

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

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 7th December Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Eric & Doris Pendlebury
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Sunday 8th December Second Sunday of Advent

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Enid Kenwright, Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Dominik (Chris) Noon, Birthday Memorial

Tuesday 10th December The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Winifred Gerald Anniversary
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Wednesday 11th December Weekday of Advent

12A School	9.30am		Advent School Mass
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Vernon Byrne Anniversary

Thursday 12th December Weekday of Advent

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Special Intention
St Joseph's	2.30pm	Funeral Mass	Joan Hayes

Friday 13th December Weekday of Advent

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Complete Healing
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Saturday 14th December Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

St Joseph's	10.45am		Sacrament of Reconciliation till 11.45am
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	
St Joseph's	12.45pm		Sacrament of Reconciliation till 1.45pm
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Joyce Nuttall R.I.P.

Sunday 15th December Third Sunday of Advent

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Wayne Bowling, Get Well
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving Mrs Ahmed for 35 years of Teaching
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Hope Louise & Ruben Peter Saunders



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Second Sunday of Advent
8th December 2024

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Food for thought

We are in the season of Advent, the season of waiting and hoping! Advent also gives us the opportunity to reflect on the deeper things that connect us all to the Lord. As much as we are waiting and hoping for God, imagine how much more God is waiting and hoping for us to turn to him during this season of grace. The Church gives us John the Baptist as a model of someone who knows how to wait. Like John the Baptist 'we must prepare a way for the Lord' within the world we live in. The challenge from the Word of God today is 'to change'. Before any real change can take place in our lives we have to come to the point of recognising where we are and wanting it to be better. All of us can carry unnecessary clutter that can prevent us from being all He wants us to be. At our baptism we received the gift of the Holy Spirit - when we were confirmed this gift was strengthened. May this great gift enable us to change the things we can't do alone. If we open our hearts to a *baptism of repentance* we will receive the mercy of God. He will gently open a few doors that may have been shut for too long. As Pope Francis says.....*Our God forgives all our sins, always and without exception and He rejoices when somebody asks him for pardon.* There will be opportunities this Advent to celebrate this healing Sacrament...Will you be there?

Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them:

James Allen
Mary Barnes
Sean Fleming,
Bernice Ganley
Carol Greenhalgh,
Mary Griffin
Craig Hardman,
Baby Harper Harrop
Doreen Hayes,
Marian Hindley
Kathleen Holland
Kitty Jones,
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
Joseph Langin
Iris McKiernan
Ramona Mateui
Eileen Midgley
John Mulligan
Tommy Nuttall
Vera Seventi
Mark Tomlinson
Pauline Woods

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.



Walsingham Pilgrimage

1st - 4th April 2025

If you are interested in going to Walsingham next year, please contact **Teresa Thompson: 07780064502**

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died,

Joan Hayes
Louis Wilcock
Tony Wingfield
Veronica Fairhurst

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

Pope Francis November Prayer Intention: for December For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

S.V.P. Second Collection

This weekend the second collection will be for the S.V.P. Please be generous so that they can continue to help those who are most in need.

New Lectionaries from Advent 2024

I ask all readers to familiarise themselves with the new versions by collecting a Mass sheet a couple of weeks before you are to read.

CAFOD World Gifts

If you are looking for Christmas presents, World Gifts could have the answer. Buying a World Gift helps the poorest people around the world.

Catalogues available in the church porch at both churches.



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This beautiful feast of Our Lady is normally celebrated on December 8th but this year that falls on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, so Our Lady's feast is moved to the Monday but I will celebrate it on Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church. The Rosary will be prayed before Mass and will be led by the Legion of Mary.

Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated next Saturday from 10.45am - 11.45 am and 12.45pm — to 1.45pm at St Joseph's Church. Mass will be celebrated at midday. There will Exposition whilst the Sacrament of Reconciliation is being celebrated.

Christmas Flower Memorial

For a donation of £5 you will receive a candle for your loved one (s) which will be placed on the sanctuary and lit at the Christmas Masses. You will be able to take the candle home when the Christmas Season is over, and your loved one's name will be then placed on the Lady Altar during the season of Christmas.

- ◆ Please print the name or names clearly on the piece of paper provided.
- ◆ The name of the church where you want the memorial
- ◆ Place it in an envelope with your donation marked 'Christmas Memorial'. Please note the deadline date:

22nd December.

Christmas Mass Times Christmas Eve Children's Mass:

6.00pm St Joseph's Church

Christmas Day:

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

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair raised **£1,073.99**
The Raffle raised **£864.02**
Sale of Christmas Cards raised **£165.80**

I would like to thank the Christmas Fair Committee for all their hard work, for everyone who had stalls on the day and all those who came and supported our Christmas Fair.

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room

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

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church: & St Joseph's Church: for **The Pope's Intentions**