

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 4th May *Feast of the English Martyrs*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Keith May Anniversary
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Sunday 5th May *6th Sunday of Easter*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Nicholson Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	John Mulligan Sick
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptisms	Bodhi Rose Alice Shilvock & George Guizardi

Tuesday 7th May *Weekday of Easter*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention (MJH)
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Wednesday 8th May *Weekday of Easter*

St Joseph's	10.00am	Funeral Service	Edward James Wilcock
St Josephs	12.00pm	Mass	Margaret Fallon Birthday Mem. & Anniversary
St Joseph's	7.00pm	Vigil Mass	Irene Marsh R.I.P.

Thursday 9th May *Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Maureen Beirne R.I.P.
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Friday 10th May *Weekday of Easter*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Happy Easter Joyce Worden & Family
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Saturday 11th May *Weekday of Easter*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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Sunday 12th May *7th Sunday of Easter*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Paul Unsworth Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Conleth Rooney

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



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**5th May 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter**



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Food for thought

The theme that runs through all the readings this Sunday is Love. The love that Jesus is referring to is a sacrificial love that is steadfast and unchanging. The love He speaks of isn't an empty love - or a romantic love - but a love that seeks the best for, and from everyone. It's a love that's prepared to forgive. It's a love that's prepared to put its hand in its pocket and reach out to our brothers and sisters in Sudan and other countries where people are in need. It's a love that's prepared to be tough in matters of truth and justice - but tender in matters of healing and care. This is the kind of love to which we are called.

Sometimes, our love will be shown in acts of compassion and kindness. Sometimes, however, it will be challenging. Love is not weak - nor is it a push over! The love of God is sacrificial - but for a purpose - to draw humanity to fullness of life. If we look round our church today, we will see different cultures, different languages and people from different geographical locations, - yet, we gather together in love as the universal body of believers, of which Jesus is the head. Our love is to follow His example - loving others to fullness. All we need to do is to remain in His love so that His joy will be complete in us. We thank Him for calling us to be part of our Universal Church that tries to echo His command to love one another - because God is love!

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died especially,
Edward James Wilcock
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
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

Fr. Kieran is available 3.45—4.15 before the 4.30pm Mass at St Joseph's Church.

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There are two Parish Masses: a Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church and 10.00am Mass on Thursday at Sacred Heart Church.

CAFOD SUDAN APPEAL

Thank you for your generosity. The full amount raised will be published next week as donations are still coming in.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of **Bodhi Rose Alice Shilvock & George Guizardi** who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism this last Sunday.

May they grow in the love of the Lord.

First Holy Communions

Congratulations to Year 4 children from Sacred Heart School, who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep their families in your prayers.



The Month of May

May is the month of Mary and the month were we try and pray the Rosary.

St Therese described it as a long chain that linked heaven and earth. When we pray, we hold one end and Mary holds the other.

Pope Francis says 'The Rosary is Spiritual Medicine' and in a tribute to St Pope John Paul II written after the Pontiff's death in 2005, Pope Francis recounted how St John Paul prayed 15 decades of the Rosary each day, and his example has inspired Pope Francis to do the same.

Let us try and pray the Rosary during this special month of May because...'**a world at prayer is a world at peace.**'

The Rosary will be prayed after the midday Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday by the Legion of Mary during the month of May.

Irenaeus

*'Pour out your grace as at
a New Pentecost'*

A charismatic day of Renewal with Michelle Moran. Saturday 11th May at the Irenaeus Centre

32 Great Georges Road, L22 1RD
from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.

Bring a packed lunch.

For more info email
moria@irenaeus.co.uk

Children's Corner

**What do you call a devil who
falls into a jar of jam?
A jammy devil!**

**What snakes are good at sums?
Adders!**



The Second Collection next weekend:
World Communications Day.

Donations will help with the Catholic Communications Network which works to promote the Church's and the Bishop's message in the local, regional, national and international mass media.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at

Sacred Heart Church:

Peace in The Sudan

and at St Joseph's Church:

Aid Agencies working in danger