

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

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 21st December Weekday of Advent

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	David Warbis Anniversary
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Sunday 22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Nicholson R.I.P.
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Gerald Yates
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Monday 23rd December Weekday of Advent

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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Tuesday 24th December Vigil of the Nativity

Sacred Heart	12.00pm		No Mass
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St Joseph's	12.00pm	Children's Christmas Mass	John Nugent
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Wednesday 25th December Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Melvin & Kieran Moss
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	John Ford R.I.P.
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Thursday 26th December Feast of St Stephen, First Martyr

Sacred Heart	11.30am	Mass	Ben Natividad
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Friday 27th December Feast of St John, Apostle & Evangelist

St Joseph's	9.30am		No Mass
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Sacred Heart	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	Kathleen Holland
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Saturday 28th December Feast of the Holy Innocents

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Gerrard Davey Anniversary
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Sunday 29th December Feast of the Holy Family

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Eileen Hynes R.I.P.
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Special Intention
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Food for thought

As human beings we all need relationships with others - and as we know - some relationships may be extremely varied and difficult at times. Mary's relationship with God came first and whatever difficulties she faced, her joy was not diminished by her troubles - because it was fuelled by her faith, hope, and trust in the Lord. Mary's relationship with her cousin Elizabeth must have been special to her. Their relationship is one of mutual support, and deep spiritual connection as both women are experiencing miraculous pregnancies. Elizabeth's acknowledgement of the unborn Jesus as the Messiah and Mary's response in the Magnificat reveal the spiritual depth of their relationship. Mary experienced the gift she received as a mission. This Christmas may we have the same mission to reach out with love to our friends and families and bring them home to a Church that rejoices with their presence! This could make such a difference for them this Christmas and for us! Whether they have been away for a while or never experienced the warmth of our Church family, this is the perfect opportunity to reconnect!

Praise Him!



Have a Happy and Blessed Christmas

Recently Deceased

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

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
Kitty Jones,
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
Joseph Langin
Iris McKiernan
Ramona Mateui
Eileen Midgley
John Mulligan
Tommy Nuttall
Vera Seventi
Mark Tomlinson
Pauline Woods

May the risen Lord embrace
them with healing love.



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

First Mass of Christmas, Children's
Mass at St Joseph's Church 6.00pm

Christmas Day

9.30am St Joseph's Church
11.00am Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Day Collection

The Christmas Day collection will be put into
the Parish Funds to go towards paying the
priest's annual salary of £11,500 (The
Archbishop encouraged all the priest's to use
this system a few years ago so that each
priest – whether in a poorer or wealthier
parish has the same income).

Thank You

Thank you as always for your kindness and
generosity! The cards, gifts and prayer are
much appreciated. It is a joy to be with
you as we journey together. Thank you to
all who have worked so hard over the last
year to make this parish the wonderful gift
of God that it is to so many! Please be
assured of my love and
prayers for each one of you
in a special way as we
journey as Pilgrims of Hope.



Fr. Kieran

St Joseph's Players' Pantomime

Aladdin

Wednesday 22nd January -
Saturday 1st February 2025

Tickets are available on via
www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players

Tickets are also on sale at the Parish Office:
on Friday 3rd, 10th, 17th January from
9.30-11.30

For Group Bookings for 10 and over please
contact 07907 880308

Holy Family Church, Gaza

Friends of the Holy Land, a registered charity, is sending a lorry with essential
supplies to the church at the end of this month. Currently over 400 men, women
and children are living in the church as the only safe refuge they have. Envelopes will
be available at the back of the church for donations which can be returned over the
next two weeks. Feel free to put a message in the envelope with your donation.

Whatever is raised will be matched by a donor.

Thank you for your generosity.

Nugent Care

There will be a box at the back of both churches
for Crib Offerings. All money will be sent to
Nugent Care who support vulnerable people in
the Archdiocese.

Thanks you to all our staff and children at our
Three Primary Schools:

Sacred Heart

St Joseph's

Twelve Apostles

who have worked so hard this term. May you
all have a refreshing break and rest.



Christmas Trees

A big thank you to
Moss's Garden Centre
for the Christmas trees
in both our Churches.
They are beautiful as
ever.

Thank You

Thank you to the families of the
late **Peter Berry and**
Chris Hallinan for the generous
donations in their memory.
May they rest in peace.

Altar Servers

The 26th December is the Feast
of St Stephen. I invite all our
altar servers to serve at this
Mass which will take place at
Sacred Heart Church at
11.30am.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will
shine at
Sacred Heart Church:
&
St Joseph's Church:
for **Peace in our World**