

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

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 10th February Memorial Of St Scholastica, Virgin

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Mary Roach 100th Birthday
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Sunday 11th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kitty & Earnest Clarke R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Adrian Manfredi Anniversary

Tuesday 13th February Weekday in Ordinary Time

Sacred Heart	11.30am	Exposition	
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Vinney Johnson Anniversary

Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Mary Gibbon R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	7.00pm	Mass	Special Intention (JE)

Thursday 15th February Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Vincent Littler
St Joseph's	2.00pm	Funeral Service	Pauline Jones

Friday 16th February Friday after Ash Wednesday

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Joyce Worden Anniversary
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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.



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**11th February 2024
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Food for thought

One of the most popular programmes on TV is 'The Repair Shop'. People take items that are really precious to them that are broken, and almost seem beyond repair - impossible to mend – yet they are lovingly repaired by the team who work there. I wonder if that's how the Leper felt in today's Gospel. He was probably considered to be 'beyond repair'. To be considered untouchable is a terrible thing. To have people shrink away from you either openly or more subtly must be as bad as the illness itself. The leper healed by Jesus must have lived for a long time without the touch of another human being - but once again we see in today's readings the healing power of the Lord. How welcome the touch of Jesus must have been. The Lord knew that someone who had felt untouchable for years, needed more than anything to be touched and feel loved again. That same healing touch is offered to all of us, however broken we are. however unworthy we may feel, he wants to make us whole again! He is the Master Craftsman that can heal and make us new! To Him no one is beyond repair!

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died especially,
Pauline Jones,
Catherine Peaty
Mary Morgan
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
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.

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.

Caritas

Social Action Network
Caritas has sent Prayer cards for the Ukraine. Please feel free to take one and say the prayer. If you would like more information about the work of Caritas please visit their website www.caritas.org



Lent

Lent begins on Wednesday, when the Ashes from last year's palms are administered to us in the midday Mass at St Joseph's Church and the 7.00pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church. 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.

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the midday Mass on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during Lent.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Today is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. The theme chosen for the 2024 observance is from the Book of Genesis, "It is not good that man should be alone." It was subtitled, "Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships."

Praying with St Teresa of Avila

Immerse yourself in the life and spirituality of the much-loved Carmelite saint, Teresa of Avila, over a weekend set in the beautiful Stonyhurst estate. The retreat will be preached by Fr Matthew Blake, OCD and runs from Fri 8th - 10th March.

Visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/praying-with-saint-teresa/> to book and for more information.

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

Children's Corner

When is it a good thing to loose your temper?

When it's a bad one!

Why is it hard to keep a secret at the North Pole?

Because your teeth chatter!



Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **Peace in the Ukraine** At St Joseph's for **Peace in the Holy Land**