



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 23rd November 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe [C]

	Time	Church	
Sunday 23rd November <i>Christ the King</i> <i>World Day of the Youth</i> <i>Special Collection: Youth Services</i>	5.20pm	EM	<i>First Confession Preparation [1]</i>
	5.30 - 5.50pm	EM	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	6.00pm	EM	Mass <i>Bill Davies</i>
	10.30am	SJ	<i>First Confession Preparation [1]</i>
	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Eddy Curzon</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	Rosary & Benediction
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
Monday 24th November <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions</i>	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>Sarah McCormack</i>
	6.00pm	EM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday 25th November <i>of 34th week of the year</i>	6.30pm	EM	Mass <i>Francis Sudell</i>
	9.00am	SJ	<i>Exposition and Mass in the Memorial Chapel</i> Mass <i>Olive Waddington</i>
Wednesday 26th November <i>of 34th week of the year</i>			No Public Mass
Thursday 27th November <i>of 34th week of the year</i>	9.00am	SJ	Mass <i>Felix Sullivan</i>
Friday 28th November <i>of 34th week of the year</i>	12:45pm	SJ	Funeral Service <i>Nichola Geoghegan</i>
	6.00pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass <i>Mary Sullivan</i>
Saturday 29th November <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
	10.00-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	1.30pm	EM	Baptism <i>Orlaith Kennedy</i>
	5.30 - 5.50pm	EM	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	6.00pm	EM	Mass <i>Rina & Luigi</i>
Sunday 30th November <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Special Collection: Poor Missions Fund</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass <i>Barbara Hopkins</i>
	4.00pm	SJ	<i>After Mass talk from our SVP</i> Rosary & Benediction
	4.30 - 4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [<i>Confessions</i>]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]		SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]	

CHRIST OUR KING!

This year marks 100 years since Pope Pius XI established the yearly celebration of Christ the King. The feast was to be a strong response to secularisation and materialism in the world. The tide of secularism and materialism has only hastened since the establishing of this feast. For us as Catholics, we address Christ's place in our lives in the face of so much other noise in our world and the many other competing voices clamouring for our attention. For us, though strange perhaps to the world, the reign of Christ is absolute, He is *'the Way, the Truth and the Life.'* Pope Pius XI said;

"[Christ] must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls ..."

When we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, we should be acknowledging and celebrating the fact the Jesus Christ is Lord of our lives. However, the feast gives a yearly opportunity to examination of our conscience, but... is he? Is Jesus Christ really the Lord of your life? Do you accept him as your King in all things?

The feast of Christ the King invites us to recognize Jesus as Lord of our lives and King of our world. Not just the big world, but our own small worlds — our families, our time, and our diaries. We allow Christ to reign in our lives when we surrender our plans to Him, come what may, including the bothersome interruptions, that may well be God working in our lives, inviting us out of ourselves, and to see His governance in all things.

dead: Rosamond Sutton, Nichola Geoghegan, Bridget Mellis, Canon Tony Walsh, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. P. G. O'Dea.

OUR PRAYERS

We pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners and those who care for them. We also pray for all the lately

CANON ANTHONY (TONY) WALSH

Last Tuesday evening, Fr Tony, former Parish Priest of our Parish of St John XXIII, passed away in Blackpool. In fact, Fr Tony established our parish out of the former parishes, Fr Tony had to confront a new reality in the midst of various difficult situations. Details of his funeral will be announced once they are made available to us. We thank God for his labours in all the districts of our Parish and pray for his happy repose.

Eternal rest grant, unto him O Lord

NOVEMBER LISTS

Completed November Lists can still be placed in our 'Holy Souls' boxes, at English Martyrs on St Joseph's Altar and now in the memorial chapel at St Joseph's. We continue to pray for all these souls, and the souls who have no one to pray for them.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

FIRST CONFESSION & HOLY COMMUNION

We especially welcome our children and families who are embarking on sacramental preparation this year in our parish. Their first sessions of preparation take place before Masses this weekend and they will be enrolled at Mass. Please pray for these children and their families. Do offer a word of encouragement when you meet them.

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU

Once again, many congratulations to those Confirmed last weekend. Thank you to everyone who made a wonderful contribution to the celebration in the hall after Mass. Thank you also to those who help prepare those Confirmed.

CONFIRMATION IN 2026

In anticipation of this Sacrament being celebrated around the Easter Season next year, young parishioners who are school year 6+ and who are not confirmed should complete an enquiry form from our church porches and return this to our priests by **Sunday 7th December** [slightly extended deadline].

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL [SVP]

For many years, the SVP has performed many, discrete works of charity in the districts of our parish. We give thanks to those who do and have done these works.

Our SVP conference is presently at a crossroads given the death of our SVP Chair earlier this year. Perhaps you could form part of the next generation to renew the SVP within our parish?

Next Sunday, 30th November, after 11.15am Mass, during tea & coffee, members of the SVP will give a short talk on the Society and will invite parishioners to participate in this apostolate.

SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to buy a Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one that will be lit for the Christmas Masses and will be used beside the Tabernacle throughout the year. Please place a donation of £5.00 in an envelope marked 'Sanctuary Lamps for Christmas' with the name[s] you wish to be remembered.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets are available after weekend Masses, £1.00 a strip. Please support! The raffle will be drawn after Sunday Mass at St Joseph's, on 14th December. To donate prizes [not bric-a-brac] towards the Raffle, please contact the parish office. First prize, £75.00.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Wednesday 24th December | Christmas Eve
5.30pm English Martyrs | 7.00pm St Joseph's
Thursday 25th December | Christmas Day
10.00am St Joseph's

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY COLLECTION

A message from the Youth Service: *"This Sunday is World Youth Sunday, when the Church celebrates her young people. In this diocese, we have an active and innovative youth service which at the minute is seeing some real fruit. We can't do what we do without the generous support of so many people, so please keep us in your prayers and, if you can, please support us via today's retiring collection."*

YOUTH 2000 PRESTON RETREAT DAY 2025

Our young people are encouraged to join a one-day retreat of prayer, teaching, friendship, and fun on Saturday, 13th December, 9:00am - 9:00pm at Corpus Christi High School, St Vincent's Road [PR2 8QY]. See Posters in the church porches for details.

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