

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### 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

### Tuesday 30th September *Memorial of St Jerome*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	John Ford Anniversary
Sacred Heart	1.30pm	School Mass	Sacred Heart School Welcome Mass

### Wednesday 1st October *Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus (of Lisieux)*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Olga Shaw RIP
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### Thursday 2nd October *Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels*

Sacred Heart	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	Anne Broad
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### Friday 3rd October *Week in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Franz Vlaczil Weicht Anniversary
St Joseph's	10.30am	School Mass	12A School Years 6, 4 and 2
St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral Service	Karen Anne Graham

### Saturday 4th October *Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	11.00am		Sacrament of Reconciliation & Exposition
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Priya Jim
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	N J Varghese Anniversary

### Sunday 5th October *Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Reginald Squires Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	For all Families in our Parish Communities
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptisms	Layla Maynes & Leon Potrapeluk

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



**Sacred Heart Church**  
Walmsley Road  
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**26th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**28th September 2025**

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Kieran O'Grady  
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**St Joseph's Church**  
Mather Lane  
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### Parish Administrators

Jacqui Unsworth  
Anne Crinigan

### Office Hours:

Mon, 9.00am—4.30pm **St J**  
Wed, 10.00am—2.00pm **SH**  
Thur, 10.00am—2.00pm **St J**  
Fri, Closed **St J**



### Parish Office

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### Food for thought!

In today's Gospel we hear the story of a poor man called Lazarus who sat at the gate, covered in sores longing for scraps of food. In contrast the rich man lived in luxury every day. Yet, when they both died their situations were reversed. The rich man's wealth on earth had blinded him to compassion and was in torment, while Lazarus who suffered on earth was now receiving comfort in the afterlife. This parable isn't meant to scare us with images of punishment, but to make us aware of the huge inequalities that exist in our world. So, where would we find Lazarus today? What would she/he look like? Do we recognize and care for them as God's children? Would we find them on the streets...in war zones or refugee camps...those who carry hidden struggles, or needs that are easy to ignore? People like Lazarus aren't just in far off places; they are often right beside us. May we, strengthened by Him, respond to those in need, and pray for an equal share of the world's resources for everyone, regardless of race, religion, or nationality. May we face our challenges with courage and extend a hand to others who need our help. The story of Lazarus shows us that even from the edge of despair new life can rise again!

Praise Him!

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died,  
especially

**Anne Broad**

**Karen Graham**

**Donald Battersby**

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:

Kathleen Starbuck

Patricia Case

Marian Hindley

Pauline Woods

Dennis O'Halloran

Sean Fleming

James Allen

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

May the risen Lord embrace them  
with healing love.

### CAFOD (Catholic Agency For Overseas Development)

Invites us all on **Friday 3rd October 2025**

to save what we can, to help our most marginalized  
world family members.

We focus on a young Ethiopian Mum who walked up to 9 hours daily for water!  
CAFOD's Partners have given new hope to her and many others  
in this Jubilee 2025, through Parishes like us.

Whatever we give to others, Jesus accepts as done to and for him.

Please use the CAFOD envelope at the back of church, or donate online at  
cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to  
donate £10

Next weekend's Second Collection: **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

### 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

### October: The month of the Holy Rosary

At the heart of every mystery of the  
Rosary is Jesus. As we pray, we walk  
through His entire life. We begin with His  
conception and early years, travel through  
His public ministry, watch with horror the  
brutal end of His life, and end in awe at  
the heavenly events that followed His  
death.

The Rosary will be prayed before Mass on  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the  
month of October. It will be led by the  
Legion of Mary.

As Pilgrims of Hope, we walk together on life's  
journey, carrying with us not only our own  
dreams but also the burdens of those who  
struggle along the way.

In mansions high the Rich Man dines  
His gold and silk in bright designs  
outside poor Lazarus in shadow stands  
empty bowl in outstretched hands.

The Rich Man saw, then turned away  
No crumb he offered, no word to say.  
But death came knocking at the door,  
and their worlds reversed for evermore.

Abraham spoke with sorrow deep  
the life you sowed, is what you reap.  
He said to him, your time is done  
the poor are healed, the rich undone.

So, learn this truth while breath you share,  
To love...to give...to act with care.  
Riches fade, and fame will fall  
but hearts that care outshines them all.

### 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+

### Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage

Young people (at 22nd July  
2026 you need to be aged 15-  
22) are warmly invited to the  
join the Archdiocese Lourdes  
Youth Pilgrimage taking place

**22nd—31st July 2026**

Cost £720 (Early Bird Discount:  
£670 if applied before 20th  
October)

Application forms are available  
from  
[www.liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk)

for more information email:  
[coach6@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:coach6@rcaol.org.uk).  
(Warrington, Widnes and  
Leigh Parishes and schools)

### Tea and Coffee

Tea, Coffee and orange juice will  
be available after today's 11.00am  
Mass.

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will  
shine for:

**Edward Unsworth**

at St Joseph's Church  
and

**Those suffering from addictions**  
at Sacred Heart Church