

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

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 4th January

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Celebration of the Word & Communion	
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Sunday 5th January, The Epiphany

St Joseph's	9.30am	Celebration of the Word & Communion	
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Celebration of the Word & Communion	

Tuesday 7th January St Raymond of Penyafort

Sacred Heart	12.00pm		No Mass
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Wednesday 8th January, Wednesday after Epiphany Sunday

St Joseph's	12.00pm		No Mass
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Thursday 9th January, Thursday after Epiphany Sunday

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Communion	
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Friday 10th January, Friday after Epiphany Sunday

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Phillip John Aldred R.I.P.
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Saturday 11th January, Saturday after Epiphany Sunday

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Kitty & Ernest Clarke R.I.P.
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Sunday 12th January, The Baptism of the Lord

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Birthday Intention
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Brenda Southern R.I.P.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church:
&
St Joseph's Church:
for Peace



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The Feast of the Epiphany
5th January 2025

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Food for thought

On this Epiphany Sunday we hear a classic story about innocence in the midst of evil - innocence betrayed by King Herod. Even now over 2,000 years later, we hear about innocent children and people suffering because of evil, because of corruption...because of power and greed. Yet, the Word of God tells us today that light shines into the darkness. That same light still shines for us today. 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. As we enter into another new year, by the example of the Magi may we with our own little lights, bring the gift of our faith to those we meet. As Pilgrims of Hope, may we have our own Epiphany during this Jubilee Year..... quiet moments of clarity realising that true wisdom and strength lies in humility and service, and that the path to wisdom is not about knowing everything, but in seeking understanding, kindness and compassion.

Praise Him!



Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them:

James Allen
Mary Barnes
Sean Fleming,
Bernice Ganley
Carol Greenhalgh,
Mary Griffin
Craig Hardman,
Baby Harper Harrop
Doreen Hayes,
Marian Hindley
Kitty Jones,
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
Joseph Langin
Iris McKiernan
Ramona Mateui
Eileen Midgley
John Mulligan
Tommy Nuttall
Vera Seventi
Mark Tomlinson
Pauline Woods

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

St Joseph's Players' Pantomime

Aladdin

Wednesday 22nd January -
Saturday 1st February 2025

Tickets are available on via
www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died,

Kath Jones
Pauline Ellis
Philip Newton
Albert Raymond Collins
and those whose anniversary occur at this time,
may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus
enfold us all.

Pope Francis January Prayer Intention: For The Right To An Education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Christmas Season

Christmastide began with the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve and will end next Sunday on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

We welcome to our Parish on Sunday morning **Deacon Mick Moffat** who will lead the two Celebration of the Word and Communion Services at St Joseph's Church and Sacred Heart Church.

Tickets are also on sale at the Parish Office:
on Friday 3rd, 10th, 17th January
from 9.30-11.30
For Group Bookings for 10 and over
please contact 07907 880308

Holy Family Church Gaza Appeal

A message from those who organized the collection:

You have raised an amazing **£1,805** for our brothers and sisters sheltering in Holy Family Church Gaza. In addition, there were numerous cards and messages of love, support, prayers and encouragement which will be delivered by the lorries going to Gaza. In the darkness of war, your incredible acts of generosity and kindness represents a shining light of hope, reminding our brothers and sisters in Gaza not to lose faith in God, and that we care.

Holy Family Church and St Ambrose Barlow Church of St Margaret Clitheroe Parish have raised the incredible sum of £2,472.24.

The total funds raised by the Parishes of St Margaret Clitheroe and St Edmund Arrowsmith amounts to £4,277.24 which will be matched by another generous donor making a grand total of **£8,554.48** going to Holy Family Church Gaza.

Well done and thank you to everyone who has helped in raising this remarkable amount of money for a very worthy cause.

JUBLILEE YEAR OF HOPE

The theme "*Pilgrims of Hope*" is a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. He wants us to walk through the Holy door of faith with hope in your heart and love in your eyes. Social justice is important in the Bible, and shows us how our faith commands us to care for our communities. There are many ways we can be "*Pilgrims of Hope*" and during the coming months we can reflect on:

- ◆ Care for creation
- ◆ Food poverty
- ◆ Modern slavery
- ◆ Managing debt
- ◆ Forgiveness
- ◆ Rest and worship

