

**Mass Times, Services and Intentions**

**Saturday 13th January Weekday in Ordinary Time**

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Coffee & Gregory Family
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**Sunday 14th January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Irena Baczynski Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Brenda Southern Anniversary

**Tuesday 16th January Weekday in Ordinary Time**

Sacred Heart	11.30am	Exposition	
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Joyce Worden Anniversary

**Wednesday 17th January St Anthony, Abbot**

St Joseph's	10.00am	Funeral Service	Elizabeth Sumner
St Joseph's	11.30am	Exposition	
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Boon & Campbell Families

**Thursday 18th January Weekday in Ordinary Time**

St Joseph's	11.00am	Funeral Service	Marguerita Maria Sephton
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	James Connor

**Friday 19th January Weekday in Ordinary Time**

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
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**Saturday 20th January Weekday in Ordinary Time**

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Jeffry David Allinson R.I.P.
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**Sunday 21st January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	John Garvey
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	80th Birthday (EJ)

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



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**14th January 2024  
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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**Office Hours:**  
Mon, Wed & Fri  
9.30am—4.00pm



**Food for Thought**

*There's something about an invitation that makes us feel special and it means a great deal to people both young and old. In today's Gospel we hear how the first disciples responded to Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See'. The personal encounter they had with Jesus was life-changing, and yet it was in very ordinary circumstances. Jesus is always ready to meet people 'where they're at', and he always can see our potential, even if we can't! We may think that we've nothing to offer, but the Lord takes what ordinary people can offer and uses it to build up the Kingdom of God. Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is for everyone. Where will he lead us? He will lead us to the broken places of our world...to the victims of war...to those who are lost...to those in need. We are the living voices - voices that speak of peace, voices that wants to speak through our words and actions - voices that bring wisdom to our conversations, and healing to those we meet - voices that help someone see His love, and love makes hope blossom, even in the darkest times! Don't forget the power of an invitation! Who can you invite?*

*Praise Him!!*

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially  
**James Connor,**  
**Marguerita Maria Sephton**  
**Elizabeth Sumner**  
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,**  
**Baby Roman Bleu Emery,**  
**Doreen Hayes,**  
**Sr. Megan**  
**Nellie Flynn**  
**Mary Barnes**  
**Archbishop Patrick Kelly**  
**Catherine Peaty**  
**Sandra Smith**  
**George Cartledge**  
**Pat Avery**  
**James Allen**  
**Kathleen Holland**  
**John Mulligan**  
**Anthony Michael**  
**Marian Hindley**

May the Lord embrace them with healing love.

### 57th World Day of Prayer

Today is a day of prayer for world peace, using the theme proposed by Pope Francis: **'Artificial Intelligence & Peace'**. It might seem a strangely technical, rather abstract title, of limited interest except to experts. But new technologies are developing so quickly that we need to think about their consequences for our freedom, peace and security. We also need to think of the risk of Artificial Intelligence, which will only have as much soul and ethical vision as those who programme it, calling the shots on the battlefield, deciding who lives and who dies – and possibly one day even triggering wars automatically.. Once we are no longer certain about the boundary between human thought and machine-generated speech, the question of what it means to say that each of us was created in God's image and likeness risks becoming unanswerable. And once we reach that point, how can we defend human dignity, human rights, human uniqueness?

### PARISH CAFOD GROUP

We are hoping to start a Parish CAFOD Group to help run CAFOD events in the Parish. There is a meeting with Ged Edwards, the Community Participation Coordinator for CAFOD, on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30pm** at St Joseph's Presbytery. If you would like to know more information please come along to the meeting, everyone is welcome. For catering purposes, please contact the Parish Office if you are coming to the meeting.

### Christmas Memorial

From this weekend, candles will be available to collect from the church porch.

### St Joseph's Players' 2024 Pantomime

#### CINDERELLA

Wednesday 24th January -  
Saturday 3rd February 2024

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7.15pm  
All Matinees: 1pm and Saturday evening: 6.15pm

Tickets are available on:

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players)

Tickets are also on sale at the Parish Office:  
on Friday 19th January from 9.30-11.30

Group Bookings for 10 and over 07907  
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### Pope Francis January Prayer Intention

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

### St Joseph's Church

Some of the benches in St Joseph's Church have been cordoned off and are not to be used as there are problems with the floor area.

Sorry for this inconvenience.

### Children's Corner

When are roads angry?  
When they are crossroads!

What is the first thing a man does in the morning?  
Wake up!



### Confirmations 2024

Any young person who is in year 8 or above, have made their First Holy Communion and would like to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** can register for Sacramental preparation at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk). The website for registration opens on 15th January and closes on the 15th March. While the registration period is open, Animate will visit schools in the diocese to promote the Sacrament. At the same time schools will teach about the Sacrament of Confirmation in RE classes.

### FCJ Sisters

A Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s) is being organized by the FCJ sisters, (Faithful Companions of Jesus). It will take place on 16-18 February 2024, Liverpool.

The theme:

**Discerning God's Call in your life**

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit their website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at

Sacred Heart Church for

**The Holy Land**

At St Joseph's for

**The Ukraine**