

**Mass Times, Services and Intentions**

**Saturday 17th August Weekday of Ordinary Time**

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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**Sunday 18th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	John Pendlebury
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Jacob Gannon
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Loui Aspinall-Smith, Rosie Kathleen Whyte, Harry Ellis Cooley, Poppy May Fitzmartin

**Monday 19th August Weekday of Ordinary Time**

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	George Cartledge
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**Tuesday 20th August Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor**

St Joseph's	12.00pm		<b>No Mass</b>
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**Wednesday 21st August Memorial of St Pius X, Pope**

St Joseph's	12.00pm		<b>No Mass</b>
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**Thursday 22nd August Memorial of the Queenship of Mary**

Sacred Heart	10.00am		<b>No Mass</b>
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**Friday 23rd August Memorial of St Rose of Lima**

St Joseph's	9.30am		<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
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**Saturday 24th August Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle**

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Francis & James Clarke Anniv
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**Sunday 25th August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Teresa & Thomas Beads & Tony Ashcroft
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Ben Napividad Anniversary

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



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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
18th August 2024**



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Jacqui Unsworth

**Office Hours:**  
Mon, Wed & Fri  
9.30am—4.00pm



**Food for thought**

*What is wisdom and how do you get it? The readings this week highlight the importance of wisdom. We are pressurized into getting time-saving devices and gadgets, yet people are more stressed and don't seem to have the wisdom to take time for the things that really matter. If we look at the world, we can see conflict, war, greed, poverty etc. and things can seem really bleak. Today and in the last few Sundays the Word of God has been giving us wisdom about spiritual food – the living Bread which has come down from Heaven. Every time we receive the Body of the Lord - the presence of Jesus within, remains in us and strengthens us, allowing the love of God to burn in our hearts - lighting up our lives so that others may see and believe! When people love each other they want to be together – and that's what happens when we receive the Eucharist, God in Christ becomes part of us, and we become part of Him.*

*Today's Psalm says: "Taste and see that the Lord is good". As we receive Him today, may we hold on to His promise... "Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever"! How wise to follow Him! That's real wisdom!*

*Praise Him!*

### 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**  
**Mary Barnes**  
**Archbishop Patrick Kelly**  
**James Allen**  
**Kathleen Holland**  
**John Mulligan**  
**Marian Hindley**  
**Chris Hallinan**  
**Bernice Ganley**  
**Pauline Woods**  
**Eileen Midgley**  
**John Forde**  
**Tommy Nuttall**  
**Mark Tomlinson**  
**Iris McKiernan**  
**Hugo (newborn)**  
**Joseph Langin**

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

### Christmas Fair Meeting

There will be a planning meeting for this year's Christmas Fair. The meeting will be on Wednesday 4th September 7.00pm at Sacred Heart Presbytery.

All are welcome

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially

**Baby Edward**  
**Christopher Beaumont**  
**Jim Gore**

and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

### Pope Francis

#### August Prayer Intention For Political Leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

At Our Lady's Altar at St Joseph's Church there is a memorial for Alice, Elsie and Bebe.

We continue to pray for them and their families.

**'Do not let your hearts be troubled.**

**Trust in God'**

**John 14:1**

### Baptism

We celebrate with

**Loui Aspinall-Smith, Rosie Kathleen Whyte, Harry Ellis Cooley, Poppy May Fitzmartin**

and their families who will be baptised this weekend. We hold them in our love and prayers.

### Music at the Met

During 2024 the Metropolitan Cathedral are celebrating the return of their restored grand organ with a series of concerts and events that will demonstrate the versatility of the instrument.

**Summer Organ Recital by Peter Morrison, Sunday 18th August 14.00**

**Summer Organ Recital by Andrew Sharples, Sunday 25th August 14.00**

For more information, please call 01517087283 or email: [music@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:music@metcathedral.org.uk)

### Pilgrimage Mass to the Holy Hand of St. Edmund Arrowsmith

There will be a pilgrimage Mass on Sunday 25th August beginning at 3pm at the shrine of St Edmund Arrowsmith, St. Oswald Church, Liverpool Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
**Principal Celebrant:**  
**Bishop Tom Neylon**  
Followed by blessing with the Holy Hand

Next weekend 24th/25th August we welcome Bishop Tom Neylon who celebrate the 4.30pm Mass and Monsignor John Butchard who will celebrate the 9.30am & 11.00am Mass.

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamps will shine at both churches for Peace and Reconciliation in our country.

### Missio

We have had a letter of thanks from Missio for the Parish Collection £499.15 and also the Red Box Collection £810.

"Thank you from Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Through your Red Box and parish collections, you are missionary, helping spread God's word and share God's love for all his people. Thank you for your time, your gifts and your prayers for our brothers and sisters across the world. As a member of the Red Box family you will be held in prayer at Mass each day by the Mill Hill communities and at Missio's chapel in London.

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