

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 26th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Thanksgiving Birthday, Bernard Worden
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Sunday 27th October *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Special Intention

Tuesday 29th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm		Celebration of the Word & Eucharist
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Wednesday 30th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.15am		St J School Mass for All Saints
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention

Thursday 31st October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Kathleen McArt Anniversary
Sacred Heart	1.30pm		SH School Mass for All Saints

Friday 1st November *Solemnity of All Saints*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Marie Ashbrook
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Phyllis Bailey Anniversary, Pious List

Saturday 2nd November *Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Those who have died over the last 12 months and all our loved ones
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Claudia, Praxedes & Pious List

Sunday 3rd November *Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	George Cartledge R.I.P., Pious List
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life, Pious List
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Nel Lituin & Sebastian Parton

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



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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
27th October 2024

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Food for thought

Most of us will have witnessed a child falling and hurting themselves. Usually, they cry and immediately run to the adult who is with them to make it better. Whenever we're hurting, even as adults, there's a child inside us wanting to go to a place of safety, where we feel loved and listened to - we want someone to make us feel better. Today's Gospel has a lot to teach us. Bartimaeus may have been blind but he knew Jesus was someone who would listen to him and could heal Him. Sure, enough Jesus did just that – Bartimaeus's cry for help was heard! Just as his eyes were opened, his heart was open to God's love. In Jesus, God gathers his scattered people and opens their eyes to see His healing power. He is always there, waiting for his hurt children to come home to the Father who cares. The Word of God in the first reading confirms this... "I will comfort them, as I lead them back, I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble". ...May we be healed of any spiritual blindness that we have, so we can gather others to follow the footsteps of Christ and be powerful witnesses to the faith that can heal. Praise Him!

Sick and Housebound

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

James Allen
Mary Barnes
Sean Fleming,
Bernice Ganley
Carol Greenhalgh,
Mary Griffin
Craig Hardman,
Baby Harper Harrop
Doreen Hayes,
Marian Hindley
Kathleen Holland
Kitty Jones,
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
Joseph Langin
Iris McKiernan
Eileen Midgley
John Mulligan
Tommy Nuttall
Vera Seventi
Mark Tomlinson
Pauline Woods

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

All Saints

Friday November 1st is the wonderful feast of **All Saints**

and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

There will be two parish Masses:
10.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church
and
12.00pm Mass at St Joseph's Church.

Thanks to the Legion of Mary for leading the Rosary during the month of October.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died,
Jean Proctor
and those whose anniversary occur at this time,
may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus
enfold us all.

Pope Francis October Prayer Intention For a Shared Mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Please help with your vote

Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the 29th November.

We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk Over half the MPs are new to Parliament and have not voted on the issue before and they will be getting barrages of messages from the other side and so we must make sure our voice is heard.

The MP of Leigh and Atherton is Jo Platt

All Souls

Saturday 2nd November will be the **Commemoration of All Souls**. There will Midday Mass at St Joseph's Church. This Mass will be for those who have died in the last 12 months and for all our loved ones.

Joanne is still selling Christmas religious items at the back of Sacred Heart Church.

Pious Lists

All the names that are handed in of those who've died are placed in a little container on the altar in both churches to help focus our prayer. Please print the names of those you want us to pray for inside an envelope marked ('Pious List') and drop them either in to the collection basket, into parish office or push them through the letterbox at either presbytery.

Foundations Governors

I am looking to fill four positions for Foundation Governors at our two Primary Schools. Two are required at Sacred Heart School and two at St Joseph's School. To become a Foundation Governor you must be a practicing Catholic, with an interest in working alongside other governors, the Headteacher and staff, for the good of our young children. For more information, please contact Fr. Kieran or contact: St Joseph's School: 01942 606395 or Sacred Heart School: 01942 674226

Second Collection

Next weekend, the second collection will be for the **CAFOD's**

Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

Your donation will help local aid workers to give urgent, practical help to families in Lebanon and Gaza, the West Bank and Israel.

Parish Christmas Fair

The year's Parish Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday 30th November 1.00pm** in the Sodality Hall (Mather Room).

We are now collecting good quality unwanted gifts. We are also collecting bottles of any type filled with, bubble bath, shampoo, pop, wine etc.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at all Masses from next weekend: First Prize will be a **Christmas Hamper**, there will other prizes as well.

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room is available to hire for parties etc. To book the room, please contact **Christine Prince: 07766681339**

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at
Sacred Heart Church:
for **Middle East Crisis**
&
St Joseph's Church:
for **Kathleen McArt**

Children's Corner

How did dinosaurs pass their exams? With Extinction!

What do you get if you cross a banana with a comedian? Peels of laughter!

