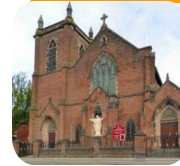


Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 25th May Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	John Gerard Poyner
Sunday 26th May Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Jack Worrall Higham & Ray Worrall
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Margaret & Patrick O'Sullivan & Family
Tuesday 28th May Weekday in Ordinary Time			
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	No Mass	
Wednesday 29th May Weekday in Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	No Mass	
Thursday 30th May Weekday in Ordinary Time			
Sacred Heart	10.00am	Celebration of the Word & Comm	
Friday 31st May Feast of the Visitation of the BVM			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Celebration of the Word & Comm	
Saturday 1st June Memorial of St Justin, Martyr			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Celebration of the Word & Comm	
Sunday 2nd June, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Pat Prescott
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Vinny Johnson Anniversary
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptisms	Gorge Guizardi, Awakhiwe Latrell Ncube, Rita Ifunanya Abuchi

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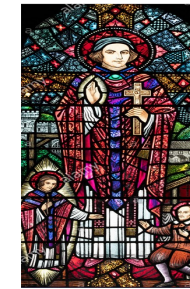
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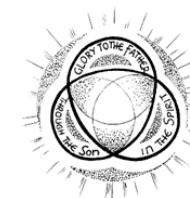
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Mon, Wed & Fri
9.30am—4.00pm



Food for thought

Most people like to feel that they have a sense of belonging. We like to belong to a particular group..... to a community... to a family. As Christians we belong to a beautiful family..... the family of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity. Every time we make the sign of the cross - Father, Son & Holy Spirit, we remind ourselves of the love the Trinity bears for us. This is the love of God our Father and Creator, who called us into being. This is the love of the Son who suffered the agony of the cross so that humanity might live. This is the love of the Spirit who lives within us and guides us in the way of truth, transforming everything and filling us with hope! We praise Him for the mystery of the Trinity, a mystery that is beyond our human understanding, yet closer to us than the air we breathe. Through our Baptism we have been drawn into the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit...now that's a real sense of belonging!



Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died especially,
Elizabeth White,
Sheila Guest
Nellie Flynn
and those whose anniversary occurs 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:

Vera Seventi,
Carol Greenhalgh,
Mary Griffin
Sean Fleming,
Craig Hardman,
Kitty Jones,
Doreen Hayes,
Eileen Hynes
Sr. Megan
Mary Barnes
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
Sandra Smith
James Allen
Kathleen Holland
John Mulligan
Anthony Michael
Marian Hindley
Chris Hallinan
Bernice Ganley
Pauline Woods
Eileen Midgley
John Forde

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Pope Francis

May Prayer Intention

For the Formation of Men and Women Religious and Seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please note that there will no confessions next Saturday (1st June)

Rosary

The Rosary will led by the Legion of Mary on Friday, The Feast of the Visitation at **9.10am**

Celebration of the Word and Communion

I am finding it very difficult now to find a priest who can supply for me when I am away on holiday. Next weekend, instead of the 4.30pm Mass, Neville Roberts, will celebrate a Celebration of the Word and Communion. I will be back to celebrate the 9.30am and 11.00am Sunday Masses. I, your Parish Priest, will always try my best to find someone to celebrate Sunday Mass but as one of our retired priests told me, 'We are now getting thin on the ground.' The Celebration of the Word and Communion still enables us to come together as a worshipping community as we listen to God's word and receive His Eucharist. Please note that your Sunday obligation is fulfilled by attending one of these services.

Fr. Kieran

The Family Parish of St Edmund Arrowsmith (SEA), St Catherine & All Saints (SCAS) and St Lewis (SL)

It was announced in the Pastoral Letter of March 2024, that Parishes across the diocese have been organised into Families to address the issues that we are beginning to face, particularly the shortage of priests. We'd like to update you on what's happening within our Family.

Progress

A Family of Parishes Council (FoPC) has been formed comprising of: Fr. Gordon Abbs, Fr. Kieran O'Grady, Mel Humphrey and Linda Morris (SCAS), and Caroline Owen (SL) and Danielle Coburn, Pauline Aspden and Tommy Gaughan (SEA).

SCAS and SL already have a Parish Council. One is in the process of being formed at SEA. The intention is that each Parish Council's agenda will be used to inform the agenda for the joint FoPC. Each Parish will also have its own Finance Council to ensure that Parish Finances remain separate as is required under Canon Law.

One of the first things members need to do is familiarise themselves with all the properties across our Family. So, we will be visiting each church site with the intention of determining how they can be best used to fulfil our Church's mission. This may lead to some properties being rented or sold and the monies being released to employ Pastoral Assistants or Catechists to assist in the work of the Parishes.

To facilitate change, joint social events will be planned to help parishioners get to know each other and the priests will be celebrating Mass in each other's churches, the first occasion being week ending 8th/9th June.

The Families of Parish Council would welcome any ideas you may have. If you are concerned about any matter, please speak to any of the FOPC members or ring either Parish Office.

St Joseph's Parish Hall

I will read an announcement at the end of Mass regarding the future of the Parish Hall.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church:

People with a mental illness
and at St Joseph's Church:
Doctors, nurses & carers