

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 20th September *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Ann & Peter M Harman RIP
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Sunday 21st September *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Margaret Baxter RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Eileen Hynes RIP

Monday 22nd September *Week in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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Tuesday 23rd September *Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Kathleen Noone Anniversary
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Wednesday 24th September *Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	-	NO MASS
St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral	Funeral Service for Barry Clarke

Thursday 25th September *Week in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	-	NO MASS
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Funeral	Funeral Service for Susan Hart

Friday 26th September *Week in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	-	NO MASS
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Saturday 27th September *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	David Warbis Birthday Memorial
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Sunday 28th September *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Melvin & Kieran Moss RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	All in our Parish Community who are sick in Body, Mind or Spirit

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



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25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
21st September 2025

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Food for thought!

We hear once again today about the uneasy relationship between money and God. Money itself isn't the problem; it's the **love** of money; and the effect it can have on people. Our financial wealth is in a way, on loan, and as the old saying goes; we 'can't take it with us when we go'! Although it's ours whilst we are here, in the end, it will all belong to someone else. What is our very own is what comes from God, honesty, love, joy, peace, wisdom and hope. These are the things we **can** take with us when we go - along with the love and gratitude of those to whom we have given so freely and lovingly. Today St Paul speaks about the importance of prayer that comes from the heart, hearing the Lord and asking for His help. This is what prayer is - opening the door to the Lord so that he can do something. If we close the door, He can do nothing! Prayer is more than words; it's a lifeline that connects the human heart to God. Whether in times of struggle, or simply quiet moments of praise, prayer invites peace and strength into our lives. As travellers on life's winding path, may we walk in faith...rest in hope...and live in love until our journeys end.
Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died,
especially
Barry Clarke
Susan Hart
Anne Broad
Karen Graham
Donald Battersby
Fr. Lawrence Mayne
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
Sean Fleming
Marion Hindley
Kitty Jones
Iris McKiernan
Dennis O'Halloran
Kathleen Starbuck
Pauline Woods
Rev. Dec. Bernard Worden
May the risen Lord embrace them

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.

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

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

Today we celebrate Evangelii Gaudium
Sunday. This year, the Church has been
celebrating a significant anniversary. It's
1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea.

This great gathering of Bishops from
around the Church began the work to
formulate the creed we proclaim Sunday
by Sunday. It is the content of this creed
that is our mission, so that we may know
and love God in this life, in order to be
happy with him forever in the next. The
creed begins with a profound
proclamation, "I believe..." This is the
theme for Evangelii Gaudium
Sunday 2025.

Second Collection

Today's second collection will be for
Evangelii Gaudium Sunday
(Home Missions)

Children's Liturgy/Little Church

Just a reminder that Children's Liturgy/
Little Church is for children who are in
Reception class up to Year 6.

As Pilgrims of Hope a big part of our
journey is prayer. Prayer for one another,
our families, our world, our Church and
ourselves.



Not always words, but hearts laid bare
A sigh, a hope, a tender prayer.
It lifts, it heals, it lights the way
To help us through another day.

A whispered plea, a gentle call
God hears the smallest voice of all.
No need for riches, pride or fame,
Just faith enough to call His name.

Where hearts are broken,
He shines His light,
When shadows linger,
He shines with might.
Though many voices,
still one dream we share,
A world of peace, united in our prayer.

St Joseph's Players Present:

Calendar Girls

Based on the Miramax motion picture by
Juliette Towhidi and Tim Firth

From 30th September - 4th October
Curtain Up - 7.30pm

Tickets : Adults £12.00 Under 16s £6

Suitable for ages 13+

Safeguarding DBS Recheck

Over the past three years the
Archdiocese has been upgrading it's
Safeguarding procedures regarding
the checking of those who serve the
vulnerable within our Parishes. They
have done this process
alphabetically, deanery by deanery.
It is now the turn of the Wigan and
Leigh Deanery. Over the coming
weeks those of you who serve in St
Joseph and Sacred Heart Churches,
and require a DBS check will be
invited to once again complete the
necessary forms and bring them back
to the Parish for processing. Jacqui
Unsworth and Elieen Johnson will
contact you and supply you with the
necessary forms. You are asked to
complete them and return them with
the appropriate identification.

Tea and Coffee

Tea and Coffee will be available next
Sunday after 11.00am Mass



Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp
will shine for:
Louis Mutuwa
at St Joseph's Church
and
**Persecuted Christians in the
world**
at Sacred Heart Church