

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 5th July *Week 13 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	11.00am	11.50am	Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Loss of a Mother
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Sandra Newton Anniversary

Sunday 6th July *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	John Pendlebury Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Joseph Garvey Anniversary

Tuesday 8th July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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Wednesday 9th July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	John Brian Griffin Birthday Memorial
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Thursday 10th July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Special Intention
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Friday 11th July *Feast of St Benedict*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Jonathan Hogg Birthday Memorial
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Saturday 12th July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Vincent Kathleen & Peter Lythgoe
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Sunday 13th July *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Len Pritchard Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life

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



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6th July 2025
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Food for thought!

In today's Gospel Jesus sends His disciples out in pairs and He tells them to bring nothing with them. He gave them a clear mission, to preach, heal and bring the Good News of the Kingdom. Can you imagine what that must have been like when you consider what we take with us when we go away! The only things Jesus wanted them to carry was a message of love, justice, forgiveness and peace, – but to do this they had to trust in God's care. He knew how daunting the task was for them to carry out their mission of proclaiming a message that the world would try to silence! It was hard for them, and it can be hard for us too!

Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs for a reason to remind us that ministry is not a solo journey, we need one another. In today's gospel, Jesus gives us a message "Peace be to this house." May we echo the words of St Francis of Assisi: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy."

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died,

Mary Hewitt

Lucy Hurst

Brenda Byrne

Theresa Burton

and those whose anniversary occur 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 and spirit. May they experience the loving embrace of Jesus.

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

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.

Lourdes Petitions

Thanks to all those filled the petition forms last weekend. The petitions and Lantern will be taken with Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Sick and Housebound List

If your name or the name of a friend or relative of yours is on the parish list of prayers for those who are sick, and you would like that name to remain on the list, would you please contact the Parish Office 01942 673517 and speak to either Jacqui or Anne.

We need to make sure that you or your friend or family member has consented to their name being on that list.

The revised list will appear in the newsletter in the next few weeks.

Holy Father's July Prayer Intention:

For formation in discernment
Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

R.C.I.A

Several people have already expressed the wish to be received fully into the Church at the Easter Vigil 2026. If you know of anyone else who wants to explore this possibility (maybe you're a Catholic who's never been confirmed or maybe you come to Sacred Heart or St Joseph's each week with family or friend but you're not a Catholic) then please contact Fr Kieran or leave contact details at the Parish Office.

The Second Collection

The Second Collection for **Priests in Retirement** will be taken on the weekend of the 19/20th July. Sorry for the misunderstanding.

Powerful Words from Pope Leo XIV

"Brothers, sisters...

I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left.

To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home.

I, too, was angry with God.

I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine.

And yes...there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo.

But then I discovered something:

God doesn't shout. God whispers.

And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who feeds you without having anything. I don't come to offer you perfect faith.

I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles, and unexpected hugs.

I'm not asking you to believe in everything.

I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgment.

I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son... and yet she cooked for others.

That changed me.

So if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired of the lies...come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack.

No one here will ask you for a VIP card.

Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary.

God doesn't need soldiers. He needs brothers and sisters.

And you, yes, you... are one of them."

Robert Prevost (Leo XIV)



St Joseph's Players Present

THE ODD COUPLE

By Neil Simon

15th-19th July.

Curtain Up at 7.30

Tickets: £12 for Adults and £6 for Children

Tickets can be purchased on the door or via

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

Safe Delivery of Unborn Babies
at St Joseph's Church
and

For all human life, from conception to death
at Sacred Heart Church