

# 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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#### Office Hours:

Mon 9.00am—4.30pm St J  
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## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**31st August 2025**

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### Food for Thought

I'm sure we have all seen a child having a temper tantrum! One of the wonderful blessings of young children is their emotional honesty. When they are happy you can see their faces light up! When they are angry they show it! Children don't hide their feelings. As we grow-up we become emotionally more-disciplined and learn to control our temper—our pride—our fears: our lack of humility! Our faults can sometimes become less obvious; but very often they are still there lurking around! The Word of God today talks about the importance of humility.

In today's Gospel we see the Pharisees lack of humility. The Pharisees watched Jesus closely. Interesting, because as the rest of the Gospel illustrates Jesus was also watching them closely! Maybe he had seen them jostling for power, their lack of humility; or the desire to be recognised as important! True humility isn't feeling bad about ourselves, or feeling inferior to others – it's recognizing that we need God's help; thanking Him for our talents and gifts. The world tells us to seek success, power, money - but the Lord tells us to seek humility, service and love. Maybe this week we can reflect on our own humility! May we always be humble seekers who turn to the Lord for his love, forgiveness, truth and help.

Praise Him!

### The World Day of Prayer for Creation

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, is on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, and is the official start of the Season of Creation, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

**We pray with Pope Leo's September Prayer Intention**  
**For our relationship with all creation.**

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect

### Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society this weekend.

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

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
Tuesday 2nd September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>			
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention
Wednesday 3rd September <i>Feast of St Gregory the Great</i>			
St Joseph's	12.00pm		Celebration of the Word and Communion
Thursday 4th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>			
Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Special Intention (KJ)
Friday 5th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
Saturday 6th September <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	11.00am		Holy Hour & Confessions
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Lucy Hurst R.I.P.
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Bernie Toolan R.I.P.
Sunday 7th September <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Philip Jones & Enid Kenwright Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Patrick Snr. & Deirdre Costello Anniversary

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died,

**Anne Broad**

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 weekend of  
7/8th September.

### Sanctuary Lamps

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

As Pilgrims of Hope, humility lies at the very heart  
of our journey of faith. May we always remember  
that in giving we receive, and in humbling ourselves,  
we are lifted by His grace.

We reflect on today's Gospel...

Set a table wide and true  
for those who cannot pay back to you.  
The poor, the broken, the ones cast out,  
the suffering souls weighed down with doubt.

Not empty words, but love and care,  
a living Gospel we must share.  
Let's walk the way that Jesus trod  
The humble heart that's close to God.

For when we're weak, His strength is near  
He shines the brightest when hearts are clear.  
Lord, let us walk the humble way,  
Content to serve... to be kind... to pray.