

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 16th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Philip Coffey, Pious List
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Sunday 17th November *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Canon Alfred Joachim Weicht Anniversary, Pious List
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish, Pious List
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	

Monday 18th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	10.00am	Funeral Service	David Stuart Mullaney
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Tuesday 19th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	11.30am		Exposition
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Ramona Mateui, Get Well, Pious List

Wednesday 20th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	11.30am		Exposition
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Thomas, Theresa, Teresa & Margaret Grogan R.I.P., Pious List
St Joseph's	7.00pm	Service	Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday 21st November *Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Frank Duff & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary, Pious List
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Friday 22nd November *Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kathleen & Francis Duffy, R.I.P., Pious List
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Saturday 23rd November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Joseph Green Anniversary, Pious List
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Sunday 24th November *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Steven Naylor, Birthday Memorial, Pious List
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Dominik (Chris) & Kathleen Noon R.I.P. Pious List

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



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th November 2024

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Food for thought

For many people today's reading about the end of time can sound a bit alarming. It can be very frightening to think of everything we know of coming to an end. None of us know the day or the hour when the Lord will return again, but there are two important ways of preparing for the end of life - physical preparation and spiritual preparation. Physical preparation means that we can make a will etc. to make it easy for our loved ones when we pass, and Spiritual preparation means we try to live a life here on earth doing good and following the Lord. We are not alone! God gives us the sacraments and angels for protection..... Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist to strengthen us. Jesus' words give us hope and strength, even when things seem chaotic and uncertain. At the end of the first reading we find a beautiful promise of rescue.....The wise shall shine brightly and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever. Just think of it..... why be afraid of Jesus coming among us again in his glory? The Lord wants us to be filled with joyful anticipation - not fear - for His coming. Jesus tells us that on the last day - all that is good, wise and true, every scrap of goodness and love that was done here on earth will be gathered safely in! So be wise and shine brightly!

Praise Him!

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.

The Legion of Mary - Book Barrow

The Legion of Mary are asking if you have any old religious books, booklets, religious objects, statues, pictures etc., that you no longer use, for their **Book Barrow** for the Christmas Fair. Please bring them to the parish office or contact Garry: 07584 283 275.

Archdiocese of Liverpool

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died,

Jean Proctor
Thomas Woods
Joan Hayes

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 a Shared Mission

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

New Lectionaries from Advent 2024

From the First Sunday of Advent we will be using the new lectionaries. The new lectionaries use the English Standard Version (Catholic Edition). The reason the Church has revised its lectionaries is to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages and to be more inclusive

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.

Baptisms

We hold in prayer

Maisy Rita Greenough,
Luke Paul Entwistle,
David Thomas Horrocks,
Divine Uchechukwu Uka

and their families

as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism at St Joseph's Church this weekend.

May they grow in the love of the Lord.

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World Day of Prayer for the Poor

Today is the eighth World Day of Prayer for the poor. The theme for this year chosen by Pope Francis is...*The prayer of the poor rises up to God*. Its theme is taken from the Book of Sirach which Pope Francis says is not sufficiently known and deserves to be discovered for the richness of its themes. As we reach out with love and support, let us hold all members of

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Parish Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday 30th November 1.00pm** in the Sodality Hall (Mather Room). Raffle tickets are on sale, £2 for five tickets First Prize will be a **Christmas Hamper**, there are other lovely prizes as well.

The Assisted Dying Bill

The Catholic Bishops of England, Wales and Scotland have issued a statement on Assisted Suicide ahead of the Second Reading of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which will be read out at all Masses this weekend. Cardinal Vincent Nichols has asked us to contact our MP, urging them to vote against the Assisted Dying Bill (which would give people the right to die, something the Cardinal and the Bishops believe will soon become a **duty** felt by many vulnerable and frail people who will feel pressured into requesting their lives be ended. Our Cardinal has asked us to pray to uphold the dignity of human life.

There will be exposition this week on Tuesday and Wednesday before Mass at 11.30am.

If you haven't done so already, please contact your MP.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

This week we welcome Bishop Tom Neylon who will be confirming our young people from our Family of Parishes this Wednesday 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

St Mary's High School Sixth Form

The Sixth Form at St Mary's Catholic High School are putting together a Christmas Party on Wednesday 11th December 12.00pm—2.00pm for the Senior Citizens of the local parishes. If you would like to go, please put your name on the list in the porch and any specific dietary requirements.

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:
Children in Care
&
St Joseph's Church:
for **Young Homeless People**