

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 14th September *Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Doris Pendlebury Anniversary
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Sunday 15th September *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Philip Jones Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Praxedes & Claudio Avila Anniversary
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Ronnie May Sparrow, Woody Michael Leonard, Ralf Stephen McCormick

Tuesday 17th September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Ann Harman, Birthday Memorial
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Wednesday 18th September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Ellen Squires, Birthday Memorial
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Thursday 19th September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Special Intention (KJ)
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Friday 20th September *Memorial of Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest & Martyr & Companions, Martyrs*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Funeral Mass	James Gore

Saturday 21st *September Feast of St Matthew, Apostle*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Peter M Harman, Anniversary
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Sunday 22nd September *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Irene Marsh R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Jacob Gannon

Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith
Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th September 2024

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Food for thought.

For some people, the choice to become and remain a Christian can lead to great suffering – in some cases even torture and death. Many people can relate to suffering, through illness or disability - addiction - an unhappy family-life - bereavement – financial worries – loved ones rejecting the Lord – the list goes on! It's easier to be faith-filled when everything is going ok – yet when the storms of life hit and we are faced with suffering, that's when we really need to rely on the Lord and His power to help us through. In today's Gospel Peter correctly identifies Jesus as the Messiah but then tries to steer Him away from a ministry of suffering. Jesus once again had to rebuke him as He knew that His mission would involve suffering.

Today we hear Jesus asking his followers a question: 'Who do you think I am?' Peter knew who Jesus was, but he was not ready to accept the reality that faced Him. Like Peter, most times we do not want to face the realities of our life especially when it's difficult. As we confront whatever is hard and difficult in our lives today, may we open our hearts to God's grace at work within us. We know it's not always easy being a follower of the Lord, as the costs are sometimes high, but by following Him we can belong to the Kingdom of God – where there will be enough love, peace and happiness to make any costs worthwhile.

Praise Him!

Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them:

**Vera Seventi,
Carol Greenhalgh,
Mary Griffin
Sean Fleming,
Craig Hardman,
Kitty Jones,
Doreen Hayes,
Eileen Hynes
Mary Barnes
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
James Allen
Kathleen Holland
John Mulligan
Marian Hindley
Chris Hallinan
Bernice Ganley
Pauline Woods
Eileen Midgley
John Forde
Tommy Nuttall
Mark Tomlinson
Iris McKiernan
Hugo (newborn)
Joseph Langin
Kathleen Holland**

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Parents with children

Please note that if a child needs to use the church toilet, they need to be accompanied by a parent. They cannot go out on their own or with another sibling. This is for Safeguarding and Health and Safety reasons.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died,
especially

**James Gore
Joyce Nuttall**

and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

Pope Francis September Prayer Intention For Political Leaders

Pope Francis invites prayers 'so that political leaders may serve their people, work for comprehensive human development and the common good, attending to those who have lost their job and prioritising the poorest.'

Christmas Cards

Religious Christmas Cards, Calendars & Diaries will be on sale at the 4.30pm and 9.30am Masses from the 5th October.

Baptisms

We celebrate with
**Ronnie May Sparrow
Woody Michael Leonard
Ralph Stephen McCormick**
and their families who will be baptised this weekend.

We hold them in our love and prayers.



You are the Christ

Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission Day)

Growing as missionary disciples

A few years ago, the Bishops of England and Wales gave the day of prayer for Home Mission a new title, Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. This was to reflect the changing focus of evangelisation presented by Pope Francis in the Apostolic Exhortation of the same name. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,”

The invitation to know the Joy of the Gospel is open to all of us, so we pray today that through the ‘Joy of the Gospel’ we can continue our efforts to bring people closer to Jesus, making our Church a place where we all can flourish through the work of the Holy Spirit.

St Joseph’s Players Present

A Murder is Announced!

By Agatha Christy

Directed by Barbara Mayers

Tuesday 1st October -

Saturday 5th October

7.30pm

St Joseph’s Hall, Chapel St, Leigh

Tickets Adults £10 Under 16s £5

Forthcoming Second Collections

This week: **Evangelii Gaudium
(Home Missions)**

Next week:

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Pause for Hope - Sunday 22 September

The Metropolitan Cathedral will host a special Pause for Hope service on Sunday 22 September, dedicated to supporting those affected by cancer. The event is open to all, with no tickets required. The service will be led by Rev Canon Bill Addy, Rev David Goodwin, and Bishop Tom Williams. This ecumenical and reflective gathering includes hymns, prayers, and the lighting of candles to remember loved ones lost to cancer and to pray for a future free from the disease.

Children's Corner

What do you call a man who steals cattle?

A beefburger!

What sugar sings?

I-cing sugar



Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at
Sacred Heart Church:
and
St Joseph’s Church:
for **World Peace**