

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 19th July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Christian Flynn R.I.P.
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### Sunday 20th July *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Terry Malley Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Frances Toher R.I.P.
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Amelia Townsend-Zuonarc, Noah Townsend-Zuonarc, Ivy Grace English- Rowland Clarke, Edward Kenneth Farley

### Tuesday 22nd July *St Mary Magdalene*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm		Celebration of the Word and Communion
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### Wednesday 23rd July *Feast of St Bridget*

St Joseph's	12.00pm		Celebration of the Word and Communion
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### Thursday 24th July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am		No Mass
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### Friday 25th July *Feast of St James*

St Joseph's	9.30am		Celebration of the Word and Communion
St Joseph's	1.30pm		Wedding Service for Jessica and Simon

### Saturday 26th July *Weekday in Ordinary Time Memorial of Ss Joachim and Anne*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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### Sunday 27th July *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Teresa & Thomas Beads & Tony Ashcroft R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Vinny Johnson Anniversary

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



**Sacred Heart Church**  
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**20th July 2025**  
**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**St Joseph's Church**  
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### Parish Administrators

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### Office Hours:

Mon, 9.00am—4.30pm **St J**  
Wed, 10.15am—1.45pm **SH**  
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## Food for thought!

Most people on hearing about today's Gospel feel some sympathy for Martha. There she is working hard in the service of Jesus, and Jesus declares that Mary has chosen the better part. 'Poor old Martha' would be a fairly common response. Jesus is clearly not opposed in principle to people working hard in his service. Last week's gospel was the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan was very active on behalf of the injured man by the roadside; Jesus points to him as someone who exemplifies his own compassionate love. Yet, as the book of Ecclesiastes says, there is 'a time for every matter under heaven.' Apparently, Jesus understood that his visit to the home of the two sisters was a time for them to refrain from activity and listen to his word. Jesus had something to say and he wanted the sisters to listen. It was Mary who recognised that this was the kind of hospitality Jesus wanted on this occasion, the hospitality of listening. Rather than the hospitality of activity. Mary was more attuned to what Jesus really wanted than Martha was.

Yes, Jesus wants us to work on his behalf, but he also wants us to listen to him. Wisdom, consists of knowing when it is time to be active and busy in the service of the Lord and when it is time simply to sit and listen to his word.

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died,  
**Eileen Mary Newell**  
**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 or spirit :  
**James Allen**  
**Pat Case**  
**Sean Flemming**  
**Marian Hindley**  
**Kitty Jones,**  
**Kathleen Keavney**  
**Iris McKiernan**  
**Dennis O'Halloran**  
**Kathleen Starbuck**  
**Pauline Woods**

And all those who care for them.  
May they experience the loving

### World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Next Sunday is the World Day for  
Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Leo  
has called on every parish and church  
group or association to become part of a  
"revolution" of care and gratitude by  
regularly visiting older people.  
Pope Francis instituted the world day in  
2021; it is observed each year close to the  
liturgical memorial of St. Joachim and  
St. Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

### 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.

### Ordination Anniversary

On Sunday 23 years ago I was ordained a  
Priest. I give thanks and praise to God for  
the many blessings I have received in  
those 23 years. It is a profound joy to  
share the gift of priesthood with you, as  
journey together proclaiming the love of  
God.

### Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of  
**Amelia Townsend-Zuonaric,**  
**Noah Townsend-Zuonaric,**  
**Ivy Grace English-Rowland Clarke,**  
**Edward Kenneth Farley**  
who celebrate the Sacrament of  
Baptism this weekend.  
May they grow in the love of the Lord.

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will  
shine for:  
**Prisoners & their families**  
at St Joseph's Church  
and  
at Sacred Heart Church

Please keep in your prayers all those  
who are travelling to Lourdes with  
our Archdiocese. They also carry with  
them your petitions.

### Important Information

#### Little Church/Children's Liturgy

Our schools have finished for summer and  
staff and children are now beginning their  
summer holiday. Our catechists who lead  
our Little Church/Children's Liturgy, are also  
having a break but they will return on the  
weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> September. They look  
forward to seeing you all again in  
September. All the catechists wish the  
children and their families a very happy and  
safe holiday season.

#### Mass Intentions

Mass intentions: What are they? These  
intentions are a way to unite ourselves  
with the sacrifice of Christ in the Mass. An  
intention seeks God's grace for someone  
who is alive who needs prayer, someone  
who has died and to give thanks to God.  
What is a stipend? While the Mass itself is  
not for sale, it is customary to offer a  
stipend (a donation) to the parish when  
requesting a Mass intention. This offering  
helps support the mission and ministry of  
the church. The stipend does not go to  
the priest. You can arrange a Mass  
Intention and Mass card by contacting the  
parish office or speaking to one of the  
sacristans after Mass.

### Church Laugh

Yesterday, I was washing the car with  
my son He said... "please dad can  
you not just use a sponge"!!!



### Second Collection

This week's second collection:  
**Priests in Retirement**

Whilst our Priests 'retire' at the  
age of 75, they are still priests for  
life. Many continue in ministry  
leading active lives – celebrating  
Mass, serving as chaplains,  
counselling people in need,  
supporting parish life and praying  
for us all. Over the next ten years,  
approximately one third of our  
diocesan priests will reach 75, and  
the cost of care will rise  
significantly as a result of this.  
With your help, we can continue  
to offer our gratitude and support  
to our retired priests. Please  
remember our sick and retired  
priests in your prayers.

### Next Weekend

Next weekend, we joyfully welcome  
**Fr. Stephen Ugwu** from Nigeria, who  
will celebrate our three Parish  
Masses. Fr. Stephen will be based at  
various parishes across the  
Archdiocese, in the summer months  
offering Mass cover for priests  
taking a well-deserved holiday  
break. After his time with us,  
Fr. Stephen will return to Poland,  
where he continues his studies in  
Philosophy.

We're grateful for his presence and  
ministry among us, and we hold him  
in our prayers.