

# Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

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### Sacred Heart Church

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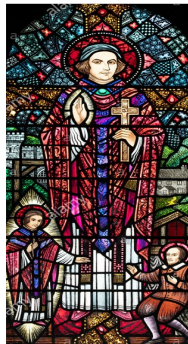
Mon 9.00am—4.30pm St J  
Wed 10.15am—1.45pm SH  
Thurs 10.15am—1.45pm St J  
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## 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**3rd August 2025**

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### *Food for thought*

St Oscar Romero spoke of how transcendence is to understand the true meaning of material things and riches of the earth, when viewed through the eyes of God who created them. We should always ask how God would wish his gifts to be used, act accordingly and not in any other way.

God's will is not for the goods of this earth to be possessed to make only a few people happy, like the rich man our Lord spoke of in his parable. The goodness of this earth was created for the happiness and welfare of all.

In this Jubilee Year, there is a call for a resolution of the global debt crisis. Nearly half the world's population live in countries spending more on servicing debts than on health and education.

CAFOD's report on the debt crisis highlights how its origins are a colonial legacy, following centuries of resource extraction and economic exploitation. This has continued since nations attained independence, including cycles of unfair debt burden which have reduced their ability to pursue development goals.

Was it God's wish for lands to be exploited and resources extracted for the benefit of others? Is it God's wish for this to continue and for economies made rich from exploitation to now lend in a way which has devastating effects on so many people? Awareness of the past should shape how the powerful in our world view others today, supporting not exploiting them, sharing fairly in all the many good things God has created.

*Taken from CAFOD weekly reflections*

**Next weekend at all Masses there will be the opportunity to sign a petition, organised by CAFOD to ask that unfair and unjust debts be canceled .**

This Jubilee year, people across the world are uniting in solidarity to demand action on the debt crisis. Pope Francis said, "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice."

Often, countries have already re-paid their debts once, but due to unscrupulous lenders and extortionate interest rates, they are left paying the original debt many times over.

We need to cancel unfair debts, build better financial systems and implement fairer laws to prevent future debt crises.

More information at [cafod.ork.uk/cancelthedebt](http://cafod.ork.uk/cancelthedebt)

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 2nd August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Catherine Bailey Anni
Sunday 3rd August <i>Eighteenth Sunday in ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Nicholson
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Theresa Burton
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptisms	Theo Kerfoot Albie Johnson Aoife Johnson
Tuesday 5th August Memorial of <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>			
Sacred Heart	12.00noon	Mass	Vinny Johnson Anniversary
Wednesday 6th August Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord			
St Joseph's	12.00 noon	Mass	People of the Parish
Thursday 7th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>			
Sacred Heart	-	Mass	Michael Johnson RIP
Friday 8th August Memorial of St Dominic			
St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral Mass for Winifred Brenda Byrne	Funeral Mass
Saturday 9th August St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross			
St Joseph's	1.30pm	Wedding Olivia & Callum	Wedding
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Eman Rowley R.I.P.
Sunday 10th August <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Francis Tesmer Anni
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Teresa Cooney

### Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are  
sick in body, mind  
or spirit and those who care for  
them.

May the risen Lord  
embrace them with  
healing love.

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died especially,  
Winifred Brenda Byrne, Theresa Burton,  
and those whose anniversary occurs at this  
time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus

enfold us all.

### We pray with Pope Leo's August Prayer Intention For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult  
might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic,  
political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Lord Jesus,  
May those whose barns are filled with good  
things not seek to build even bigger ones,  
at the expense of those in need,  
but instead share God's gifts fairly for the good of all.  
Amen

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine  
at both Churches for

**Justice**