



# 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 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year [C]

	Time	Church	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year</i>  <i>Special Collection:</i> <i>Bishop's Admin</i>	5.30 - 5.50pm	EM	Sacrament of Penance [ <i>Confessions</i> ]
	6.00pm	EM	Mass   <i>Margaret Dawson</i>
	10.15am	SJ	<i>Confirmation Session [4]</i>
	11.15am	SJ	Mass   <i>Agnes Alfred</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>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Ss. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael</i>	6.00pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm.	EM	Mass   <i>William Procter</i>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>St Jerome</i>	9.00am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass   <i>Liam &amp; Scott Burgess</i>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b> <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	<b>2.00pm</b>	ST	Mass at St Teresa's School <i>Parishioners welcome</i>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> <i>Guardian Angels</i>	<b>11.00am</b>	SJ	Funeral Service   <i>Elizabeth Griffield</i>
	<b>2.00pm</b>	EM	Requiem Mass   <i>Edna Gee</i>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b> <i>of the 26<sup>th</sup> week of the Year</i> <i>CAFOD Harvest Fast</i>	9.45am	Crem	Funeral Service   <i>Barbara Parker</i>
	6.00pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass   <i>In Thanksgiving</i>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass   <i>Christine Campbell</i>
	10.00-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	5.30 - 5.50pm	EM	Sacrament of Penance [ <i>Confessions</i> ]
	5.40pm	EM	Rosary
	6.00pm	EM	Mass   <i>Alec &amp; Hilda Parkinson</i>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year</i>  <i>Special Collection:</i> <i>CAFOD Fast Envelopes</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>
<b>EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]</b>		<b>SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]</b>	

### THE ANGELS

*"Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."* John 1:51

This week we honour a beautiful aspect of our Faith, magnificent creatures, the angels. Firstly, the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael and then the guardian angels. In all, there are nine orders of celestial beings that we commonly refer to as angels and all nine of these orders are traditionally organized into three spheres. The entire hierarchy is traditionally organized this way:

Highest Sphere: Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones.

Middle Sphere: Dominions, Virtues, and Powers.

Lower Sphere: Principalities, Archangels and Angels (Guardian Angels).

The hierarchy of these celestial beings is ordered in accord with their function and purpose. The highest of the beings, the Seraphim, were created solely for the purpose of surrounding the Throne of God in perpetual worship and adoration. The lowest of the beings, the Guardian Angels, were created for the purpose of caring for humans and communicating God's messages. The Archangels were created for the purpose of bringing messages of great importance to us and to accomplish tasks of the highest importance in our lives.

Michael is well known for being empowered by God to cast Lucifer out of Heaven. Gabriel, we know brought the message of the Incarnation to the Blessed Virgin Mary. And Raphael, whose name means "God heals" we encounter in the Book of Tobit having been sent to bring healing to Tobit's eyes. We pray to them because we believe God has entrusted them with a mission to help us bring healing, fight evil and proclaim the Word of God. Their power comes from God; God having chosen the archangels to accomplish His plan and purpose.

## 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: Edna Gee, Barbara Parker, Elizabeth Griffith, Fr John Baron and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Annette Mangan, Keith Farnworth, Gerald Murphy, Elizabeth Woodruff, Clara Hodgson, and Casimiro Cordeiro.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025**. An initial information session for parents will be held *before* the Sunday Morning Mass on 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## DIOCESAN CENTENARY MASS

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, the culmination of our Diocesan Centenary will take place with Mass at the Cathedral in Lancaster together with the Pastoral visit of the Papal Nuncio. Understandably, this event is by ticket only. Our parish has been allocated 4 tickets for parishioners. The Mass is at 11.30am, followed by a reception in the Town Hall. Our priests will draw lots of those who wish to attend. If you would like to have your name included in the draw, please email Fr Etienne at [daniel.etienne@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:daniel.etienne@lrcd.org.uk) by Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

## PARISH PATRONAL FEAST

October 11<sup>th</sup> 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 from throughout the world, we will have a little celebration after Saturday evening Mass at English Martyrs 11<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 next 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. Starting this Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, at 7.00pm [x8 Wednesday sessions]. For more information visit [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org) Fr Etienne has some Bible Timeline cards if you are interested.

## SPUC – PRESTON BRANCH

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

## THINKING OF BEING A PRIEST?

Young men 16+ are invited to come to a day of recollection and discernment on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## CLEANING OUR CHURCHES

If you could spare some time helping clean our churches, please contact the parish office or speak with one of the priests. Thank you to our cleaners!

## COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

Non-perishable food goods for those in need can be placed in the buckets found in the porches of our two churches. Thank you!

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