

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 23rd March Weekday of Lent

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

Tuesday 26th March Tuesday in Holy Week

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Successful Operation (A.M.)
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross	

Wednesday March 27th Wednesday in Holy Week

St Joseph's	10.30am	Funeral Mass	Mary Kathleen O'Rourke
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Thursday 28th March Holy Thursday

St Joseph's	2.00pm	Funeral Service	George Cartledge
St Joseph's	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Jim Reynolds R.I.P.

Friday 29th March Good Friday

St Joseph's	11.00am	Walk of Witness	
Sacred Heart	3.00pm	The Passion of the Lord	

Saturday 30th March Holy Saturday

Sacred Heart	10.30am	Polish Blessing	
St Joseph's	8.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish

Sunday 31st March Easter Sunday

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Stephen Aspden Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Jonathan Hogg R.I.P.

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



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**24th March 2024
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**



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Food for thought

This week is the most important in the Church's year, when we celebrate the Lord's passion, death and resurrection. The opening line of the Psalm for this Sunday is very moving. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." When someone is going through a very difficult time and things are really tough, they may ask that question – but God is love and love never abandons anyone. God's love is so great that he takes on our human nature, and on the cross he bears our sins. The Word of God tells us that Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him -- betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion! The death would be terrible, and the suffering that would accompany it would be excruciating. As we read the account of the Passion, we may find it hard to understand why Jesus did not retaliate - or try to defend Himself. But Jesus was on the side of truth and love - and that those who suffer for truth are vindicated. Faced with the noise - the pain - the hatred, Jesus was able to go to the place within Him where peace reigned. This was the place where God dwelt - and no earthly power could stop it! We begin Holy Week, praying that as a Church, we may go on loving... through insult and praise... through acceptance and rejection - in the sure knowledge that through His wounds we are healed.

*May we be united with Him in His suffering on the Cross
knowing Resurrection and new life awaits.*



Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died especially,

**George Cartledge,
Margaret Sanderson,
Anthony Grainey,
Mary Ryan
Mary O'Rourke**

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.

Altar Server's Practice for the Triduum

Altar servers from both churches are invited to come along to the following rehearsals:

Holy Thursday 11.00am at St Joseph's Church
Good Friday 1.00pm at Sacred Heart Church
Holy Saturday 1.30pm at St Joseph's Church

Mass of Chrism

Wednesday 27th March at the Cathedral of Christ the King 7.30pm

The coach will leave at 5.30pm from Mather Lane.

Leigh Churches

Good Friday Walk of Witness

11.00am Service at St Joseph's Church. Then walk through town centre to Library Square for an act of worship. Refreshments in St Mary's Parish Church afterwards.

Polish Blessing of Baskets

The annual Polish Blessing of Baskets will take place on Holy Saturday at 10.30am at Sacred Heart Church.

Clocks go forward
Please remember that the clocks go forward next weekend bringing us into BST



R.C.I.A.

Betty, Lisa and Ben continue their preparation this week to be received into the Church during the Easter Vigil at St Joseph's Church on March 30th 8.00pm. Please continue to accompany them in prayer on their journey

Lent

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

The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church, followed by watching in St Joseph's Chapel 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



Statue of Sleeping St Joseph

There is a new statue situated near the chapel of St Joseph. It is a statue of a sleeping St Joseph. The idea to have this statue came from Pope Francis. He has said that he has a great love for St Joseph because he is a man of silence and strength. On his table he has a statue of sleeping St Joseph. Pope Francis says that even when St Joseph is asleep, he is taking care of the church. So, when Pope Francis is faced with a problem and I am sure he has many, he writes a little note and puts underneath St Joseph so that he can dream about it. In other words, Pope Francis tells St Joseph to pray for this problem.

I thought it would be a good idea to do the same. So, if you have anything that is bothering you or concerns you, please use the pen and paper and put the note under St Joseph so that he can dream about it and pray for it.

Collection Good Friday

The Collection for Good Friday is the for the Holy Places

Children's Corner

First Man: Shall I tell you the one about the butter?

Second man: Better not I might spread it around!!!



Sanctuary Lamps

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