

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 9th March Weekday of Lent

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	John Prince R.I.P.
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Sunday 10th March Fourth Sunday of Lent

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Mary Gibbon R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Praxedes & Claudio Avila Anniversary

Tuesday 12th March Weekday of Lent

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	All Who Are Sick
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross	

Wednesday March 13th Weekday of Lent

St Joseph's	12.00 pm	Mass	Fiorentino Simonetti R.I.P.
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross	

Thursday 14th March Weekday of Lent

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Pat Avery R.I.P.
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Friday 15th March Weekday of Lent

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
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Saturday 16th March Weekday of Lent

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Phyllis Bailey Birthday Memorial
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Sunday 17th March Fifth Sunday of Lent

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Jack Worrall Higham
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving (DV)
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Zara Mae Lloyd

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



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**10th March 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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Food for thought

When we see suffering in our world, we can feel really sad, and some people question why God allows suffering. One thing is for certain, God doesn't allow suffering for the sake of hurting us and certainly doesn't want to punish us! In fact the opposite - today's Gospel tells us that God loves us so much that He gave his beloved Son to save the world. This act of love reminds us that God's motivation was never condemnation - but the desire to heal and save his people from living in darkness. So often we think of God looking at the world and seeing the sin and condemning it. God never condemns. Condemnation is crushing and destructive - God's not like that - God saves - He's encouraging - redeeming - life-giving - with a passionate desire to save us. He proved his love for us by giving us the best he had to offer - Jesus. He invites each one of us to look at the Cross - the Cross of Hope... the Cross of Love.. the Cross of Forgiveness... the Cross that saves.... the Cross of Christ... As St Paul tells us today 'we are God's work of Art'. He never gives up on us! That's how much He loves us. That's how precious we are!

Praise Him!



Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died especially,
Mary Turton
Ann Mitchell (Shovelton)
Canon Vincent Burrows
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,
Sr. Megan
Nellie Flynn
Mary Barnes
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
Sandra Smith
George Cartledge
James Allen
Kathleen Holland
John Mulligan
Anthony Michael
Marian Hindley
Chris Hallinan
Bernice Ganley
Pauline Woods

May the Lord embrace them with healing love.

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.
The website for registration **closes** on the on Friday.

R.C.I.A

The Second Scrutiny takes place today after Sister Asmeret has spoken. Please keep Lisa, Ben and Betty in your prayers as they continue their preparation to be received

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass takes place on 27th March 7.30pm at the Cathedral. At this Mass, the Archbishop blesses the holy oils that are used for the celebrations of the sacraments. Additionally, the Archbishop invites the priests of the archdiocese to renew the promises they made at their ordination. Everyone is welcome to attend especially if you have never been before. Altar Servers in Secondary School are welcome to take part.
Please sign the sheets at the back of church.

Mothers' Prayers

The next meeting of Mothers' Prayers is Monday 11th March, St Joseph's Presbytery at 10.30am.
All mothers and grandmothers are welcome.

Lent

Stations of the Cross this week will be prayed after the midday Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Offertory Collection Envelopes

Offertory Collection Envelopes are now ready to collect from the back of church.

Gift Aid: If you pay tax and you Gift Aid your offerings this means that the government will pay the parish an additional 20% on top of your donation. This can make a considerable difference to the parish finances. For further information, please contact Jacqui at the parish office.

Next week's Second Collection:
Nugent Care

The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church, followed by watching in the Green Room and concluding with Night Prayer at 9.00pm

Good Friday—Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm at Sacred Heart Church

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil 8.00pm at St Joseph's Church

Easter Sunday—9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Church and 11.00am at Sacred Heart Church

Happy Mother's Day!!!

Children's Corner

What is a hairdressers favourite dog?
A shampoole!

What did the sea say to shore?
Nothing, it just waved!



CAFOD BIG LENT WALK

Walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty
Visit www.Cafod.org.uk
for details of how to join in or how to sponsor someone else

BEHOLD

Gill Hamilton, a parishioner of St Lewis, Croft, has a exhibition of her sketches of Christ Inspired by the Stations of the Cross
at
Manchester Anglican Cathedral
From 18th March until 6th April

Visit from a Comboni Missionary Sister

Today we welcome, Sister Asmeret A. Abreha, a Comboni Missionary Sister who is visiting our Parish to make the Mission's annual appeal. She will speak at all our Parish Masses.

Pope Francis March Prayer Intention

For the new martyrs
We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at
Sacred Heart Church for
Children in Care
At St Joseph's for
Carers