

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 26th September *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Melvin & Kieran Moss
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Sunday 27th September *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Gordon Bailey Birthday Memorial

Tuesday 29th September *Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Speedy Recovery
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Wednesday 30th September *Memorial of St Jerome*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Edward White
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Thursday 1st October *Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus (of Lisieux)*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	John Gunning Birthday Memorial
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Friday 2nd October *Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Peter Cain
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Saturday 3rd October *Week 26 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	10.45am	-	Reconciliation & Adoration
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Anthony Canning RIP

Saturday 3rd October *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	David Warbis Birthday Memorial
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Sunday 4th October *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Edward Unsworth Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptisms	Rivan & Matilda Douglas

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



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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 27th September 2026

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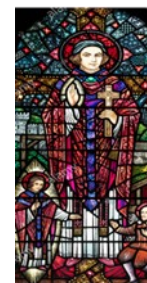
St Joseph's Church
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Parish Administrators

Jacqui Unsworth
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Office Hours:

Mon, 1.30pm—4.30pm **St J**
Wed, 10am—2pm **SH**
Thurs, Closed **St J**
Fri, Closed **St J**



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Food for thought!

The situation Jesus describes in today's Gospel is one that we're all familiar with. He tells a simple story of two imperfect sons to illustrate the way of God's kingdom. We have all met people who say they will do something and then we find that they have not – and those who initially may be against an idea or refuse a request, then have a change of heart and get on with it. This parable is a powerful reminder that God is not looking for empty promises – He is looking for a heart that is willing to obey. It challenges us to change - to grow - to make the right choices and not just pay lip service. Jesus makes his point clear - good intentions are not enough - and promises don't count unless they are followed through with actions. But even if we get things wrong and make foolish choices – God always gives us the opportunity to put things right again. We are never too old - too set in our ways - or too busy to take God up on His offer of help. It's never too late to turn back to God, repent and say...Yes, Lord, not only with our lips, but with our lives.

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Edward White

Peter Cain

Winifred Cowley

Katherine Jagger

Christine Burke

Anthony Canning

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 Mulligan

Josie Newell

Paul Ross

Cecily Simon

Barbara Wilkinson

May the risen Lord embrace them
with healing love.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will
shine for:

Pope Leo's visit to France

at St Joseph's Church

and

World Peace

at Sacred Heart Church

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.



CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday 2nd October 2026

Please donate to our Family Fast Day
parish collection. Put your faith into
action and share the Lord's love by
supporting our global neighbour's
experiencing shortages of food and
safe water. Your gift can support
children in Zimbabwe to stay in school
by helping communities and schools
provide nourishing meals, improve
access to water and grow food in
school gardens. Please collect a
CAFOD envelope as you leave, so that
you can Gift Aid your donation, or give
through the CAFOD website.
Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Eucharistic Minister Training

28th November 2026

The Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD

This course examines our baptism
calling, Vatican II's teaching on
ministry, and the role of the
Eucharistic minister. It also offers an
opportunity to celebrate our place in
the Church's synodal life. Parishes
are encouraged to enable the
faithful to receive Communion as
both the Body and Blood of Christ.
This is an ideal opportunity to
involve new ministers and, where
this is not already the practice,
restore Communion under both
species. The day runs from
9.15am - 4.00pm.
Parishes are asked to contribute £15
per attendee to cover costs. Places
must be booked in advance.

The Gift of the Rosary

The Rosary has been a powerful
instrument of prayer down through
the centuries. Mary speaks to us not
from book learning, but from human
experience. As we approach the
month of October let us ponder in a
special way the wonder and riches of
the rosary, so that it may enrich our
lives, especially during these difficult
times, and with her help lead us
closer to her beloved Son.



Reflection on today's Gospel

Two sons were called to work one day,
One said no and walked away
But then changed his heart and mind
and did the work his father assigned

The other said, Yes, I will go
but never moved, and answered no.
Jesus asked, which one obeyed
the answer was in the choice they made.

So when God calls, don't just say "Yes"
Commit to Him and do your best.
The lesson Jesus gave that day,
was simple.....live what you say!

**St Joseph's Players presents
BLITHE SPIRIT by Noel Coward**

A Ghostly comedy!

Tuesday 29th September -

Saturday 3rd October

Tickets: Adults £12

16 years and under £6

Pay on the door, on the night,

or online: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players)

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Commences at 7.30pm

Bar, Raffle and Tea & Coffee



The Sodality Hall/Mather Room is
available to hire for parties etc. To book
the room, please contact:
Christine Prince **07766681339**