

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 15th June Weekday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	George Cartledge R.I.P.
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Sunday 16th June, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Paul Unsworth
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving Successful Operation
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptism	Owen Fortune Brophy, Kylan James Brophy, Ruben Henry Higginbotham

Tuesday 18th June Memorial of St John Rigby, Martyr

Sacred Heart	12.00pm		Celebration of the Word and Com
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Wednesday 19th June Weekday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Boon & Campbell Family
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Thursday 20th June Weekday in Ordinary Time

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Jacob
St Joseph's	11.00am	Funeral Service	Ethel Snaylam
St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	Ellen Mary Flynn

Friday 21st June Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga, SJ

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Irene Marsh
St Joseph's	10.30am	Thanksgiving Mass	XII Apostles School

Saturday 22nd June Feast of SS. John Fisher, Bishop & Martyr & Thomas More, Martyr

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Dcn. Alan Mee Birthday Memorial
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Sunday 23rd June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Jim Reynolds R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Past & Present Parishioners of XII Apostles Church

Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith
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Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

16th June 2024



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Food for thought

*In today's Gospel Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God. We are reminded about how we can play our part in the growth of God's Kingdom. The parable of the mustard seed describes how God's Kingdom grows in the life of each believer. When we put our trust in the Lord, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside us - no one can see Him from the outside, but He's definitely there! This is similar to the mustard seed being planted in the ground - the seed is so small no one knows it's there - yet great things develop from small beginnings. Whenever we sow the seed of God's love, or His Word in someone's heart, God will continue His work of growth there - and what seems so small can grow beyond anything we can ask or even imagine! No act of kindness is too small or insignificant. Even with just a mustard seed's worth of faith, the Lord can work wonders through us. In today's second reading St Paul talks about confidence. Our confidence comes from having a God who is our hope and our strength, who makes the withered tree bloom and gives us the courage to continue in the face of overwhelming odds. Maybe there is someone you can sow a little seed of God's Kingdom in today, because from small beginnings, by the power of the Holy Spirit, great things can and will happen! Who are the "tender shoots" that you can reach out to today?
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
Sandra Smith
James Allen
Kathleen Holland
John Mulligan
Anthony Michael
Marian Hindley
Chris Hallinan
Bernice Ganley
Pauline Woods
Eileen Midgley
John Forde
Tommy Nuttall
Mark Tomlinson

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Pope Francis

June Prayer Intention

For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died especially,

Ellen Mary Flynn,
Sr. Megan Haisley
Ethel Snaylam

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

Baptisms

We celebrate with

Owen Fortune Brophy, Kylian James Brophy
& Ruben Henry Higginbotham

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

Happy Father's Day

On this Father's Day we praise the Lord for our dad's.....

We pray for those men who have no children but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

For those who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

For those who are about to become fathers...that may they openly delight in their children.

For those who are no longer with us, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.



Day for Life

There has been much discussion in the media recently about 'assisted suicide', whereby people who feel they are overburdened by suffering will be facilitated in bringing their lives to a premature end by a change in legislation. The Catholic Church opposes this. As Catholics, along with many people of other faiths and none, we share a different vision about what it is to be fully human, especially when we are suffering and approaching death in the hope of eternal life. People who are coming towards the end of their lives can feel vulnerable, and recent research shows that many consider themselves a burden on their loved ones and wider society. Jesus shows us that life always has dignity and that there is no such thing as a useless life. We are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. We support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love. Jesus did not send the sick away. Our Lady remained at the foot of the Cross to the very end as Her Son, Jesus, died. Mary is the model of compassionate presence and prayer whom we are called to imitate.

The Second Collection this weekend will be for Day for Life.

News from CAFOD, St Vincent de Paul Society and the Justice and Peace Commission about the General Election on 4th July.

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. CAFOD and the St Vincent de Paul Society have produced a Guide for Catholics for the General Election as part of the Year of Encounter Campaign and how we can think about the Common Good for concerns both here and overseas. Gill and Gerald Hamilton, from the S.V.P. will speak to us this weekend at our three Parish Masses.

Further information can be found: cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter

Children's Corner

2 flies landed on a teacup, which one was angry?
The one who flew off the handle!

Why do most footballers play the game?
For the Kicks!



Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at

Sacred Heart Church:

Pope Francis

and at St Joseph's Church:

Priests of the Deanery