

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



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11th October 2026

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Food for thought!

Imagine preparing a magnificent feast, filling the tables with delicious food, getting the house ready and eagerly waiting for your guests to arrive – only to discover that they have refused to come. It's a bit like that in the Parable of the Wedding Feast in today's Gospel. The king invites people to the wedding of his son expecting them to come, but they reject the invitation. The King's invitation represents God's invitation to us all. Through this parable Jesus reveals God gives everyone an invitation to enter the Kingdom of heaven, but we must choose whether we accept the invitation or turn away from His loving offer. If we accept the invitation, then we must make the effort to wear the right clothes. Not the latest trends that come and go, but the beautiful clothes of forgiveness, patience, love, justice and peace – not rags of jealousy, gossip, selfishness, hatefulness etc! Today's beautiful Psalm tells us that the Lord will guide us on the right path. He will lead us safely home to the Kingdom of Heaven – and what a banquet awaits for those who follow Him!

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Barbara Wilkinson

Alan Robbins

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:

James Allen

Nuala Conroy

Brother John Dawson SCJ

Sean Fleming

Margaret Hawkins

Marian Hindley

Brenda Jones

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

John Mullingan

Josie Newell

Paul Ross

Cecily Simon

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

Vincent Ganley R.I.P.

at St Joseph's Church
and

Prisoner's and their families
at Sacred Heart Church

The Second Collection for next weekend will for:

APF Missions

The Pope's Intention for October: For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

Christmas Fair 2026

Our annual Christmas Fair is on Saturday 28th November, 1pm – 3.30pm, in St Joseph's Hall. Donations of unwanted and good quality gifts and bottles such as smellies, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are greatly appreciated. Please leave them at the back of the Church. Raffle tickets will be available from the 31st October, before and after the Masses. At £2 a strip with 5 chances of winning. Prizes include shopping vouchers and food, wine and pamper hampers. We are also looking for volunteers to help during the planning, preparation and on the day itself. The next meeting is on the 25th October at Sacred Heart presbytery after the 11am Mass. Thank you for your continued support.

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

If you would like Fr. Kieran to visit a family member who is sick and housebound, please speak to the Parish Office.

Mothers' Prayers

The next meeting of Mothers' Prayers will be held on Monday 12th October in St Joseph's Presbytery at 10.30am. All mothers and grandmothers are welcome.

Ponder of the Gospel

This is the story Jesus tells,
The wedding feast, when the message dwelled.
The king invites guests to his son's wedding day,
but they reject his offer and then turn away.

Some make excuses and refuse to attend,
while others grow hostile and refuse to amend.

Yet still the king, sent the servants out,
to go to the main roads and give them a shout.

Invite the poor, the lost the weak,
Let every searching heart come and seek.

The King's invitation still echoes today.
Calling each heart to respond and not delay.
So, let faith be our garment, our hope and our song,
as we join the great banquet where all may belong.

October, the month of the Holy Rosary

Pope Leo asks us to pray this powerful prayer with him
throughout October for peace throughout the world.

The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times. –

St. Padre Pio

If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and
in your country, pray the Rosary. Let not even one day
pass without praying it, no matter how burdened you
may be. - Pope Pius XI

This week the Rosary will be prayed after the midday
Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Pious Lists

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Envelopes are now
available at the back of
church. Please place the
names of those
you want us to pray for
inside the brown
envelope, with a
donation, and drop
them

either into the collection
basket or into
the parish office or push
them through
the letterbox at either
presbytery.

All the names will be
placed on the altar
during the month of
November, the
month of the Holy souls.

Walsingham Easter 2027

If you would like to go on
the Walsingham trip next
year from Monday 29th
March to Thursday 1st

April, please contact
Theresa Thompson as soon
as possible
on: 07780 064 502

Prisoners' Sunday - 11 October.

We remember and pray for prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Please
remember that no one is beyond God's mercy. If you are able, please support Pact's
(Prison Advice and Care Trust) work so that more people affected by imprisonment can
find comfort, connection, and a fresh start. You can donate on their website:
www.prisonadvice.org.uk

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room

is available to hire for parties etc. To book the room, please
contact:

Christine Prince **07766681339**

Mass Times, Services and Intentions			
Saturday 10 th October <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 11 th October <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Elizabeth & Kevin O'Rourke
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Roddy Glynn R.I.P.
Tuesday 13 th October <i>Week 28 Memorial of St Edward the Confessor</i>			
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Dierdre & Patrick Costello (Snr) Anniversary
Wednesday 14 th October <i>Week 28 of Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	80 th Birthday
Thursday 15 th October <i>Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)</i>			
St Joseph's	10.00am	Mass	Govin, Donoghue & Sutton Families
St Joseph's	1.30pm	St Joseph's School - Mass of Welcome	
Friday 16 th October <i>Week 28 of Ordinary Time</i>			
Sacred Heart	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	Barbara Wilkinson
Saturday 17 th October <i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Barbra Gildart R.I.P.
Sunday 18 th October <i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	John Ford Anniversary