

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 24th February Weekday of Lent

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	John & Susan Gredecki 50th Wedding Anniversary
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Sunday 25th February First Sunday of Lent

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

Monday 26th February Weekday of Lent

St Joseph's	11.00am	Funeral Service	Bernard Crehan
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Tuesday 27th February Weekday of Lent

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Albert & Joyce
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross	

Wednesday 28th February Weekday of Lent

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Sinal Simon
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Thursday 29th February Weekday of Lent

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
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Friday 1st March Feast of St David, Patron of Wales

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Paul Unsworth R.I.P.
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Saturday 2nd March Weekday of Lent

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Margaret Dawson R.I.P.
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Sunday 3rd March Third Sunday of Lent

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Philip Coffey Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving

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



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**25th February 2024
Second Sunday of Lent**

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Food for thought

Many of us live with a sense that God loves us, but we don't often think of having God on our side. Yet, if we start to think in terms of God being on our side, it makes a big difference to how we see ourselves and what we can do. St Paul reminds us today of this, and such knowledge can give us confidence in facing the world which can be - and often is - hostile to the Gospel. By developing an awareness of God being on our side, we can face such challenges with courage and remain steadfast in our beliefs. It took a blinding light for Peter, James, and John to begin to see or understand who Jesus was. On the mountain they really did see Jesus in a different light - they got a glimpse of the light of God. Their lives were touched by the brilliance of God's power and love, and if we have the light of faith and an awareness of God being with us, then so will our lives be touched too. This Lent may we see the areas of our lives, and in our world that may need the illuminating light of the Lord. May His light shine and transform any darkness like jealousy, pride, racism, anger etc. so that we really can become the goodness of God knowing that whether we are in darkness, or on the mountain top, He journeys with us. In this life we glimpse the glory of God at special moments - in the next life, we will see that goodness and beauty at every moment!

Praise Him!!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died especially,

Bernard Crehan

Edith Prescott

Natalie Erin Daly

Catherine Peaty

Pat Avery

Rosenda de Chavez

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

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

CAFOD has informed us that money that is donated online before Sunday evening will be doubled!

R.C.I.A

Please keep Liza, Ben and Betty in your prayers as they continue their preparation to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

LGBT+ Catholics

Archdiocese of Liverpool
Next Mass and gathering will be on:
Sunday 3rd March. Mass 2.00pm.
All Saints, Oakfield. L4 2QG

St Joseph's Church Floor

The treatment of the floor that has been affected by the fungus has been a bigger job than we first anticipated. This means that contractors will be working on it again this week. Mass on Wednesday and Friday will be in the Green Room.

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.

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!



CAFOD BIG LENT WALK

Walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty
Visit www.Cafod.org.uk
for details of how to join in or how to sponsor someone else

Lent

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

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

There is a practice on Tuesday 7.00pm—8.00pm at the Methodist Church for anyone who like to sing at the Service

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **CAFOD** At St Joseph's for **James the Fisherman**