

-Collection for Sunday including via bank: £ 700.75

We joyfully welcome our newest little parishioners. Last Sunday, 26th July, we celebrated the baptism of **Benjamin and Thomas Cerqueira Riley**, sons of Sam & Milena Cerqueira Riley. May God bless Benjamin, Thomas and their family as they continue to grow in faith and love within our parish community.



Special Rosary Service to celebrate "The Feast of St Maximillian Kolbe" at St Mary's Newhouse (PR3 5DY) Friday 14 August 2026 starting at 2.00pm

Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Hickson who passed away on Sunday July 26th. David's funeral is to be held at Preston Crematorium on Wednesday August 12th at 11.15am.

A former parishioner of OLSE, Tony Bond, died recently and his funeral will be on 21st Aug at 11am at St Anthony's Church.

RCIA -Rite of Christian (Catholic) Initiation for Adults. We currently have two enquirers for the Course, this year. We start in September through to Easter 2027. This course is predominantly, but not exclusively, for people who would like to become members of the Church. If you know of anyone who would like to join the Course or anyone who feels they would benefit from the Course they/you would be most welcome. We would also welcome anyone who would like to join our team of catechists. Please contact Sheila Green for more information on 07528 020480

PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS in the Parish Centre
-Tuesday: 11th, 25th August 10:00am – 12:00pm
-Sunday: 2nd, 16th August after 8.45 Mass
Come along for conversation, company and coffee/tea
Join us for refreshments and good company.

Card Reader Facility in the Church Porch -The card reader is just below the choir stairs. You can make Offertory Donations as well as pay for Greetings Cards and Votive Candles. When you have made an Offertory Donation you will be given the option to Gift Aid. Offertory donations can also be made using URL <https://donate.myдона.com/our-lady-preston.or> the QR code.



Altar Servers Needed.

Altar serving is a special ministry of service to Jesus and to our parish community. Anyone who has made their First Holy Communion — children, young people, or adults — is warmly invited to join. Please speak to Father, Sister, or John Woods, or email olseservers@gmail.com.

Students for the Priesthood – Diocese of Lancaster
Please keep in your prayers the students of our Diocese who are in formation for the priesthood.
Those beginning or continuing formation:
• Alexander Kanaan • Ben O'Flynn • Harry Rawcliffe
• Dominic Standing • Paddie Denton

Join Bishop Swarbrick on the London March for Life on September 5th 2026. SPUC Preston Branch want to arrange a coach with pick up in Preston. Please register your interest by contacting the Secretary at spucpreston@gmail.com or on 07523 183758

Catechism of the Catholic Church

-Section one: "I believe – We believe"

8. What are the next stages of God's Revelation?

God chose Abram, calling him out of his country, making him "the father of a multitude of nations" (Genesis 17:5), and promising to bless in him "all the nations of the earth" (Genesis 12:3). The people descended from Abraham would be the trustees of the divine promise made to the patriarchs. God formed Israel as his chosen people, freeing them from slavery in Egypt, establishing with them the covenant of Mount Sinai, and, through Moses, giving them his law. The prophets proclaimed a radical redemption of the people and a salvation which would include all nations in a new and everlasting covenant. From the people of Israel and from the house of King David, would be born the Messiah, Jesus.

A Prayer for Comfort, Aid, and Global Solidarity

Lord, we pray for all who are suffering from natural disasters, especially those affected by the wildfires in France and Spain, and the recent earthquake in Japan. Bring comfort to those who grieve, strength to those who are afraid, and swift assistance to all who have lost homes, livelihoods, or loved ones.

In the face of climate change and the fragility of our world, guide us to live with care, generosity, and responsibility.

Help us to share our resources with those in need and to act in ways that protect creation and promote justice.

Lord, be close to all who are wounded in body or spirit, and grant healing, peace, and hope.
Amen.

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