

# 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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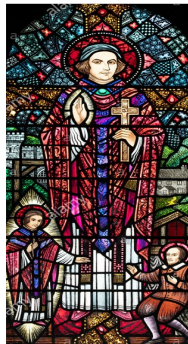
Mon 9.00am—4.30pm St J  
Wed 10.15am—1.45pm SH  
Thurs 10.15am—1.45pm St J  
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## 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10th August 2025

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### *Food for thought*

Today we hear about Abraham and how he trusted in God to go out and face the unknown on many occasions, simply because God had told him to. Abraham's journey of faith stands as one of the most profound examples of trusting in God. He believed that God's purposes are good even when they are not clear. Like Abraham, if we can be faithful and trust in God in the little tasks and promises, we learn to be faithful in the bigger and more important responsibilities that the Lord entrusts to us. The Gospel reading today begins with such an affectionate reassurance. "Fear not little flock, for it is the Father's pleasure to give you the Kingdom". God delights in us and wants us to believe that what He has promised will indeed happen! How rich we are! How blest we are! What more could we ask for! Trusting in God is not about having all the answers - it's about resting in the assurance that God does. It's in trusting in Him that peace is found, and when we do that trust becomes more than belief – it becomes a way of life. Learning to trust in God is a journey – often slow, sometimes difficult, but always deeply transforming. It begins with small steps, choosing to believe His promises, even when circumstances say otherwise. The Lord knows best! May we try to choose faith over fear...surrender over control... and hope over doubt.

Praise Him!

**This 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.org.uk/cancelthedebt](http://cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt)

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 9th August St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Eman Rowley R.I.P.
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### Sunday 10th August *Nineteenth Sunday in ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Francis Tesmer Anni
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Teresa Cooney

### Tuesday 12th August *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00noon	Mass	People of the Parish
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### Wednesday 13th August *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00 noon	Funeral Mass	Theresa Burton
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### Thursday 14th August Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sacred Heart	7.00pm	Mass	Special Intention
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### Friday 15th August Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Sydney Butterworth, Anniversary
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### Saturday 16th August *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	11.00am	Holy Hour & Confessions	
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Margaret Joyce Worden R.I.P.
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Joseph Garvey, Anniversary

### Sunday 17th August *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Eileen Hynes R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	O'Sullivan Family Anniversary (P, M, P)
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Isla Louise McManus

#### 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  
Launa Lavery, Shelagh Gallagher, Bruce Nutter,  
Theresa Burton, and those whose anniversary  
occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen  
Lord Jesus enfold us all.

#### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine  
at both Churches for

**Justice**

#### The Solemnity of the Assumption

Friday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mary's Assumption into heaven stands as a sign of God's love and the destiny that awaits all who remain faithful. There will be a Vigil Mass on Thursday evening 7.00pm at Sacred Heart Church and a 9.30am Mass on Friday morning at St Joseph's Church.

#### 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.