



# 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 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter [C]

### Upcoming Masses & Services this Week:

	Time	Church	
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>  <i>Ecclesiastical Education Fund</i>	5.20pm	EM	<i>First Communion Preparation</i>
	5.30 - 5.50pm	EM	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	EM	Mass   <i>Jack Davies</i>
	10.30am	SJ	<i>First Communion Preparation</i>
	11.15am	SJ	Mass   <i>Robert Talbot</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	Rosary & Benediction
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass   <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Sts Nereus &amp; Achilleus</i>	6.00pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	EM	Mass   <i>Darren Kidd RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass   <i>Fr Bernard Charnock</i>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>St Matthias</i>	12noon	EM	Mass   <i>Holy Souls</i> <i>followed by devotions to the English Martyrs</i>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Of 4<sup>th</sup> week of Easter</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass   <i>Boylan Family</i>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Of 4<sup>th</sup> week of Easter</i>	6.00 - 6.20pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass   <i>Canon Kevin Kenny</i>
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>BVM on Saturdays</i>	9.30am	SJ	<b>No Morning Mass</b>
	5.20pm	EM	<i>First Communion Preparation</i>
	5.30 - 5.50pm	EM	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	EM	Mass   <i>Helena Galvin</i>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	10.30am	SJ	<i>First Communion Preparation</i>
	11.15am	SJ	Mass   <i>Alec &amp; Hilda Parkinson</i>
	12.30pm	SJ	<i>Baptism of Max Mark Zilis</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	Rosary & Benediction
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass   <i>John-Paul Kirkby</i>

EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]

SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]

### !! HABEMUS PAPAM !!

We have a Pope! I am sure that you have all been glued to the unique unfolding drama of our Catholic religion in Rome this week. How wonderful it has been to see our western secular society so intrigued with our religion at this time. Watching as you did, you prayed for the Holy Spirit to be powerfully at work in the Conclave and among the Sacred College of Cardinals as they prayed for Peter to appear from among their number. Indeed, Peter did appear and is among us to witness to the world to the Resurrection and to strengthen us, his brothers and sisters in the saving faith of Jesus Christ.

**Pope Leo XIV**, who in this world was Robert Francis Prevost OSA, has been chosen as the 267<sup>th</sup> successor of St Peter. It is a truly enormous responsibility for the Pope to teach, govern, and sanctify the whole Church, to call all people into relationship with Jesus Christ and to maintain the unity of faith in spite of ourselves and the malicious prowling of the devil in this world to wound us, do us harm, and to lead us away from the light of the gospel. Perhaps, our last Leo, Leo XIII offers us a prayer with which to accompany our new Pope, a powerful prayer to accompany each of us, the Prayer to St Michael the Archangel [which we recite after weekday Masses in our parish].

For us in the Diocese of Lancaster, one connection that we can claim, and which ties us to the new Holy Father is his being an Augustinian, the same religious order as our emeritus Bishop Michael Campbell. In fact, he was General of the Order when Bishop Campbell was consecrated in 2008 and so was indeed present in Lancaster Cathedral for the episcopal consecration. Therefore, our new Pope has been with us in Lancaster!

### 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: Tomilia Matthews, Martin Gee and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Adams, Joseph Chapman, Stephen Sill, and Pat Boyd.

### 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].

### EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS

If you would like your home to be blessed by your priests during the Easter season [until Pentecost] with the water blessed at the Easter Vigil, please speak with our priests.

### TEA & TOAST

You are very welcome to stay for a little fraternity after 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays at St Joseph's.

### 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 Christian 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.

### GIVING TO YOUR PARISH

If you are a taxpayer and would like a set of Gift Aid envelopes, please speak with one of the priests.

If you have moved to standing order, or are no longer paying tax, please let the parish office know. Thank you for your continued support!

Setting up a Standing Order:

St John XXIII, Sort Code: 40-27-02. A/C: 71335391 [HSBC UK].

### NATIONAL ALTAR SERVERS MASS

The Archconfraternity of St Stephen invites all Altar Servers and their families to their National Mass, **Next Saturday**, 17<sup>th</sup> May, at Lancaster Cathedral. Please make every effort to attend and to give thanks to God for service at the Altar. Mass is at 12.15pm.

### PRAYER FOR THE POPE

V. Let us pray for Leo, our Pope.

R. May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies. [*Psalm 40:3*]

*Say the Our Father and the Hail Mary.*

O God, Shepherd and Ruler of all Thy faithful people, look mercifully upon Thy servant Leo, whom Thou hast chosen as shepherd to preside over Thy Church. Grant him, we beseech Thee, that by his word and example, he may edify those over whom he hath charge, so that together with the flock committed to him, may he attain everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

### MAY: A MONTH IN HONOUR OF MARY

In May, we offer renewed tributes of faith and love to Mary, the Mother of God. We can do so in the privacy of our own home, by setting up a little altar, and with particular devotion in Church.

Perhaps a prayer to use this month is the traditional *Prayer for England, remembering especially our chief shepherd, Pope Leo XIV.*

*O blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.*

*By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more.*

*Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother.*

*Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the chief Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home.*

*Amen.*

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This Sunday do remember to pray for your Bishop and for your priests. Also pray and encourage in your families and amongst our young men the wonderful vocation of the Priesthood. If you can please also contribute to the special collection.

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