

# 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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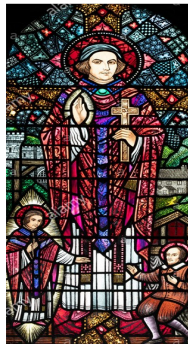
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Mon 9.00am—4.30pm St J  
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## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**24th August 2025**

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### Food for Thought

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of the 'narrow door'. This presents both a challenge and an invitation for us. It's not about restriction but about direction. The narrow door isn't meant to frighten or discourage us but to awaken us to examine our lives. The narrow door means that we can't bring everything with us like, pride, selfishness, jealousy, unforgiveness etc. The image of the door is mentioned on various occasions in the Bible and makes us think of a door to a home – a place where we can find safety, love and warmth. This door is Jesus himself: He is the door. He leads us to the Father and that door is never closed. Our job as Christians is to try and tell those we meet about this. We may think there's lots we can't do - but we can focus on the things we can do; feeding the poor – showing kindness to those in need- a welcoming smile – a kind word etc.

However we share our gifts, we will have opened the door to God's love, which is His gift to us. May He continue to pour His grace into our hearts giving us many opportunities for loving service!

Praise Him!

### Archdiocesan Celebration on Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassatti

Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassatti will be canonised as saints on 7th September. To mark the celebration, an Evening Prayer and Benediction presided over by Bishop Tom Neylon will take place on Sunday 7 September at 15.00 at St. Stephen's Church, Warrington, WA2 9HS. Refreshment will be followed.

All are welcome to join.

### Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society on the weekend 30/31st August.

### 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.

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 23rd August <i>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 24th August <i>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Mary Hewitt RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Launa Lavery RIP
Tuesday 26th August <i>Memorial of Bl Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God</i>			
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Sick in the Parish
Wednesday 27th August <i>Memorial of St Monica</i>			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Keith Worrall R.I.P.
St Joseph's	2.00pm	Funeral Service	Bruce Nutter
Thursday 28th August <i>Memorial of St Augustine</i>			
Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Joyce Nuttall Anniversary
St Joseph's	10.00am	Funeral Service	Karen Lynch
Friday 29th August <i>Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Special Intention

Saturday 30th August <i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	James Gore Anniversary
Sunday 31st August <i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Eunice Gough RIP

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died, especially

**Bruce Nutter,**

**Karen Lynch,**

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.

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

### Little Church/Children's Liturgy

Little Church/Children's Liturgy will return at all three Masses on the week-end of 7/8th September.

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at both churches  
**For Peace**

### CAFOD: Response in Gaza

Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to pray for peace in the Middle East.