



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 5th October 2025

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year [C]

	Time	Church	
Sunday 5th October <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Special Collection:</i> <i>CAFOD Fast Envelopes</i>	5.30 - 5.50pm	EM	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	5.40pm	EM	Rosary
	6.00pm	EM	Mass <i>Alec & Hilda Parkinson</i>
	10.55am	SJ	Rosary
	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Cecilia Francis</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	Rosary & Benediction
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 6th October <i>of the 27th week of the Year</i>	6.00pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm.	EM	Mass <i>Gwen Watson</i>
Tuesday 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Margaret Jarvie</i>
Wednesday 8th October <i>of the 27th week of the Year</i>			No Public Mass
Thursday 9th October <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Sheila Fawcett</i>
Friday 10th October <i>Votive of the Angels</i>	6.00pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass <i>Baby Loss</i>
Saturday 11th October <i>St John XXIII</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>In Thanksgiving</i>
	10.00-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	12noon	EM	Baptism
	5.30 - 5.50pm	EM	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	5.40pm	EM	Rosary
	6.00pm	EM	Mass <i>Joan Bradley</i>
Sunday 12th October <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year/</i> <i>St John XXIII</i>	10.55am	SJ	Rosary
	10.15am	SJ	Confirmation Session [5]
	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Fenty & Consula Wedding Anni</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	Rosary & Benediction
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Eddie Farr</i>

EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]

SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]

DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Traditionally, the title 'Doctor of the Church' is granted on the basis of three requirements: the manifest holiness of a candidate affirmed by his or her canonization as a saint; the person's eminence in doctrine demonstrated by the leaving behind of a body of teachings that made significant and lasting contributions to the life of the Church; and a formal declaration by the Church, usually by the pope.

While their teachings are not considered infallible, being declared a "doctor" means that they contributed to the formulation of Christian teaching in at least one significant area and this teaching is of such significance that it impacts later generations. They have a unique ability to break down barriers of time, society, and culture. As has been mentioned here before, and you will have most likely seen in the media, the latest Doctor of the Church is an Englishman, St John Henry Newman. Pope Leo XIV will formally and liturgically declare Newman a Doctor of the Church on All Saints Day, 1st November, during the Jubilee for Education.

This week is St John Henry Newman's feast day, perhaps a suitable time to familiarise yourself a little with his life, his journey into the Church, his ministry and teaching. Perhaps discover some of his meditations and devotions which can be accessed, for free, from various sources online.

St John Henry Newman was a prolific writer, seeking every opportunity to commit to writing the fruit of his prayer and reflection. He leaves us much teaching, for example of the role of the conscience towards truth, the importance of immersion in the world of the Fathers of the Church and the development of doctrine. Whilst being sought to lead, to give advice, Newman desired to remain unknown, a humble pastor to the poor.

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: Patrick Jackson, Fr John Baron, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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? Speak to a priest to start learning more about what Catholics believe.

We pray for converts and returning souls.

FIRST CONFESSION & HOLY COMMUNION

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 2026, there is an enquiry form at the back of both our churches to be completed and returned to the parish office by **Sunday 19th October 2025**. An initial information session for parents will be held *before* the Sunday Morning Mass on 19th October at 10.30am.

N.B: There is no plan set, yet, about preparation/celebration dates for these celebrations. Fr Etienne will consider these once he receives all the returned enquiry forms.

BABY LOSS MEMORIAL [9th – 15th October]

We remember those children lost in the womb and in infancy. We pray for their grieving parents also. Perhaps remember your own, or others’ lost children and their families when lighting a candle at Our Lady’s Altar or visiting St Gerard Majella’s shrines in both our churches, patron of the pro-life movement, unborn children, and expectant mothers. A Mass of the Angels will be offered to remember these children on Friday 10th October.

SPUC – PRESTON BRANCH

The Preston Branch of the Society for Protection of Unborn Children will next meet on Saturday 11th October at St Joseph’s in the Lancaster Room at 2.00pm. All parishioners are encouraged to join!

PARISH PATRONAL FEAST

October 11th is the feast day of St John XXIII, the principal patron of our parish. To celebrate the feast and our gathering from various former parishes in Preston and now of so many others too from throughout the world, we will have a little social after Saturday evening Mass at English Martyrs 11th October and after 11.15am Mass at St Joseph’s. You are very welcome to help contribute and/or join us! Lists for contributions are in the church porches. **N.B:** Also, on Sunday 16th November we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

During the month of October, the Rosary will be said 20 minutes before Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses, starting this weekend. Please sign up in the porch to lead the rosary one weekend.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE

Seeking to understand the Bible from start to finish, perhaps consider joining a free of charge, world-renowned course online live by Mauro Iannicelli. The second session of eight is this this Wednesday, 8th October, at 7.00pm. For more information visit www.comeandsee.org Fr Etienne has some Bible Timeline cards if you are interested.

‘SOUL LIGHTS’

One November custom is to have a candle lit for deceased loved one on All Souls and for this candle to be kept burning for the following five days. These ‘Soul Lights’ can be purchased from St Joseph’s Holy Shop for £2.50 each and will be light at St Joseph’s Altar.

THINKING OF BEING A PRIEST?

Young men 16+ are invited to come to a day of recollection and discernment on Saturday 22nd November [10.00am-4.00pm] at Lancaster Cathedral. The day will include Mass, Adoration, guided prayer, talks to assist discernment and lunch. Speak with our priests if you are interested.

CAFOD’S FAMILY FAST

If you participated in CAFOD’s Family Fast last week, please remember to return your envelopes this weekend. Better still, you can give directly online at www.cafod.org.uk

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