

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



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7th September 2025

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Food for thought!

When Jesus spoke of following Him, He didn't promise a path of ease or comfort! The difficult words in today's Gospel, really have a simple message...turn away from all that keeps us from the Lord; and love everything that brings us closer to Him. Jesus makes it clear that to be a follower of His will be costly, but our reward, which would make any necessary sacrifice a small price to pay – is eternal life. Carrying our cross means it's not just about enduring trials, but about choosing each day to walk with Him even when it's hard. The cross we carry becomes a place where our weakness meets His strength, and that makes us truly happy. We live in an age when we are told we can buy happiness. We can be pressurised to live beyond our means and buy things that may give us joy for a short time but not long term. Credit cards, or electronic money can help us to make decisions that are unwise and sometimes costly! But we don't need to "buy" real joy - it comes from the closeness of God and from his presence in our lives!

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died,
especially
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.

Mass of Thanksgiving

On Friday 3rd October at 7.30pm, at the
Cathedral of Christ the King, all are
welcome to the Mass to give thanks for
the ministry of Archbishop Emeritus
Malcolm McMahon. The new Archbishop
of Liverpool, John Sherrington, wants us
to offer a Spiritual Bouquet to his
predecessor in the Mass and therefore
asks us to pray for him in our
Parish Masses.

**This weekend there will be a Second
Collection for Archbishop Emeritus
Malcolm McMahon as an expression of
our thanks to him.**

R.C.I.A

Several people have already
expressed the wish to be received
fully into the Church at the Easter
Vigil 2026.

If you know of anyone else who
wants to explore this possibility
(maybe you're a Catholic who's
never been confirmed or maybe you
come to Sacred Heart or St Joseph's
each week with family or friend but
you're not a Catholic) then please
contact Fr Kieran or leave contact
details at the Parish Office.

Mothers' Prayers

The next meeting for Mothers'
Prayers will be held at St Joseph's
on Monday 8th September at
10.30am.
All mothers and grandmothers
welcome.

We pray with Pope Leo's September Prayer Intention

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.

The S.V.P. collection last Sunday
raised **£528.79**.
Many thanks for your kindness.

END OF LIFE BILL

Ahead of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill having its second reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September, Archbishop John Sherrington is calling for Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action. Catholics can write to a Peer ahead of the reading to make their opposition known. More details about how to contact, how to address them and suggested points to include in your letter can be found in the news section of the Archdiocese of Liverpool website www.liverpoolcatholic.org

MARY'S MEALS

The Archbishop has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass for the work of Mary's Meals and the new milestone of reaching 3 Million children with daily school meals, on Sunday 21st September at St Teresa's Church, College Road, Upholland WN8 0PY. This Mass begins at 3pm and all are welcome. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Celebration on Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis & Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

To mark the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati by Pope Leo XIV on 7 September. A solemn evening prayer, benediction and veneration of the relics presided over by Bishop Tom Neylon will take place at **St Stephen's Church, Orford, Warrington, WA2 9HS** at **15.00 on Sunday 7 September.**

All are welcome to join.

For more information:

www.st-stephens-warrington.co.uk/

Second Collection

Next week's second collection will be for
Catholic Education Services.

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The Season of Creation began last Monday and continues until October 4th - the feast of St Francis of Assisi! May we praise the Lord in a special way over the next few weeks for the wonders of His creation and pray that we care for our common home more as He desires!

Pilgrims of Hope

As Pilgrims of Hope, to follow the Lord, is to walk a path shaped by love and sacrifice. He calls us not only to believe in Him, but to take up our cross each day trusting that the weight we bear is never carried alone.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

Stephen Aspden R.I.P.

at St Joseph's Church
and

The Spiritans

at Sacred Heart Church

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 6th September *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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 *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's 9.30am Mass David Philip Jones & Enid Kenwright Anniversary

Sacred Heart 11.00am Mass Patrick Snr. & Deirdre Costello Anniversary

Tuesday 9th September *Week in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart 12.00pm Mass Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

Wednesday 10th September *Memorial of St Ambrose Barlow*

St Joseph's 12.00pm Mass John Prince Anniversary

Thursday 11th September *Week in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart 10.00am Mass People of the Parish

Sacred Heart 12.00pm Funeral Service Baby Charles Willam John McDonagh

Friday 12th September *Week in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's 9.30am Mass Ellen Squires Birthday Memorial

Saturday 13th September *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

St Joseph's 4.30pm Mass Doris Pendlebury Anniversary

Sunday 14th September *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

St Joseph's 9.30am Mass Betty & Tom Kennedy Birthday Memorial

Sacred Heart 11.00am Mass All Sick & Lonely in the Parish