

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

### Mass Times, Services and Intentions

#### Saturday 6th January *Weekday of Christmas Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Fred Barnes Anniversary
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#### Sunday 7th January *The Epiphany of the Lord*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Richard Hilton R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	O'Sullivan Family, Special Intention
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Luca Michael Boardman

#### Tuesday 9th January *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	11.30am	Exposition	
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Thanksgiving for Healing

#### Wednesday 10th January *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	11.30am	Exposition	
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Maureen Gallagher

#### Thursday 11th January *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
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#### Friday 12th January *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	80th Birthday
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#### Saturday 13th January *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Coffee & Gregory Family
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#### Sunday 14th January *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Irena Baczynski Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Brenda Southern Anniversary



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**7th January 2024**  
**Feast of the Epiphany**

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### Food for Thought

The Epiphany is a story of great hope. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus, we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Saviour, not just for the Jewish people but for all nations as well. To enter into the spirit of Epiphany we need to understand that God has no favourites, and no-one is excluded from his love. All are to be welcomed fully into God's family. The Gospel is a classic story about innocence in the midst of evil - innocence betrayed by those who should have cared. We hear how Herod pretends to want to pay homage to Jesus, but really is jealous and wants to get rid of Him. Don't we see that in our world today? How many innocent children and people suffer because of war, selfishness, power!

We live in a world covered by the darkness of so many forms of hatred and divisions - yet, the Word of God tells us today that the light shines into the darkness. As we enter into another new year, by the example of the Magi may we, with our own little gift of light, bring faith and hope to those we meet.

Praise Him!!



### Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially **James Connor, Marguerita Maria Sephton** 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**

May the Lord embrace them with healing love.

### Baptisms

Congratulations to **Luca Michael Boardman** and his family, who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday at Sacred Heart Church.

### Christmas Memorial

Candles will be available to collect from the church porch from this weekend.

### Pope Francis January Prayer Intention

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

### St Joseph's Church

Some of the benches in St Joseph's Church have been cordoned off and are not to be used as there are problems with the floor area. Sorry for this inconvenience.

### Our Three Primary Schools: Sacred Heart St Joseph's Twelve Apostles

Welcome back! We hope you have had a refreshing break and rest. May this new term be filled with blessings for everyone!

### St Joseph's Players' 2024 Pantomime

#### CINDERELLA

Wednesday 24th January -  
Saturday 3rd February 2024

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7.15pm  
All Matinees: 1pm and Saturday evening: 6.15pm

Tickets are available on:  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players)

Tickets are also on sale at the Parish Office:  
on Friday 5th, 12th and  
19th January from 9.30-11.30

Group Bookings for 10 and over 07907 880308

#### Nugent Care

There will be a box at the back of both churches for Crib Offerings. All money will be sent to Nugent Care who support vulnerable people in the Archdiocese.

#### Parents

Can I ask parents to please accompany their child, when they need to use the toilet in church.

### Dr Austen Ivereigh

Author of the highly-acclaimed biography of Pope Francis, Dr Austen Ivereigh is a writer, journalist and commentator on religious and political affairs. He will share his insights and expertise with an audience at St Anne's Overbury Street on Sunday evening at 6.00pm on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The event will be live-streamed and recorded. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

**Christian Aid Middle East Crisis Appeal**  
International development charity Christian Aid is appealing for more help in boosting funds to continue to support its local partners.

Church leaders are being urged to renew appeals for donations - every amount will make a difference; £6 will pay for a basic hygiene kit while a donation of £37 will pay for a food parcel for a family of five in Gaza.

Further details on what is being done with the money is in the press release attached.

**To make a donation, please visit the Middle East Crisis Appeal page on the [Christian Aid website](http://Christian Aid website).**

### Children's Corner

How do you join the police force?  
Handcuff them all together!

When is soup musical?  
When it's piping hot!

