



# 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

23<sup>rd</sup> August/6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026 [Double Edition]

Twenty-First/Twenty Third Weeks of the Year [A]

|                                                                                                                 | Time          | Church                          |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b><br><i>Twenty-First Sunday of the Year</i>                                  | 5.30-5.50pm   | SJ                              | Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]     |
|                                                                                                                 | 6.00pm        | SJ                              | Vigil Mass   Christopher Sudell        |
|                                                                                                                 | 11.15am       | SJ                              | Mass   Elizabeth Noblett               |
|                                                                                                                 |               |                                 | <b>No Benediction in August</b>        |
|                                                                                                                 | 4.30-4.50pm   | SJ                              | Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]     |
|                                                                                                                 | 5.00pm        | SJ                              | Mass   People of the Parish            |
| <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>St Bartholomew</i>                                                   | 6.30pm        | EM                              | Mass   Peter Smith                     |
| <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>St Louis</i>                                                        | 9.00-9.20am   | SJ                              | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament    |
|                                                                                                                 | 9.30am        | SJ                              | Mass   Leonard Cherry                  |
| <b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>Bl Dominic Barberi</i>                                            |               |                                 | No Public Mass                         |
| <b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>St Monica</i>                                                      | 9.00-9.20am   | SJ                              | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament    |
|                                                                                                                 | 9.30am        | SJ                              | Mass   Support of Rosary & Benediction |
| <b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>St Augustine</i>                                                     | 6.00-6.20pm   | SJ                              | Exposition & Sacrament of Penance      |
|                                                                                                                 | 6.30pm        | SJ                              | Mass   J & M Etienne                   |
| <b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>                                 | 9.30am        | SJ                              | Mass   Priest's Intentions             |
|                                                                                                                 | 10.00-10.30am | SJ                              | Exposition & Sacrament of Penance      |
|                                                                                                                 | 5.30-5.50pm   | SJ                              | Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]     |
|                                                                                                                 | 6.00pm        | SJ                              | Mass   D/M's of Cuerden Family         |
| <b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>Twenty-Second Sunday</i><br><br><i>Second Collection: CaTEW Levy</i> | 11.15am       | SJ                              | Mass   Andrew Hulme                    |
|                                                                                                                 |               |                                 | With First Holy Communion              |
|                                                                                                                 |               |                                 | <b>No Benediction in August</b>        |
|                                                                                                                 | 4.30-4.50pm   | SJ                              | Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]     |
|                                                                                                                 | 5.00pm        | SJ                              | Mass   People of the Parish            |
| <b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b><br><i>St Aidan</i>                                                         | 6.00-6.20pm   | EM                              | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament    |
|                                                                                                                 | 6.30pm        | EM                              | Mass   Joan Bradley                    |
| <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b><br><i>Votive of the Holy Angels</i>                                     | 8.30am        | CtK                             | Mass for Teachers & Staff              |
|                                                                                                                 | 5.00pm        | SJ                              | SVP Conference                         |
| <b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b><br><i>Votive of St Joseph</i>                                         |               |                                 | No Public Mass                         |
| <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b><br><i>St Gregory the Great</i>                                         | 9.00-9.20am   | SJ                              | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament    |
|                                                                                                                 | 9.30am        | SJ                              | Mass   George-Daniel                   |
| <b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><i>St Cuthbert</i>                                                    | 6.00-6.20pm   | SJ                              | Exposition & Sacrament of Penance      |
|                                                                                                                 | 6.30pm        | SJ                              | Mass   Diocese of Lancaster            |
| <b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><i>St Herbert</i>                                                   | 9.30am        | SJ                              | Mass   LISCF                           |
|                                                                                                                 | 10.00-10.30am | SJ                              | Exposition & Sacrament of Penance      |
|                                                                                                                 | 5.30-5.50pm   | SJ                              | Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]     |
|                                                                                                                 | 6.00pm        | SJ                              | Mass   People of the Parish            |
| <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><i>Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year</i>                                | 11.15am       | SJ                              | Mass   Edmund Noblett                  |
|                                                                                                                 | 12.45pm       | SJ                              | Baptism   Jacob Joshua Sandell         |
|                                                                                                                 |               |                                 | <b>No Benediction</b>                  |
|                                                                                                                 | 4.30-4.50pm   | SJ                              | Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]     |
|                                                                                                                 | 5.00pm        | SJ                              | Mass   Mary Boylan                     |
| <b>EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]</b>                                                                           |               | <b>SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]</b> |                                        |

