

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 13th April Weekday of Easter

St Joseph's	10.30am	XII Apostles	First Holy Communion Mass
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Steven Naylor, Anniversary

Sunday 14th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Ellen Squires, Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Jed Polgar R.I.P.

Tuesday 16th April St Bernadette

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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Wednesday 17th April Weekday of Easter

St Josephs	12.00pm		No Mass
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Thursday 18th April

St Joseph's	10.00am	Funeral Service	Jacob Gannon
Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Pauline Murphy
Sacred Heart	2.00pm	Funeral Service	David Blood

Friday 19th April Weekday of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Joe O'Rourke Anniversary
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Saturday 20th April Weekday of Easter

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	John Garvey Anniversary
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Sunday 21st April 4th Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Albert Boardman Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Winnie Gerald R.I.P.
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Ole Ryan Hennifer

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



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**14th April 2024
Third Sunday of Easter**

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Food for thought

During the Easter season we continue to think about how our lives are changed by that first Easter day, we who encounter the risen Jesus, bringing new hope and meaning to our lives. In today's Gospel we are reminded of the Risen Jesus meeting His disciples. He knew they were frightened, so He spoke words of calm: "Peace be with you. Look at my hands and feet, yes it is I". No wonder their joy was great! But Jesus wants them to 'understand' as well as being joy-filled. How patiently Jesus brings the disciples into the mystery of his risen life! How patiently he brings us into this same mystery. He comes to us where we are. He touches us with his forgiveness, and he invites us to come to his table, feeding us with his risen Body. He is alive! We may have not seen all the disciples saw on that first Sunday after the crucifixion—but we believe that He redeemed us by His death and offers us the forgiveness of our sin, which sets us free to live! The Apostles were witnesses of the Resurrection, and by our baptism (which we renewed at Easter) we too become part of Jesus in His dying and His rising! How blest we are.

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
Sr. Megan
Nellie Flynn
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**

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Fr. John Johnson's Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Thursday 18th April at 12.30pm at St Mary's Church, Wigan. May he rest in peace.

Pope Francis

April Prayer Intention For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died especially,

**Fr. John Johnson
Joseph Collins,
David Blood
Jacob Gannon**

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. Kieran is available 3.45—4.15 before the 4.30pm Mass at St Joseph's Church.

First Holy Communions

Congratulations to Year 4 children from Twelve Apostles School, who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Visiting the Sick and Housebound

If you would like Fr. Kieran to visit a family member who is sick and housebound, please speak to him or contact the Parish Office and a visit will be arranged.

Next Week's

Second Collection:
Priests Training Fund

St Joseph's Players

Present

A Woman of No Importance

By Oscar Wilde

Directed by Donna Wood

16th—20th April

Curtain 7.30pm Tickets £10 available on Ticket Source or at the door on the night

The Comboni Missionary Sisters' Appeal

This week I received this letter from Sister Asmeret:

Dear Fr. Kieran

A huge thanks to you and all your parishioners at St Edmund Arrowsmith Parish for your generous support for us, religious sisters (Sisters Mission Committee), and for the donation cheque of total £849.51.

It is a very generous donation, and it will go a long way in touching the hearts and lives of those most in need. May the Lord reward all those who so generously contributed, and may He pour on each one his abundant blessing.

We keep you all your parishioners in our prayers. God bless you and Happy Easter!

With every good wish,

Sr. Asmeret A. Abreha

Foundations Governors

Vacancies has arisen at two of our primary schools. Two Foundations Governors are required at St Joseph's School and one Foundation Governor is required at Twelve Apostles' School.

To become a Foundation Governor you must be a practicing Catholic, with an interest in working alongside other governors, the Headteacher and staff for the good of our young children. For more information, please contact Fr. Kieran or contact the schools:

St Joseph's: 01942 606395.

XII Apostles: 01942 674312

Children's Corner

What did the monster eat after
had had all his teeth taken out?
The dentist!

What happened to the man who
discovered electricity?
He got a shock!



Pilgrimage to Knock

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 16th June 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at

Sacred Heart Church:

Deceased Priests of the Parish

and at St Joseph's Church:

Catherine Bailey Birthday Memorial