

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 7th September Weekday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Betty Kennedy Anniversary
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Sunday 8th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Anna Weicht Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	The O'Sullivan Family

Monday 9th September Weekday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	1.45pm	Funeral Mass	Christopher Gordon Beaumont
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Tuesday 10th September Memorial of St Ambrose Barlow, priest Martyr

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Margaret Smith
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Wednesday 11th September Weekday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	John Prince Anniversary
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Thursday 12th September Weekday in Ordinary Time

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	1.00pm	Funeral Service	Brendan Crook

Friday 13th September Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Doctor

St Joseph's	9.30am	No Mass	
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Saturday 14th September Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Doris Pendlebury Anniversary
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Sunday 15th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

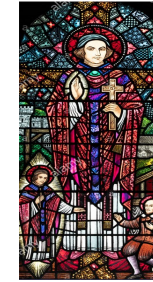
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Philip Jones Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Praxedes & Claudio Avila Anniversary
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Ronnie May Sparrow, Woody Michael Leonard, Denver William Taler, Ralf Stephen McCormick

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



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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8th September 2024



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9.30am—4.00pm

Food for thought

Many people crave to be associated with the rich and famous. There is a 'celebrity culture' that encourages people to want to be rich and famous. But once again in today's Gospel we hear how Jesus shows compassion on someone who wasn't rich or famous. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions. Jesus shows awareness and compassion for the deaf man's predicament. He takes him aside privately away from the crowd and heals him. As always there's a message for us as well. This miracle highlights the issue of spiritual deafness. We might be too busy, prejudiced, or distracted to hear God's voice due to the distractions of today's modern world. Today, the Lord speaks to each one of us 'Ephphatha' – be opened and let me bring you healing! May our eyes be open to everything beautiful - but also to see the suffering of others and those in need. May our mouths be open to sing psalms and to tell others about the wonders of God – yet have the courage to speak against untruth and injustice. May our ears always be open to listen to what the Spirit is saying to us - and may our hearts always be open to His love, forgiveness and healing.

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
Kathleen Holland**

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Forthcoming Second Collections

This week: **Catholic Education Services**
Next week: **Home Missions**
21st/22nd September:
The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially

**Christopher Beaumont
Margaret Smith
Brendan Crook
James Gore
Joyce Nuttall**

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

Pope Francis

September Prayer Intention For Political Leaders

Pope Francis invites prayers 'so that political leaders may serve their people, work for comprehensive human development and the common good, attending to those who have lost their job and prioritising the poorest.'

Parish Council

There is a meeting for members of the Parish Council on Wednesday 7.00pm at St Joseph's Presbytery.

Parents with children

Please note that if a child needs to use the church toilet, they need to be accompanied by a parent. They cannot go out on their own or with another sibling. This is for Safeguarding and Health and Safety reasons.

Christmas Fair

Thanks to all those who attended the Christmas Fair meeting last Wednesday. Good progress was made. The next meeting will be on Sunday after the 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome.



Today is Education Sunday. Established by the Bishops in 1848, Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales. Education remains the largest charitable activity of the

Church in this country, with many of our schools established for poor immigrant children in the 19th century. Our forebears rightly saw education as the principal means of handing on the faith and improving the spiritual, moral, social and cultural lives of children and young people. Since then, the Catholic Church has become the country's largest provider of secondary schools and second-largest provider of primary schools, along with four universities. We pray for all who are involved in the provision of Catholic education in our schools, colleges and universities, that the Lord - Christ the Teacher will strengthen their faith and fill their hearts with

Pause for Hope - Sunday 22 September

The Metropolitan Cathedral will host a special Pause for Hope service on Sunday 22 September, dedicated to supporting those affected by cancer. The event is open to all, with no tickets required. Catherine Jones, Chair of North West Cancer Research, will be the main speaker, and music will be provided by Billy Hui and Singme Merseyside. The service will be led by Rev Canon Bill Addy, Rev David Goodwin, and Bishop Tom Williams. This ecumenical and reflective gathering includes hymns, prayers, and the lighting of candles to remember loved ones lost to cancer and to pray for a future free from the disease. A poster is attached, should you wish to promote this event in your parish or online.

Children's Corner

**What is a meatball?
A dance in a butchers shop!**

**What did the dog say when he sat on sandpaper?
Ruff!**



Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at
Sacred Heart Church:
Expectant Mothers
and at St Joseph's Church:
Stephen Aspden