

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

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 17th February *Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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Sunday 18th February *First Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Jack Gough Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Jonathan Hogg R.I.P.

Tuesday 20th February *Weekday of Lent*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross	
St Joseph's	2.00pm	Funeral Service	Frank Keegan

Wednesday 21st February *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	11.00am	Funeral Mass	Mary Morgan
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Thursday 22nd February *Feast of the See of St Peter the Apostle*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
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Friday 23rd February *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Mary Green Anniversary
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Saturday 24th February *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	John & Susan Gredecki 50th Wedding Anniversary
St Joseph's	1.00pm	Baptisms	

Sunday 25th February *Second Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kathleen & Vincent Unsworth Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Special Intention (P.O.)



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**18th February 2024
First Sunday of Lent**

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Food for thought

As we begin another Lent, today's Gospel reminds us that no matter how many Lents we have lived through, the call to 'Repent and believe the Good News' is as urgent now as it ever was, so that we can come to our celebration at Easter filled with a rainbow of light. There is something very special in the appearance of a rainbow against the dark rain clouds - a sign that the sun can play with the rain-drops and transform them into an arch of colour - it takes both sunshine and rain to make a rainbow. It's a bit like that in life - we need to experience dark times before we can appreciate that there is always light at the end of the tunnel and that good times will come again. We know the legend about the treasure that lies at the end of a rainbow - but perhaps a greater treasure and the real truth - is that when we see a rainbow, we remember God's love for humanity and His everlasting covenant with us. God gave Noah the rainbow as a reassuring sign of his goodness so that he could bring the people out of the flood to a new creation - Jesus brings us new life through the waters of our Baptism.

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died especially,
Catherine Peaty
Mary Morgan
Rosenda de Chavez
Bernard Crehan
Frank Keegan
Fiorentino Simonetti
and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

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,
Baby Roman Bleu Emery,
Doreen Hayes,
Sr. Megan
Nellie Flynn
Mary Barnes
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
Sandra Smith
George Cartledge
Pat Avery
James Allen
Kathleen Holland
John Mulligan
Anthony Michael
Marian Hindley
Ann Mitchell (Shovelton)
Chris Hallinan

May the Lord embrace them with healing love.

Confirmations 2024

Any young person who is in year 8 or above, have made their First Holy Communion and would like to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** can register for Sacramental preparation at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk.

The website for registration opens on 15th January and closes on the 15th March.

While the registration period is open, Animate will visit schools in the diocese to promote the Sacrament. At the same time schools will teach about the Sacrament of Confirmation in RE classes.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before the 4.30pm Mass on Saturdays.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Friday 23rd February

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. There are gift aid donation envelopes at the back of church (for every pound that is given to CAFOD, the government will add 25p). You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.



Lent

This week the Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the midday Mass on Tuesday.

We begin this season of grace as we aim to continue it - following the way of the Cross, turning away from sin and believing the Good News.

R.C.I.A

On Sunday afternoon at the Cathedral, those being received into the Catholic Church at Easter will take part in the Rite of Election when the Archbishop will choose them to become fully part of our One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. We hold **Liza, Ben** and **Betty** in our love and prayer.

Pope Francis February Prayer Intention

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

St Josph's Church Floor

Work commenced last Friday (16th February) with repairs to part of the church floor. Mass on Friday will be in the Green Room.

Children's Corner

What do you call a jacket on Fire?
A Blazer!

What did the man say when he was going bald?
Hair today, gone tomorrow!



World Day of Prayer Service

This year's World Day of Prayer Service will take place at **Bedford Methodist Church**, Breaston Avenue, on **Friday 1st March at 7.00pm.**

This year's theme: **'I beg you, bear with one another'** has been prepared by the Christians of Palestine

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **World Leaders** At St Joseph's for **People of the world**