



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

6th September 2026

Twenty Third Week of the Year [A]

Upcoming Masses and Services this week:

	Time	Church	
Sunday 6th September <i>Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year</i>	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	SJ	[Sat 5 th] Vigil Mass <i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Edmund Noblett</i>
	12.45pm	SJ	Baptism <i>Jacob Joshua Sandell</i>
			No Benediction
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Mary Boylan</i>
Monday 7th September <i>Votive of the English Martyrs</i>	6.00-6.20pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	EM	Mass <i>For a well-paying job</i> <i>Followed by refreshments</i>
Tuesday 8th September <i>Nativity of the BVM</i>	9.30am	ST	Mass @ St Teresa's School <i>Families</i>
	2.00pm	CTK	Mass @ Christ the King <i>New Year 7</i>
Wednesday 9th September <i>St Peter Claver</i>	12noon	Ceme	No Public Mass Burial Service <i>Junior Slater</i>
Thursday 10th September <i>Votive of the Holy Eucharist</i>	9.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Mary Ann Mongan</i>
Friday 11th September <i>Votive of the Passion</i>	11.00am	SJ	Requiem Mass <i>Agatha George</i>
	6.00-6.20pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass <i>Jack Fowler</i>
Saturday 12th September <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Families in Need</i>
	10.00-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Joan Bradley</i>
Sunday 13th September <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday</i> <i>Second Collection: Education</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Blessing of Priests & Nuns</i> <i>followed by Veneration of the True Cross</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	<i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Pro Populo</i> <i>followed by Veneration of the True Cross</i>

EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]

SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]

OPPOSING ASSISTED SUICIDE - THE TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS BILL

As mentioned at Masses last weekend, it is important that we contact our MPs to oppose assisted suicide - The Terminally Ill Adults [End of Life] Bill which is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote this Friday, 11th September. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill. "This bill is wrong in principle," says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, "It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading." You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity *Right to Life UK* has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through

parliament. For more information and resources, visit: www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suiciderighttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

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 Val Farrell [*former curate at St Augustine's*], Agatha George, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Baby Isaac Newton, and Ann O'Neill.

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.

ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH

Our parishioners to stay after Monday evening Mass, 7th September for a brief update re: the building. This update follows on from our last gathering some months ago. *Fr E*

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL

The annual pilgrimage to Ladyewell takes place on Saturday 26th 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 about this.

EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Monday 14th September, is the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross. There will be opportunity to venerate a relic of the True Cross after Masses next Sunday, 13th September and after Mass at English Martyrs Monday 14th September.

PARISH PATRONAL FEAST

October 11th is the feast day of St John XXIII, the principal patron of our parish. This year this is a Sunday so we will have a little social after 11.15am Mass at St Joseph's. **Do take note of the date** and help contribute something and/or join us!

FAITH FORMATION & CATECHISM CLASSES

Parishioners often ask about deepening their faith or for catechism classes for young people. Please

approach Fr Etienne to assist and suggestions of times to make this more fruitful than in the past!

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.

CONSIDERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Did you know that the word catholic means "for everyone"? The Catholic Church is filled with all kinds of people who know and love Jesus Christ. Jesus founded the Catholic Church so that everyone who looks for Him can find Him. Do you think God might be calling you to follow Him in the Catholic Church? Do you know of others who are curious about our Catholic Faith, or someone lapsed from the Catholic Faith? Fr Etienne would be very pleased to assist you, and those you encourage, in learning about the Catholic Faith.

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 25th October 2026.

N.B: If a child is already in secondary school, please speak to Fr Etienne to make alternative arrangements for sacramental preparation.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Fr Etienne would like to invite young parishioners who are aged 10-14 years old (*school years 6-8*) and who are not confirmed to approach him after Sunday Masses and to take an application form which should be completed and returned to the parish office by Sunday 25th October 2026. All details of dates and times are to be found with the invitation letter.

N.B: A date will be arranged subject to interest.

PARISH CENSUS

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From time to time, it is good to update our records. Could each household of the parish complete a new **parish census form**, found in the Church porch or on our website. You may share this with neighbours and relations who are lapsed within the parish for them to complete their record on our census.