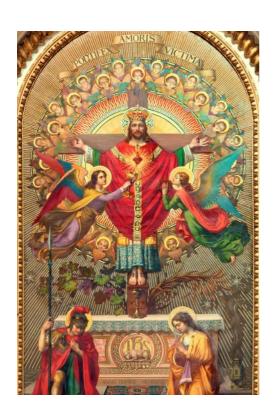


### Our Lady Immaculate & St Joseph Catholic Church

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## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



'He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him '

## Prescot Festival of Music & the Arts receives The King's Award for Voluntary Service.

Prescot Festival, a group of volunteers based in Knowsley, have been awarded The King's Award for Voluntary Service for 2025. This is the highest award a local voluntary group can receive in the UK and is equivalent to an MBE.

Arts in Prescot is a voluntary community organisation promoting and organising arts, culture and entertainment events in the historic Lancashire town of Prescot, Merseyside. The highlight of its year-round programme is the Prescot Festival of Music and the Arts.

Prescot Festival is one of 231 local charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year. Their work, along with others from across the UK, reminds us of how such fantastic volunteers are contributing to their local communities, and working to make life better for those around them.

Artistic Director Dr Robert Howard said: "I'm absolutely delighted that our group's work has been recognised. The Prescot Festival is such a wonderful celebration of music, culture, and community spirit, and this recognition is a tribute to the incredible hard work and dedication of our volunteers, whose passion and commitment bring so much joy to others"

#### Solemnity of Christ the King - Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday is a day for the world to recognise and celebrate young people in our local church communities, whether that be through school, at home, or of course in church. To highlight all that young people do, and what we offer young people across the diocese, you will find some leaflets in your parish and more information is available at animateyouth.org. There are also gift aid envelopes for you to donate towards the work of Animate.

#### **Prescot Fellowship of Churches Christmas Fair**

Join the Prescot Fellowship of Churches at the Methodist Centre, Atherton Street, from 10 am to 1pm on Saturday 6th December for their annual Christmas Fair.

#### **Christmas Tree of Remembrance**

Place a bauble on the tree in memory of a loved one at this short outdoor service of carols and prayers, held by the Friends of Prescot Cemetery & Churchyard Cemetery. Sunday 7th December at 1pm (Manchester Road entrance).

#### A Celebration of Christmas

A Celebration of Christmas returns this year on Saturday 13 December with a night of musical cheer, guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit.

Join the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and some very special guests for what promises to be a magical event for all the family. Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Tickets: £10 each/ £18 family, available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

#### Christmas Raffle

Thank you for the donations for our Christmas Raffle, tickets on sale this Sunday.

#### **Missals**

There are now Missals available to buy which contain the new translation of the readings which was introduced last year. There are different options to choose from and they can be ordered through the Piety Stall.

#### **Piety Stall**

Christmas stock has arrived in the Piety Stall. Along with our own **Parish Christmas Cards**, there are ornaments, nativities, calendars, gift bags and more.

#### **Feast Days**

# Monday 24th - Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions

Canonised on 19th June 1988 by Pope John Paul II, numbering 117 martyred in Vietnam. 96 are Vietnamese, 11 are Spanish Dominicans and 10 are members of the Paris based Foreign Missionary Society. The Gospel was brought to Vietnam in the 16th Century and over the next three centuries many Christians were martyred, giving witness to the faith. Many were bishops, priests and religious men and women, along with laymen and women. Now the Universal Church honours them by a Decree of 1st June 1989.

# Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe <u>Mass Times and Intentions</u>

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00 pm	Pious List
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00 am	Pious List
Monday 24th	12.00 pm	Kenneth Ferguson
Wednesday 26th	12.00 pm	William Beesley
Friday 28th	12.00 pm	Michael Martin
Saturday 29th	11.00 am 12.00 pm	Adoration & Confessions Paul Lowrey
	6.00 pm	Mgr Michael McKenna
Sunday 30th	11.00 am	Margaret Rushton

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish who have asked for our help and support:

Michael Glennon

If you would like us to pray for someone who is sick, who has recently died or whose anniversary is coming up please contact the parish office.

