

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 16th March Weekday of Lent

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Phylis Bailey Birthday Memorial
-------------	--------	------	---------------------------------

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

Monday 18th March Weekday of Lent

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross	

Tuesday 19th March Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

St Joseph's	9.15am	St Joseph's School Mass	
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	1.30pm	XII Apostles Class Mass	

Wednesday March 20th Weekday of Lent

Sacred Heart	12.00 pm	Mass	Lynette Parry R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross	

Thursday 21st March Weekday of Lent

Sacred Heart	10.00am		No Mass
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Service	Lesley Joanne Trigger

Friday 22nd March Weekday of Lent

St Joseph's	9.30am		No Mass
-------------	--------	--	----------------

Saturday 23rd March Weekday of Lent

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Kathleen & Peter Brockhill R.I.P.
-------------	--------	------	-----------------------------------

Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Thanksgiving for Ruth & Joseph
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Angilina Cardozo

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



Sacred Heart Church
Walmesley Road
Leigh WN7 1YE

Parish Office
St Joseph's Presbytery
Mather Lane
Leigh WN7 2PR
01942 673517
stedmund.leigh@rcaol.org.uk

**17th March 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Parish Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady
email: k.ogrady@rcaol.org.uk



St Joseph's Church
Mather Lane
Leigh WN7 2PR

Parish Office Manager
Jacqui Unsworth

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



Food for thought

Suffering can make us deep in compassion and forgiveness, but it can also make some people deep in bitterness and anger. Jesus tells us today that if we follow Him, we will suffer – but our reward is eternal life. Jesus came to save the world and He knew that to do so would involve suffering, yet He had a choice – to go ahead and take on the suffering, or to avoid it by opting out, in which case we would have no hope of being saved. We know what Jesus chose - love won and He gave up His life just so that we could be set free and live forever! Jesus gives an example of his life and ours with a grain of wheat. If the grain falls into the earth and dies, it then rises as a stalk of wheat that gives life by feeding others. If we want to be like Jesus, we need to feed others by looking for the fallen grains of wheat around us ...the sick....those who are abused and oppressed the victims of poverty.... of discrimination, and war. For us as Christians it means sowing seeds of love, showing courageous examples when we are suffering. Jesus teaches us this wisdom about suffering - accepting the reality of life with trust and hope, knowing the love of God transforms everything, even suffering!

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died especially,

**Lesley Joanne Trigger
George Cartlidge,
Margaret Sanderson,
Anthony Grainey,**

Mary Ryan

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
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.

R.C.I.A

The Third and final Scrutiny takes place after the homily. Please keep Lisa, Ben and Betty in your prayers as they continue their preparation to be received into the Church

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.

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.

Lent

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

Legion of Mary

The Annual Acies Consecration Ceremony to Our Blessed Lady will take place on Wednesday 27th March at St Jude's RC Church, Poolstock Lane, Wigan. 6.30pm Exposition and Rosary 7.00pm Mass, followed by light refreshments. All Active and Auxiliary members are welcome For further information please contact Garry: 07584 283275

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.

This 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

Second Collection

This week's Second Collection will be for
Nugent Care

Children's Corner

**How do you send a fisherman a letter?
Drop him a line!**

**Who is the boss of the hankies?
The hankie chief**



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

Foundations Governors

Vacancies has arisen at two of our primary schools. Two Foundations Governors are required at St Joseph's School and one Foundation Governor is required at Twelve Apostles' School.

To become a Foundation Governor you must be a practicing Catholic, with an interest in working alongside other governors, the Headteacher and staff for the good of our young children. For more information, please contact Fr. Kieran or contact the schools:

St Joseph's: 01942 606395.
XII Apostles: 01942 674312

Sanctuary Lamps

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