



# 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

SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

The Most Holy Trinity [C]

	Time	Church	
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Most Holy Trinity</i>  <i>Special Collection: Day for Life</i>	5.30 - 5.50pm	EM	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	EM	Mass   <i>Shara (Family)</i>
	11.15am	SJ	Mass   <i>Thanksgiving to St Anthony</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	Sacred Heart Devotions & Benediction
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass   <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>St Richard of Chichester</i>	6.00pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	EM	Mass   <i>Moiria Brown</i>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Of the 11<sup>th</sup> week of the Year</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass   <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Of the 11<sup>th</sup> week of the Year</i>	<b>11.30am</b>	EM	Mass   <i>Rose Canning</i> <i>With children from St Ignatius' school</i>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>St Romuald</i> <i>Votive of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass   <i>In Thanksgiving</i> <i>With children from St Teresa's school</i>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>St Alban</i>	11.00am	SJ	Funeral Service   <i>Peter Beirne</i>
	6.00pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass   <i>Peter Beirne</i>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass   <i>Winnie Campbell</i>
	10.00-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	5.30 - 5.50pm	EM	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	EM	Mass   <i>Shara (Family)</i>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b> <i>Corpus Christi</i> <i>First Holy Communion Sunday</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass   <i>George &amp; Christine Ambroze [50<sup>th</sup>]</i> <i>With First Holy Communions</i>
	2.00pm		<u>*Corpus Christi Procession @ St Walburge*</u>
	4.00pm	SJ	<b>No Devotions &amp; Benediction</b>
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass   <i>Frank Corry</i>
<b>EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]</b>			<b>SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]</b>

### DAY FOR LIFE

This Sunday we are not only celebrating the great truth of our faith, the great mystery of our God in the Most Holy Trinity, we are also keeping the *Day for Life*. The *Day for Life* is a day each year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. As we are well aware as Catholics at this time we have to give great witness to the gift of life and our hope for the gift of life in the face of such opposition in our society at this time as Parliament debates the "right" to die, the determination to kill and bring an end to the gift, given by God, man's final conclusion to rejecting God.

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, the *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. Our Bishops have decided that the theme this year is **Hope does not Disappoint: Finding meaning in Suffering**. It is inspired by Romans 5, 5-6. There, St Paul invites us to see that Christian hope is not just naïve optimism but, rather, an unshakeable trust in the power and presence of God who is with us always. This hope can endure the darkness of human suffering and even see beyond it.

Suffering touches every person at some point in their lives. It is often associated with illness, grief, and loss. It is not only caused by physical pain but includes emotional suffering as well as 'soul pain', such as depression and despair. Christians are not immune to this mystery, and we often struggle to know how best to respond to it, and where we can find hope [Catholic Bishops of England and Wales].

Our prayers, penances, and fasting are needed more than ever for the intention of protecting, promoting, and celebrating the gift of life. This coming Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, our Members of Parliament will vote on legalising abortion up to birth - by the back door, via another bill on crime and policing.

### 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: Peter Beirne, Joyce Allen, Sheila Angerman and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Glenn Jackson, Patrick Callaghan, Shirley Williams, and Rev T. Sullivan.

### SICK & HOUSEBOUND

We pray all our sick and housebound parishioners. If you are unable to attend Holy Mass on Sundays because of ill health and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Fr Etienne or Fr Chapple *directly* [details are found below].

### REQUESTING BAPTISM

Catholic parents of our parish, who desire to bring their children up in the practice of the Faith, should make their request for Baptism to one of our priests, *in person*, immediately after attending one of our weekend Masses. After returning our enquiry form one of the priests will then arrange to meet your family for preparation.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Fr Etienne & Fr Chapple continue to invite young parishioners who are aged 11-14 years old and who are not confirmed to approach them after Sunday Masses if they would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Application forms will then be given to you and should be to us **by next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June.**

### PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

In our church porches, you can find a copy of published minutes from our initial meetings. Please leave the folder with these minutes in the porch for other parishioners, should they wish to read them.

### PARISH PLANING & CHANGES

As we enter the summer, our priests are reflecting on the provisions of Mass in the parish during the week, given the levels of parishioner/institution engagement, and where we should place our energies going forward and given our priests' new responsibilities for HMP Preston and Corpus Christi High School. The Fathers are happy to hear suggestions, to discuss, and to encourage you in actively building up our parish.

### DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Next Sunday, is the great solemnity of Corpus Christi, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, and we join our annual Deanery [Preston] Procession at St. Walburge's, beginning at 2.00pm, and concluding with Benediction.

All Catholics in Preston are strongly encouraged to come as an Act of Witness to our faith and in thanksgiving for the Centenary of our Diocese and as *Pilgrims of Hope* this Holy Year!

### SPUC – PRESTON

**Next Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, at 2.00pm:** You are welcome to attend a meeting of the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* - this meeting seeks to reestablish the Preston branch. An informative talk updating us on assisted suicide will be given. This meeting will be held in the Lancaster Room at St Joseph's. Do make every effort to attend, and perhaps to join the efforts of SPUC locally.

### PARISH SCHOOLS PILGRIMAGE

Parishioners are welcome to join representative groups from our parish schools on a little pilgrimage to Ladyewell on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July. A Procession will take place from St Mary's Church at 10.30am followed by Mass at the shrine at 11.30am.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Swarbrick would like to invite couples in our Diocese celebrating wedding anniversaries this year (1<sup>st</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup>) to a special Mass of Thanksgiving, with an accompanying blessing. This Mass will take place at Lancaster Cathedral, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 12.15pm. Couples wanting their Catholic marriage blessed please email, [clergy@lancastercathedral.org.uk](mailto:clergy@lancastercathedral.org.uk)

### HOLY SHOP

Do make a visit to the 'Holy Shop' at St Joseph's after Sunday morning Mass. With First Holy Communion next week you can purchase a range of religious cards and gifts.

### GIVING TO YOUR PARISH

Have you thought of considering remembering your parish in your will?

How do you make and review your contributions to assist the continuation of your parish?

Setting up a Standing Order, or for one-off donations: St John XXIII, Sort Code: 40-27-02. A/C: 71335391 [HSBC UK]. *Thank you for your support!*

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