

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 16th December Weekday of Advent

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Clarice Keavney Anniversary
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Sunday 17th December Third Sunday of Advent

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Caitlin Bradbury, Norah & John Heneghan & Philomena Gaughan
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptism	Alfred Stephen Conchie & Autumn Margaret Hilton

Tuesday 19th December Weekday of Advent

Sacred Heart	11.30am	Exposition	
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Joe & Pat McCaul & Fr Joseph Camileri

Wednesday 20th December Weekday of Advent

St Joseph's	11.30am	Exposition	
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Jeffrey David Allinson R.I.P.

Thursday 21st December Weekday of Advent

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	The Prescott Family
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Friday 22nd December Weekday of Advent

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kennedy Family
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Saturday 23rd December Weekday of Advent

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	David Warbis Anniversary
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Sunday 24th December Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kitty & Ernest Clarke R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish

Sunday 24th December Vigil of the Nativity

St Joseph's	6.00pm	Mass	Ellen & Reginal Squires
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**Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith
Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph**



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**17th December 2023
Third Sunday of Advent**

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Food for Thought

Today is the Sunday of Joy. The joy of God! If anyone ever suggests to you that God and those who believe in Him are meant to be gloomy and always solemn, you could point them to the readings today! Mary's words of joy are in today's Psalm- **"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."** St Paul tells us today to **"be happy at all times and pray constantly"**. It's a reminder to us that as Christians, we are meant to be joyful people. For many people this may seem difficult, especially when we see images of people suffering because of war. Its hard to be joyful when people experience bereavement, sickness, family problems, marriage breakdown, problems at work, unemploymentetc. But the happiness St Paul talks about isn't a happiness that is jolly all the time – but a deeper happiness that isn't afraid of sadness. It's a happiness that prays in its need.....trusting and accepting that hard things will happen, but God is with us every step of the way. Let our faith radiate that truth! We walk on the path that Jesus has set before us, and as we walk that path - joy happens to us. This Advent gather up the events however small, that awaken thankfulness and joy in you! We are God's song – so let your life sing! Praise Him!



Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died

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,
Baby Roman Bleu Emery,
Doreen Hayes,
Sr. Megan
Nellie Flynn
Mary Barnes
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
Catherine Peat
Sandra Smith
George Cartledge
Pat Avery
James Allen
Kathleen Holland
John Mulligan
Anthony Michael
Marian Hindley

May the Lord embrace them with healing love.

Mary's Meals—Double the Love

Up to January 2024, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1million. With Double the Love, your donation will be matched and your kindness will go even further. To find out more visit:

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

First Mass of Christmas, Children's Mass at St Joseph's Church 6.00pm

Christmas Day

9.30am St Joseph's Church
11.00am Sacred Heart Church

Twelve Apostles Easter Pilgrimage to Walsingham

April 1st - 4th

If you would like more information, please contact Theresa Thompson 07780 064502

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

In the season of Advent, may we remember that the light of Hope descended into the earth to dwell among us, and the light was not conquered by the darkness. **There is a place called 'heaven' where the good here unfinished is completed; and where the stories unwritten, and the hopes unfulfilled, are continued.....**

J.R.R. Tolkien

Midnight Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral

Midnight Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm along with the Cathedral Choir and will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 4. It begins at 11.30pm and the congregation are asked to be in their seats by 11.15pm. Tickets are not required.

For more information about all events please visit:

www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk

Nugent Care

There will be box at the back of both churches for Crib Offerings. All money will be sent to Nugent Care who support vulnerable people in the Archdiocese.

CAFOD FUN RUN

CAFOD's Christmas Fun Run is back! Join us for some festive fun on Wednesday 27th December at 10.00am to walk, run, or stroll a 3km or 5km route, all raising money for CAFOD's work.

For more information:

Email:

events@cafod.org.uk

or contact: 07779 804242

Parents

Can I ask parents to please accompany their child, when they need to use the toilet in church.

St Vincent de Paul Society

The total collected last weekend was £483.40.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at

Sacred Heart Church for

Our deanery priests

At St Joseph's for

Archbishop Malcolm & Bishops

Children's Corner

When is soup musical?

When it's piping hot!

When are roads angry?

When they are crossroads!

