

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 30th March Holy Saturday

St Joseph's	8.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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Sunday 31st March Easter Sunday

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Stephen Aspden Birthday Memorial
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Jonathan Hogg R.I.P.
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Monday 1st April Monday of Easter Octave

St Joseph's	10.00am	Mass	Sydney Butterworth, Anniversary
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Tuesday 2nd April Tuesday of Easter Octave

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
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Wednesday 3rd April Wednesday of Easter Octave

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Celebration of the Word & Eucharist	
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Thursday 4th April Thursday of Easter Octave

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Celebration of the Word & Eucharist	
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Friday 5th April Friday of Easter Octave

St Joseph's	9.30am		NO MASS
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Sacred Heart	12.15pm	Funeral Service	Anthony Grainey
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Saturday 6th April Saturday of Easter Octave

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Paul Unsworth R.I.P.
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Sunday 7th April 2nd Sunday of Easter, Day of Divine Mercy

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Eileen Boardman, Anniversary
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Caridad Natividad, Anniversary
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Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Hunter John Crosby Meredith & Mary Magdalena Radley
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ALLELUIA, JESUS HAS RISEN

HAPPY EASTER

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



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**31st March 2024
Easter Sunday**



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Food for thought

The Psalm for Easter Sunday says, "This is the day the Lord has made - let us rejoice and be glad in it." Easter is a day of joy. He is Risen! The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of our faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and to see the power of his resurrection. Easter is a glorious feast - the point where death gives way to life. Total sacrifice was given - love held strong and refused to be conquered by the worst that sin could throw at it! Thanks be to God for our baptism - for through it we too share in His resurrection! May we roll away any stones in our hearts that prevent us from feeling His peace, ...His joy.....His forgiveness! The veil of darkness has been transformed to the brightest light. The most dreadful end became the most beautiful beginning. Death defeated by eternal life. Thank you, Lord, for the wonder of Easter!

Praise Him!!



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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Betty, Samuel, Lisa and Ben who will be received into the Church and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist at tonight's Easter Vigil. May the risen Lord hold them close to his loving heart.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died especially:

**Margaret Sanderson,
Anthony Grainey,
Joseph Collins
Mary Ryan
Anne Mitchell
Fr. Barry McAllister
Jacob William Gannon**

and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

Pope Francis

April Prayer Intention For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Feast of Divine Mercy

The hour of grace will be held at 3.00pm next Sunday (7th April) at Holy Family Church, Boothstown beginning with the Chaplet and with Adoration. Confessions will be available through the hour which will conclude with Benediction.

HAPPY EASTER

Thanks to all who have made our celebration of the Triduum so special, especially all our altar servers, Mairead our cantor and Aoife who played her violin. May the power of the risen Lord lead us on as we continue the journey of faith, witnessing to him!

Archbishop Malcolm Easter Message 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as we start going out, and coming home in the light again, it usually means one thing; Easter is around the corner.

As we leave Winter and enter Spring, we are also reminded of the new life that starts at this time of year. Whether that be the plants in your garden, the leaves on trees, or the caterpillars and butterflies that start showing their faces again. This time of year is an incredibly important one in our faith. We remind ourselves that Jesus Christ died for our sins, descended into Hell, and rose from the dead. It is a reminder that there is always hope, even in the depths of despair. When Jesus was betrayed by Judas and ultimately crucified on Good Friday, it felt like hope was lost. But on the third day, Christ rose from the depths of Hell and things were looking light again. It is a message we can all take into our everyday lives. When things are looking bleak, whether it be a personal issue, or a wider issue like conflict in Ukraine, Gaza and other parts of the world, a light can always be found. It's also important to remember the journey we have been on for the past 40 days for Lent. From Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday we have all tried to enrich our lives, by either giving up something that is bad for us, or adding something more positive, like praying into our everyday life. Whatever you have decided to do this year, I hope you had every success, and life is better for the choices you have made. May the light of Jesus Christ be present in you all, as we celebrate his resurrection.

Yours in Christ, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP Archbishop of Liverpool

St Joseph's Players

Present

A Woman of No Importance

By Oscar Wild


Directed by Donna Wood

16th—20th April

Curtain 7.30pm Tickets £10 available on Ticket Source or at the door on the night

Children's Corner

What do you call a line of rabbits walking backward?
A receding hare-line!

What did one Easter egg say to the other?
Heard any good yolks lately? 

Next Week's Second Collection:

The S.V.P.

Thank You

Thank you for your cards, gifts and your goodness shown to me. May Jesus bless your generosity and lead you more deeply into the wonder of His risen life. Fr. Kieran

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **Peace in the Holy Land** At St Joseph's for **Peace in the Holy Land**