

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 29th November *First Sunday of Advent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Peter McDonnell Anniversary, Pious List
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Sunday 30th November *First Sunday of Advent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish, Pious List
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Mass for Maria, Pious List

Tuesday 2nd December *Week 1 of Advent*

Sacred Heart	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	Patrick O'Sullivan
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Wednesday 3rd December *St Francis Xavier, Priest*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Boone & Campbell Families RIP
12A School	2.00pm	Mass	12A School Advent Mass

Thursday 4th December *Week 1 of Advent*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	John Keers & Noel McCormack
St Joseph's	10.00am	Funeral Service	Kevin Birchall
St Joseph's	7.00pm	Service	Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Friday 5th December *St John Almond, Priest, Martyr*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	St Joseph's School Advent Mass
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Saturday 6th December *Week 1 of Advent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Peter Smith RIP
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Sunday 7th December *Second Sunday of Advent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Thanksgiving
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Patrick O'Sullivan R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptisms	Harley Smith, Aria Bell & Charlotte Bell

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



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1st Sunday of Advent
30th November 2025

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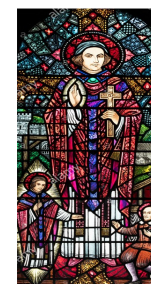
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Food for thought!

Today we enter into the wonderful season of Advent - a season of quiet expectation. In today's Gospel Jesus makes his point in straightforward language - "Stay Awake"! To stay awake spiritually is to live with a mindful attentive heart – one that notices God's presence in the ordinary everyday things and lets go of any unnecessary distractions so that we can be ready for Christmas. It invites us to rediscover what this Season is all about. It's easy to get distracted by so many things – busy schedules – shopping - noise and the pressure to do everything at once. Advent invites us to slow down and focus on what's truly important. When we choose to set aside some time even for a short while e.g. an extra Mass, Reconciliation - some quiet time with the Lord - we make space for peace and hope to grow in our hearts. So... 'Stay Awake and Prepare, as we allow the Word of God to guide and mould us, as we await the wonders of Christmas.

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Patrick O'Sullivan

Kevin Birchall

Daniel Flannery

Brenda Kulenicz

Patrick Marren

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:

James Allen

Patricia Case

Sheila Crawley

Sean Fleming

Chris Higgins

Marian Hindley

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

Dennis O'Halloran

Kathleen Starbuck

Deacon Dennis Vint

Pauline Woods

Deacon Bernard Worden

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Tea and Coffee

Tea, coffee and orange juice will be available today after the 11.00am Mass.

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room is available to hire for parties etc. To book the room, please contact: Christine Prince: **07766681339**

Pope Leo's

December Prayer Intention

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be an opportunity to celebrate this beautiful sacrament on

Saturday 13th December.

It will begin at 9.45am and conclude at 11.45am.

Exposition will take place while the sacrament is being celebrated followed by midday Mass.

This Advent, please come and celebrate this powerful sacrament before our celebration of Christmas.

S.V.P.

The second collection this weekend will be for the St Vincent de Paul Society, to support its charitable work.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

Pope Leo's Apostolic Visit to Turkey and Lebanon

at St Joseph's Church and

For Christians in areas of conflict at Sacred Heart Church

Mary's Meals—Double the Love

You can give hope this Christmas to hungry children, with life changing school meals.

Your gift will help St Mary's Meals keep our promise into 2026 and beyond to the world's poorest communities in countries such as Ethiopia, Haiti and South Sudan, where conflict and the devastating impacts of climate change mean our nutritious meals are needed more than ever.

There are many ways to get involved.

Find out more at

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>

Come Home

All of us have someone we know who are baptised Catholics, and for whatever reason don't go to church now. As a Catholic community we'd like to welcome them back to a fuller life in the family of the Church.

Whatever our history, nothing can ever separate us from the love and compassion of Jesus, so please don't be afraid to explore the possibility of asking them to come home and join in the life of the Church this Christmas.

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.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Young people from our Families of Parishes will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop John Sherrington on Thursday 4th December at St Joseph's Church.

Please keep all our young people in your prayers.

Christmas Flower Memorial

For a donation of £5 you will receive a candle for your loved one (s) which will be placed on the sanctuary and lit at the Christmas Masses.

You will be able to take the candle home when the Christmas Season is over, and your loved one's name will be then placed on the Lady Altars during the season of Christmas.

- ◆ Please print the name or names clearly on the piece of paper provided at the back of church
 - ◆ The name of the church where you want the memorial
 - ◆ Place it in an envelope with your donation marked:
 - ◆ **'Christmas Memorial'.**
- Please note the deadline date:
14th December

Congratulations to St Joseph's Players

By King Charles' command, Leigh's very own dramatic society has been announced a winner of the 2025 award - the highest honour a UK voluntary group can receive and the equivalent of an MBE.

And the crowning glory is a trip to Buckingham Place to celebrate St Joseph's Players success.