

**Mass Times, Services and Intentions**

**Saturday 23rd November *Weekday in Ordinary Time***

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Joseph Green Anniversary, Pious List
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**Sunday 24th November *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King***

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Steven Naylor, Birthday Memorial, Pious List
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Dominik (Chris) & Kathleen Noon R.I.P. Pious List

**Monday 25th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time***

St Joseph's	1.00pm	Funeral Mass	Thomas Woods
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**Tuesday 26th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time***

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Paul Reynolds, Anniversary, Pious List
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**Wednesday 27th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time***

St Joseph's	12.00pm		Celebration of the Word and Communion
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**Thursday 28th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time***

Sacred Heart	10.00am		Celebration of the Word and Communion
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**Friday 29th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time***

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	<b>No Mass</b>
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**Saturday 30th November *Feast of St Andrew, Apostle***

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Deceased Members of the McArt & Murnane Families, Pious List
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**Sunday 1st December *First Sunday of Advent***

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kitty & Ernest Clarke R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Ernest Skeech R.I.P.

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



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**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Universal King  
24th November 2024**

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**Food for thought**

Today is the last Sunday in the Church's Liturgical Calendar, and we celebrate the feast of Christ our King. Today's readings show us how Jesus established his kingdom. He asks us to take care of the poor and the needy and those who are in trouble, so that they might know their true value, their true dignity as the children of God. The Kingdom of God happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person...or shows care to those in need...when we listen to someone who is hurting. It happens whenever we correct an injustice...whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty.... to erase ignorance... to be builders of peace. We pray today for a kingdom of peace and justice, but we also pray for a kingdom of sacrificial love — a place where it isn't in how much we have or how much we control - but in how much we love! Jesus our King has been with us throughout our liturgical journey this year – and will go with us on our journey through next year. Today as we celebrate let us pray that His spirit will bring us refreshment, peace and whatever else our hearts need for the journey that lies ahead.

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**  
**Ramona Mateui**  
**Eileen Midgley**  
**John Mulligan**  
**Tommy Nuttall**  
**Vera Seventi**  
**Mark Tomlinson**  
**Pauline Woods**  
**Dcn. Bernard Worden**  
May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

### Youth Sunday Prayer Service

On Sunday 24th November at St Mary (Lowe House), Crab Street. St Helens WA10 2BE, there will a **Youth Prayer Service**. Animate will be hosting a special service, which will include talks from Bishop Tom Neylon, School Chaplains, Animate, Faith in Action and Lourdes staff members. All are welcome.

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died,  
**Thomas Woods**  
**Joan Hayes**  
and those whose anniversary occur at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

### Pope Francis November Prayer Intention: For a Shared Mission

**For anyone who has lost a child**  
We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

### Advent

The season of Advent begins next Saturday, to help us prepare for the wonders of Christmas. It is also when will begin using the new lectionaries with a new translation. I ask all readers to familiarise themselves with the new versions by collecting a Mass sheet a couple of weeks before you are to read.

### The Assisted Dying Bill

If you haven't done so already, please contact your MP. There are some cards at the back of church to help you to do this.



### Confirmations

Congratulations to the 17 young people from our Family of Parishes who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Tom Neylon last Wednesday evening. It was a wonderful celebration and I thank all those who contributed in making it so. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Parish Christmas Fair will be held on next **Saturday 30th November 1.00pm** in the Sodality Hall (Mather Room), Leigh WN7 2PR. There will be lots of stalls: crafts, games, tombola, music, face painting and light refreshments will be on sale. Please bring cash as there are no card reading facilities.

Raffle tickets are still on sale, £2 for five tickets  
First Prize will be a **Christmas Hamper**, there are other lovely prizes as well. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair.  
Please come along and support our Parish whilst having an enjoyable experience for all the family.

### Youth Sunday

Today is National Youth Sunday. The Second collection today will be used to help support the work of the Archdiocesan Youth Service Animate. Below are some of the things that Animate does:

**LOURDES** - In 2024 they took seven coaches of young people to Lourdes to offer service to our assisted pilgrims.

**FAITH IN ACTION** – This award has blossomed over the years. Last year they had over 2,000 young people received an award for putting their faith in action

**YOUTH ALIVE** - Hundreds of people took part in the Youth Alive services and socials in Advent and Lent

**CONFIRMATION** – Across the Archdiocese over 1,500 young people registered to receive the Sacrament.

For more info Fr Simon Gore  
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### St Mary's High School Sixth Form Christmas Party for Senior Citizens

Please note that the lists will be removed after this weekend. The Christmas Party will take place on Thursday 11th December 12.00pm—2.00pm.

**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:  
**The Poor**  
&  
St Joseph's Church:  
for **The Homeless**