods
	11.15am	SJ	Mass Sylvia Kellett
	4.00pm	SJ	Stations of the Cross & Benediction
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass Narcisa Brasas
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 1st 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, 22nd 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*, 18th 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 21st February, at 2.00pm at the Cathedral.

STATIONS & SUNDAY BENEDICTION

The celebration of Benediction on Sundays at St Joseph's will resume next Sunday, 22nd 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 24th 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/

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

This Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day is Friday, 27th 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

DAY OF RENEWAL

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

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