**N.B:** During the Summer, our Parish Newsletters serve for **two Sundays**. Please carefully consult the list above before attending any of our Masses or Services over the next two weeks.

### 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 and all whose anniversaries occur: Terence Eastham, Peter Smith, Brian Cairns, and Lilian Rishton.

### SICK & HOUSEBOUND

If you or a family member has regularly received the sacraments, do not let being housebound or in care stop this relationship with Christ and His Church. If they are not in a position to receive the sacraments, visits and prayers are still important. Please do connect with Fr Etienne to arrange.

### PLACE YOUR MASS INTENTIONS

It is a beautiful and long-standing Catholic tradition for the faithful to ask their priests to celebrate Holy Mass for specified intentions, to benefit both the living and the dead. The offering attached to these Masses also help to support your priests.

### SUNDAY BENEDICTION

During the Summer, there is a break from devotions and Benediction on Sundays. It is hoped that, if better supported, this will resume in September.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for Donna-Marie who will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time *next* Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> August.

### REQUESTING THE SACRAMENTS

When Catholic parents are considering Baptism for their children or discerning their children's readiness to prepare for Penance, Communion or Confirmation please first speak to Fr Etienne at the end of weekend Masses. This is also the best place to start when considering Instruction in the Faith and/or you would like to prepare for Marriage.

### FIRST CONFESSION &

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

For those families with children who are currently at least 8 years old [school year 4+] who would like to consider preparing for these two Sacraments in our parish in 2027, there is an enquiry form at the back of church to be completed and returned to the parish office by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

**N.B.** If a child is already in secondary school when making this enquiry, please speak to Fr Etienne to make appropriate, alternative arrangements for sacramental preparation.

### BLESSING OF SCHOOL BACKPACKS

We pray for all who return to schools and colleges soon, both students and staff. *Next* Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> August at 11.15am Mass, we would like our young parishioners to bring their backpacks with them to Mass. School backpacks will be blessed at the end of Mass for the coming year!

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL

The annual pilgrimage to Ladyewell takes place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Mass in St Mary's, Fernyhalgh is at 11.00am, followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Shrine. Altar Servers wishing to serve and accompany the procession should report to the sacristy at St Mary's at 10.30am, bringing their own cassock and cotta. There is a barbecue for Altar Servers afterwards. Do speak to Fr Etienne.

### ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH

Could I please invite parishioners to stay after Monday evening Mass, 7<sup>th</sup> September for a brief update re: the building. *Fr E*

### LANCASTER ROOM

Unfortunately, and most unexpectedly [given the vast amount of money spent on it in the last 18 months], the Lancaster Room has experienced a significant leak during recent heavy rain. The cause and remedies are being investigated by the contractor and architect. Please have patience if the room is not so readily available at this time. *Fr E*

### ST JOSEPH'S TOWER

As you are already aware, I have been trying to make appropriate repairs to the Tower, which is above part of St Joseph's school, which the parish is responsible for. Having received the opinion and findings of local authorities and experts, I have submitted an application to part-demolish the Tower. You may have come across some poor journalism about this and the further unhelpful comments of others. To be clear, these works are to assist me in returning to concentrating on the true heritage of our working parish church of St Joseph.

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – SECOND COLLECTION**  
*CaTEW* supports the central structure of the Bishops' Conference. Each year all parishes are required to pay a levy for its support. This year's *CaTEW* levy for our parish is **£774.36**. As always, your help in meeting this levy is appreciated.

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