

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 18th May		Weekday of Easter	
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Thanksgiving to St Martha
Sunday 19th May		Pentecost Sunday	
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Terry & John Donohue
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving (HT)
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Ole Ryan Hennifer & Margot Lily Ford
Monday 20th May		Memorial of Our Lady, Mother of the Church	
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Frances & James Clarke Birthday Memorial & Anniversary
Tuesday 21st May		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Alan Ratcliffe
Wednesday 22nd May		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
St Joseph's	11.00am	Funeral Mass	Dominick 'Chris' Noone
Thursday 23rd May		Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	
Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Peter M. Harman Birthday Memorial
Friday 24th May		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
St Joseph's	9.30am		No Mass
Saturday 25th May		Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor	
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	John Gerard Poyner
Sunday 26th May		Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Jack Worrall Higham & Ray Worrall
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Margaret & Patrick O'Sullivan & Family

**Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith
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**19th May 2024
Pentecost Sunday**



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Food for thought

A week last Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early Church. The word from God on this Pentecost Sunday, tells us clearly that we need to be open to the Holy Spirit and then use the gifts that we have received. When we accept our gifts with humility, then we can use them to build up the Church here in Leigh. We are many members in one body, ministering to each other. Pentecost is also about courage. The Spirit gives us the strength and courage to bear witness to Christ in a world that can reject the Good News. It must have given the disciples great joy to realise that in spite of their many failures, the Lord was still entrusting them with so heavy and important a task, It's a bit like that for us. We may feel we have nothing to offer but that same Holy Spirit is dwelling within each one of us today... empowering us to get out of our comfort zones and to proclaim the Good News! May the Holy Spirit refresh us so that we can live as children of God with a spiritual destiny that far surpasses anything the world can give. This is the message of Pentecost - to embrace the Holy Spirit - to open the gifts that He has given to each one of us, so that our faith will shine as we draw others to Him!

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died especially, **Dominick 'Chris' Noone** 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.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of **Ole Ryan Hennifer & Margot Lily Ford** who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday.

May they grow in the love of the Lord.

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life

Dates: 24 - 26 May 2024

Location: Liverpool

To register please email:

FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com

Discernment Workshops 28th May, 11th June, 25th June

Open to **young adults (20s and 30s)**.

In these workshop we will consider what Ignatian spirituality teaches us about clarifying our choices, ways of listening to God's Spirit in our lives and discerning the way forward.

For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org



PENTECOST

This powerful feast of the Holy Spirit brings Eastertide to a close and we return to Ordinary Time in the Liturgy of the Church - which is of course extraordinary as always, filled with miracles and Heavenly gifts beyond measure! We praise the Lord for the blessings we've received throughout Eastertide, as we continue our proclamation of the Good News, empowered by the Holy Spirit!

Mary and the Holy Spirit

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you" (Luke 1:34)

Sometimes, we can forget that Mary is a created being just like the rest of us. Though conceived without sin, she was human and had the same concerns, cares, joys, and sorrows that each of us have. Mary is full of the grace of the Holy Spirit, who guides her in all of the decisive moments of her life.

"Just as she did at Pentecost the motherhood of Mary is the path leading us to the paternal tenderness of God, the closest, most direct and easiest of paths,"

Pope Francis

Praying the Rosary

This week the Rosary will be led by the Legion of Mary after the midday Mass on **Monday** and **Tuesday**.

Children's Corner

What do you get if you cross a rabbit with a flea?

Bugs bunny!

What snakes are good a sums?

Adders!



Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at

Sacred Heart Church:

People with a terminal illness

and at St Joseph's Church:

Doctors, nurses & carers