

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 21st September *September Feast of St Matthew, Apostle*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Peter M Harman, Anniversary
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Sunday 22nd September *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Irene Marsh R.I.P.
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Jacob Gannon
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Monday 23rd September *Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
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Tuesday 24th September *Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm		No Mass
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Wednesday 25th September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm		No Mass
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Thursday 26th September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Paul Mullaney 60th Birthday Memorial
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Friday 27th September *St Joseph's School — Mass of Welcome*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Warbis Birthday Memorial
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Saturday 28th September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Sandra Smith R.I.P.
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Sunday 29th September *Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Elizabeth & Kevin O'Rourke
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Tom & Kath Sharratt 50th Wedding Anniversary
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Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Melvin and Lewis Nze
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Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
22nd September 2024

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Food for thought

In today's Gospel we hear once again Jesus predicting his passion and death. After sharing the most intimate facts of His life to the disciples, they started to argue about who was the greatest among them. Jesus responds by actually bringing a real child before them! The image of the child is very powerful, because to be a follower of the Lord we must have childlike trust. But, aren't we sometimes a bit like the disciples? The appetite for glory and greatness is within us all and very often as St James points out in today's reading, jealousy, envy and ambition are at the root of many of the troubles in any community. In the eyes of the world people are often called 'great' when they are very rich, successful or powerful – but what's really 'great' in the eyes of God is our goodness. The more we are willing to serve and love, the humbler we become. For service, love and humility go hand in hand. Jesus challenges us today to make room for the childlike energy of trust, of laughter, of cooperation with one another. Whether we are nine years old or ninety-nine, the message of Jesus challenges us all to become young at heart. The times when we're happy and content – quietly working to build the Kingdom of God – loving the Lord in simple humility and childlike trust – that's what's really great!

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.

St Joseph's School Mass of Welcome

At the 9.30am Mass on Friday, St Joseph's School will join us for their Mass of Welcome.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, and those whose anniversary occur 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.'

Christmas Cards

Religious Christmas Cards, Calendars & Diaries will be on sale at the 4.30pm and 9.30am Masses from the 5th October.

Ecumenical Prayer Service

There will be a **Ecumenical Prayer Service for the Season of Creation** which will take place at St Catherine and All Saints R.C. Church, Golborne, WA3 3BG on Tuesday 24th September at 3pm.

All are welcome.



CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Friday 4th October

This Harvest, your donations will help support people like Daniel, a young man in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Daniel said, "we grew up in a life that is not easy. It was struggling all the time." However, by joining a local carpentry training project funded by CAFOD, Daniel now has his own workshop. By giving to the Harvest appeal you will be funding training, tools and safe spaces to help people learn new skill and continue their God-given potential.

Please take a CAFOD envelope and return it by **Sunday 6th October**. If you are a tax payer, please consider gift aiding your donation.

Day of Special Prayer for Thanksgiving for Harvest and Fruits of Human Work

Today is a special day of prayer in **Thanksgiving for Harvest and Fruits of Human Work**. Harvest is always a very special time of the year, and its right that we thank God for his goodness to us. Through our labour, may we bring God's blessing upon those who will share the fruit of our labour.

St Joseph's Players Present

A Murder is Announced!

By Agatha Christy

Directed by Barbara Mayers

Tuesday 1st October -

Saturday 5th October

7.30pm

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St, Leigh

Tickets Adults £10 Under 16s £5

This weekend's Second Collection

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Children's Corner

What gets wetter as it dries?

A towel

What is the hardest thing about learning to skate?

The ice!



Animate Youth Lourdes Pilgrimage

Applications forms for the Archdiocesan Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2025 will go online on the 7th October. If you are a young person who is interested, please apply online at liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk

The dates for the pilgrimage is

July 23rd - August 1st

For ages 15 -22 (or in year 10)

For more info Tel 01744 740461

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at

Sacred Heart Church:

and

St Joseph's Church:

for **People suffering from depression**