

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 3rd February Weekday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Kathleen McArt R.I.P.
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Sunday 4th February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Eveline Donohue R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Betchupi Rosaire
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Bobby Joel Michael Belshaw

Tuesday 6th February St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

Sacred Heart	11.30am	Exposition	
Sacred Heart	12.00pm		Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 7th February Weekday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	11.30am	Exposition	
St Joseph's	12.00pm		Celebration of the Word and Communion

Thursday 8th February Weekday in Ordinary Time

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Friday 9th February Weekday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	9.30am		Celebration of the Word and Communion
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Saturday 10th February Memorial Of St Scholastica, Virgin

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Mary Roach 100th Birthday
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Sunday 11th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kitty & Earnest Clarke R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Adrian Manfredi First Anniversary

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



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**4th February 2024
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Food for thought

*Today's readings tell us of the healing power of the Lord both physically and spiritually. When Jesus spoke, He spoke with authority. When He commanded, even unclean spirits obeyed. The Lord wants to speak to each one of us individually, so that He can touch us with His healing love and power. Very often we can be hurt by the experiences we have in life: broken relationships, Bereavement, worry, illness, etc...and also, we can be hurt by other people. Their actions - what they say or do can really hurt us and it can be as difficult to recover from these knocks as from a physical illness. All of us have wounds - spiritual wounds, sins, greed, hostility, jealousy, anger - yet Jesus is there to heal us. Remember, whatever important decisions need to be made - whenever family conflicts need resolving - wherever communication has broken down - whenever we are in need of healing...do what Jesus did...find a quiet place to be still with our Father and be strengthened by Him! Jesus offers an example of what it means to be a whole person - someone who gives their time and energy, generously and lovingly to those around them - but who also gives time and space, generously and lovingly to God.
Praise Him!*

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died especially, **Frances Jean Littlewood, Pauline Jones,** 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
Ann Mitchell (Shovelton)**

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 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before the 4.30pm Mass on Saturdays.

Pope Francis February Prayer Intention

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Baptism

We rejoice with

Bobby Joel Michael Belshaw and his family who will baptised this weekend. We hold them in our love and prayers.

Archdiocesan Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

World day of prayer for the Sick Saturday 10th Feb 12 Noon at Christ the King, Queens Drive. Bishop Tom Neylon Presiding

The retirement of Deacon Dennis Vint

After 26 years of faithful service, firstly to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, then to St Edmund Arrowsmith Parish, the Deanery and the Archdiocese, Dennis has now retired from active ministry. When Dennis reached the official age (75) for retirement he continued for another nine years. On everyone's behalf I want to thank Dennis for the wonderful way in which he has served God and our community. Dennis was utterly reliable, gentle, and very generous with his time, his gifts, and his talents. He was always thoughtful in reaching out to others. He has touched the lives of so many parishioners over the years and I have been very blessed to have had his firm support.

Our thanks also go to Dennis' family who have continued to support him in his ministry.

Thank you, Dennis, for all you have done for us.

God bless you, and your family.

Irenaeus

The Irenaeus Centre will be hosting the first of four sessions on Mark's Gospel on Thursday 8th February from 10.30 am - 12 noon. Zoom links also available. For further details contact 0151 949 1199 or jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Children's Corner

**What is a sound sleeper?
Someone who snores!**

**What can run but can't walk?
Your nose!**



Praying with St Teresa of Avila

Immerse yourself in the life and spirituality of the much-loved Carmelite saint, Teresa of Avila, over a weekend set in the beautiful Stonyhurst estate. The retreat will be preached by Fr Matthew Blake, OCD and runs from Fri 8th - 10th March.

Visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/praying-with-saint-teresa/> to book and for more information.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at

Sacred Heart Church for

The Pope's Intentions

At St Joseph's for

Unsworth & Taylor Families